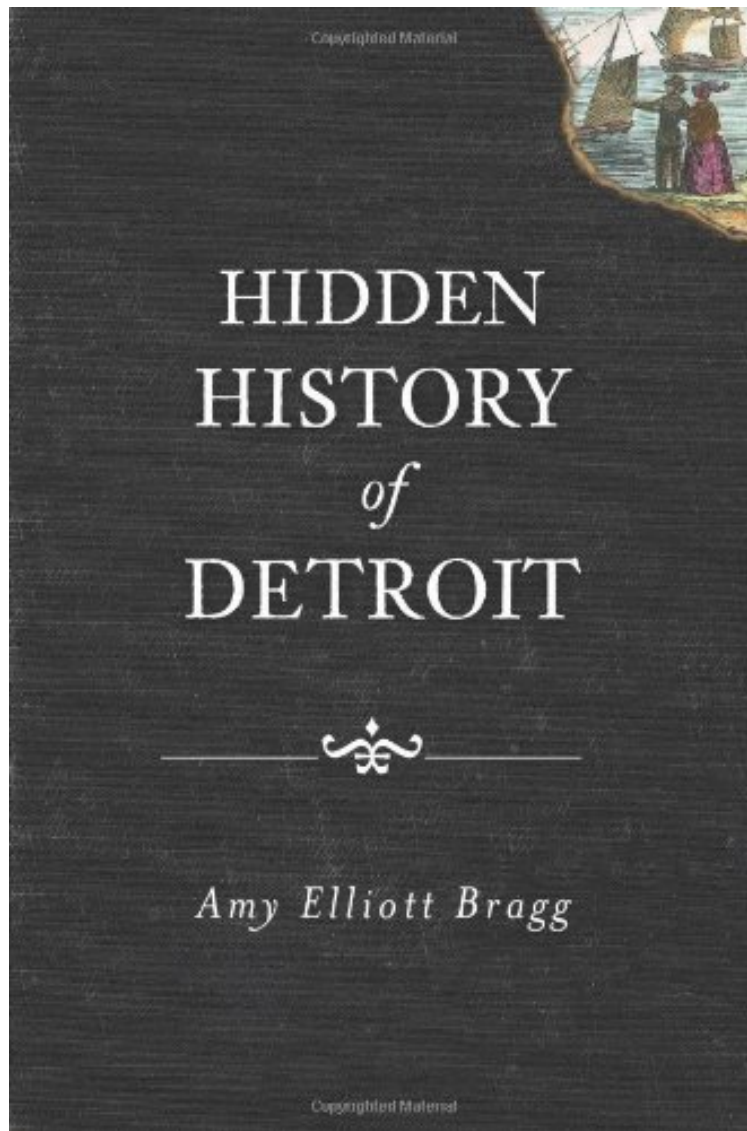


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**Amy Elliott Bragg : Hidden History of Detroit** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hidden History of Detroit:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Decent, but short. By S. R. Sopha This book is nicely written and provided me with some information I did not know, most of it obscure. There isn't much to it, but it does lead one to realize that the problem with Detroit started with the start of Detroit. Now, I don't want to blame the French, me being of those French from early New France, and Detroit, but it seems to be a common denominator here. One aspect that is

really noticeable, is the lack of respect given to those who came before, and the drive for progress. I only wished that there would have been more informative information on other aspects of the great city; more depth. For instance, the history of Belle Isle and the growth of the city to the 5th most populated and wealthiest city in the country. Maybe how the auto industry changed the face of the planet, but there is no such info. It's just several names and their bio's. I am reading "Detroit: An American Autopsy" by Charlie LeDuff right now. I highly recommend it, if you are interested in the dirt on the D!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Born in DetroitBy R. A. LajdziakI've live in the Detroit area most of my life and find this book to be an interesting history of this great city. I even learned some things I wasn't familiar with and was reminded of other things I enjoyed while growing up here. A good read.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Page TurnerBy clyde@manion.comThis book was wonderfully written. It was full of stories and names some familiar and some not. In both instances, Amy worked her magic to bring the characters back to life and to make the stories meaningful and memorable. I could not put this book down.

Discover the Motor City before the motor: a muddy port town full of grog shops, horse races, haphazard cemeteries and enterprising bootstrappers from all over the world. Meet the argumentative French fugitive who founded the city, the tobacco magnate who haunts his shuttered factory, the gambler prankster millionaire who built a monument to himself, the governor who brought his scholarly library with him on canoe expeditions and the historians who helped create the story of Detroit as we know it: one of the oldest, rowdiest and most enigmatic cities in the Midwest.

Much like the talented Bak, who makes 20th century Detroit his wheelhouse, in Hidden History of Detroit, young author Amy Elliott Bragg draws on Detroit's other two centuries to spin engaging tales of a city undisturbed by horseless carriages but often just as chaotic. From Antoine Cadillac's arrival on these pastoral shores, it would seem Detroit has always been facing calamities of one sort or another: conflagrations, invasions, epidemics, disorders and drunkenness. But Bragg renders this rocky history in graceful prose with a warm, first-person touch that lovingly lingers over some of its most unusual characters, those both immortalized in statuary and street names or simply forgotten over the ages. You'll meet Clarence Burton, Jim Scott, Lewis Cass, Stevens T. Mason, Friend Palmer, Joseph Campau, Jean-Francois Hamtramck and a whole host of characters Bragg raises from the dead for a brief moment if only so we can miss them properly. --Detroit Metro-TimesAbout the AuthorA native Detroiter, Amy Elliott Bragg left home for a while to edit an arts and culture magazine in Milwaukee. She returned to Detroit in 2009 where she lives with her husband, freelances as a writer and editor, and works hard at old books.