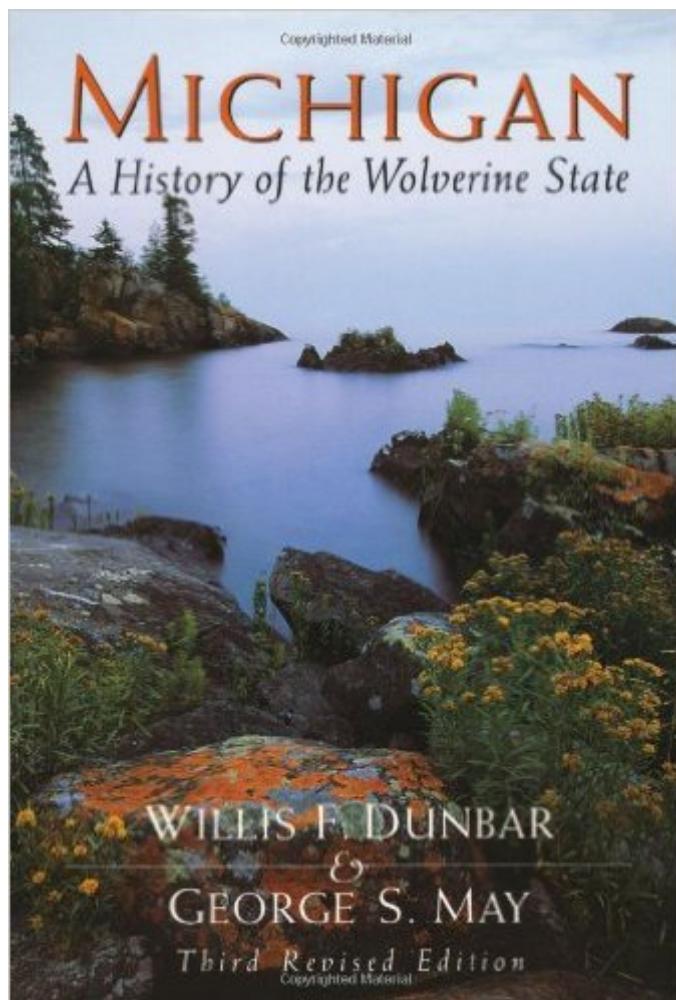


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Michigan: A History Of The Wolverine State



Synopsis

This standard textbook on Michigan history covers the entire scope of the Wolverine State's historical record. This third revised edition incorporates events since 1980 and draws on new studies to expand and improve its coverage of various ethnic groups, recent political developments, labor and business, and many other topics.

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Customer Reviews

As a life-long resident of Michigan, I felt that I needed to know more about my home state. Dunbar and May's work did just that. Michigan : A History of the Wolverine State lies somewhere between a textbook and a more casual non-fiction text, with copious endnotes for the historian, yet a clear, flowing style for the casual reader. It would serve as an excellent text for a college course on the subject. I found reading this work to be immensely valuable and entertaining, and a great conversation starter. In it you will find explanations of the origins of nearly every facet of Michigan society. Beginning with the ancient history of the Native American tribes, and finishing with the education and tax reforms of the early 1990's, very little is left behind. You will learn such quirky facts as the meaning of the name "Ypsilanti", why Kellogg and Post Cereals are both headquartered in Battle Creek, and the true story of the Michigan-Ohio border war. Comprehensive, lucid, and entertaining. Recommended.

This is the required text for a Michigan History Course I am taking at a local community college. Each chapter is long and lacking a true theme; I would describe each chapter as a collage of arcane

and dense factoids in a topical fashion concerning Michigan History. The content in many chapters overlap and the lack of solid themes in each chapter, combined with names, dates, and too many statistics make each chapter difficult to summarize and assimilate. The authors are both deceased, Dunbar died in 1970, and May in 2003, so it could further use to be updated, and given a more modern analysis of the material. This book should be about 2/3 shorter. It needs heavy editing; someone to look at the content - really analyze it, then cut out the dead ends and dried leaves. Michigan has an interesting past, but you have to wade through a lot of minutiae to get it out of this book.

This is one of the best Michigan history books I have read! Years ago it was required for a class, but I have since reread this for enjoyment. I am fascinated by the mining and logging industries and both are covered in great detail. There is so much knowledge in this book.

I had bought this book because I needed it for a class for college, and as I started reading it I started to understand the drama of how Michigan came about-It was a rough road for our ancestors. The authors pull you back in time in a way that it is not just a history book, but it kind of tells the STORY too.

This book isn't accurate. I looked up something about U of M on their website after reading it in this book and didn't come up with the same answer. I believe that U of M would know their own history more than the guys that wrote this book.

The book is extremely in depth, and seems to flow pretty easily while reading it. I bought this book for a college class, and I can honestly say I enjoy reading it on a personal level.

Great book! Originally bought this for a class but never took the class, still read the book! Great book to have on the shelf, very insightful!

This is the foremost and most thorough history on the whole state of Michigan. For any Michigander with a library, this is a must.

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