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## Review Notices

*A Pictorial History of Indiana.* By Dwight W. Hoover, with the assistance of Jane Rodman. (1980; reprint, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998. Pp. 304. Illustrations, maps. Clothbound, \$49.95; paperbound, \$29.95.) A coffee table book, if there ever was one. Hoover organizes Hoosier history topically and covers such areas as Native Americans, the pioneer period, the Civil War, agriculture, the growth of towns and cities, business, leisure, sports, and education. Readers not familiar with the history of the state will find these concise chapters useful; those more familiar with the history will still find much to interest them in the topical organization of the information. Even after reading the text, however, many people will find themselves coming back to the book again and again for the photographs. Anyone interested in transportation history will treasure photographs of the steamboat *Governor Morton* on the White River in Indianapolis, a hot-air balloon delivering "air mail" to Lafayette in 1859, and a double-decker streetcar in 1895 Terre Haute. Readers looking for famous Hoosiers will find hundreds of examples, among them Madame C. J. Walker posing in her automobile, a bevy of Studebakers posing in their Studebakers, and Hoagy Carmichael at the piano surrounded by college friends (among them Herman B Wells). Photographs range from the serious (an artillery battery organized at Indiana University during World War I) to the amusing (a business-suited Governor Henry F. Shricker milking an unhappy-looking cow). The volume's only defect is its lack of an index. Perhaps, given the topical arrangement of the chapters, a textual index is not strictly necessary, but a photographic index would have been an invaluable addition. *Dawn Bakken, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*Railroads in the Heartland: Steam and Traction in the Golden Age of Postcards.* By H. Roger Grant. (Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 1997. Pp. x, 181. Illustrations, selected bibliography, index. \$29.95.) H. Roger Grant, prolific author and editor of the magazine *Railroad History*, once again takes readers on a visual excursion through the history of railroads in America. The book begins with an essay on the distinctive features of railroads in the Midwest. Subsequent sections present a large collection of postcard images, arranged by subject and captioned by the author. Topics include the railroad landscape, depots, trains and people, and the electric age. Indiana readers will be particularly interested in photographic postcards of Inland Steel railyards in early twentieth-century northwest Indiana, and several illustrations of interurban railroads in Indiana cities such as Indianapolis and Kokomo. *Dawn Bakken, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*Gardens of the Early Midwest, As Presented at Conner Prairie Museum.* Revised edition. By David G. Vanderstel, Jane M. Wheeler, and Joyce A. Newby. Edited by Timothy Crumrin. ([Fishers, Ind.]: Conner Prairie Press, 1998. Pp. [59]. Illustrations, suggested readings. Paperbound, \$6.50.) This attractively produced small volume should prove to be a popular gift for those who love historical gardens. Chapters detail the history and contents of kitchen gardens, flower gardens, and herb gardens in the nineteenth-century Midwest. Information on the dyeing process from garden-grown herbs is also included. The final section of the book offers readers the designs of five of Conner Prairie's own gardens, and the editor also suggests additional readings on the history of gardens in America. *Dawn Bakken, Indiana University, Bloomington.*