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Roadside History: A Guide To Kentucky Highway Markers



Synopsis

We have all spied them as we blast down 1-75 scanning the roadside for anything of interest or rolled past one while trying to find that elusive gas station in an unfamiliar small town. Perhaps we have even stopped to read one outside our local courthouse. Since 1949, the Kentucky Historical Highway Marker program has erected more than 1,800 markers that highlight the rich diversity of the state's local and regional history as well as topics of statewide, and sometimes national, importance. They provide on-the-spot Kentucky history lessons, depicting subjects as diverse as a seven-year-old boy who served as a drummer in the Revolutionary War to a centuries-old sassafras tree. Roadside History is a key to the markers, enabling travelers to read Kentucky history without stopping to see each marker as they pass. There are two indexes arranged by subject and county.

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"Highlights each site by transcribing the marker's text and pinpointing its exact location." --
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I have deep affection for Kentucky. Its varied geography and myriad assortment of residents add to the character of a place I call home. I have always slowed down or stopped to read the historical

markers that Kentucky State Government erected throughout the state. Because of this book, we have initiated trips to places we would never have thought of, relishing the discoveries that chronicled this vast archive of events and locations, seminal to Ky's past. As a child, we would go driving on a Sunday with no destination in mind, only treasures we knew we would discover in places we had not been. This book brings back that wanderlust of discovery. Thank you Melba Porter Hay! Are you of the monarchs of Owensboro?

When driving it is impossible to stop at all of the historical markers in KY. This book allows for an interesting arm chair historical tour of the state.

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