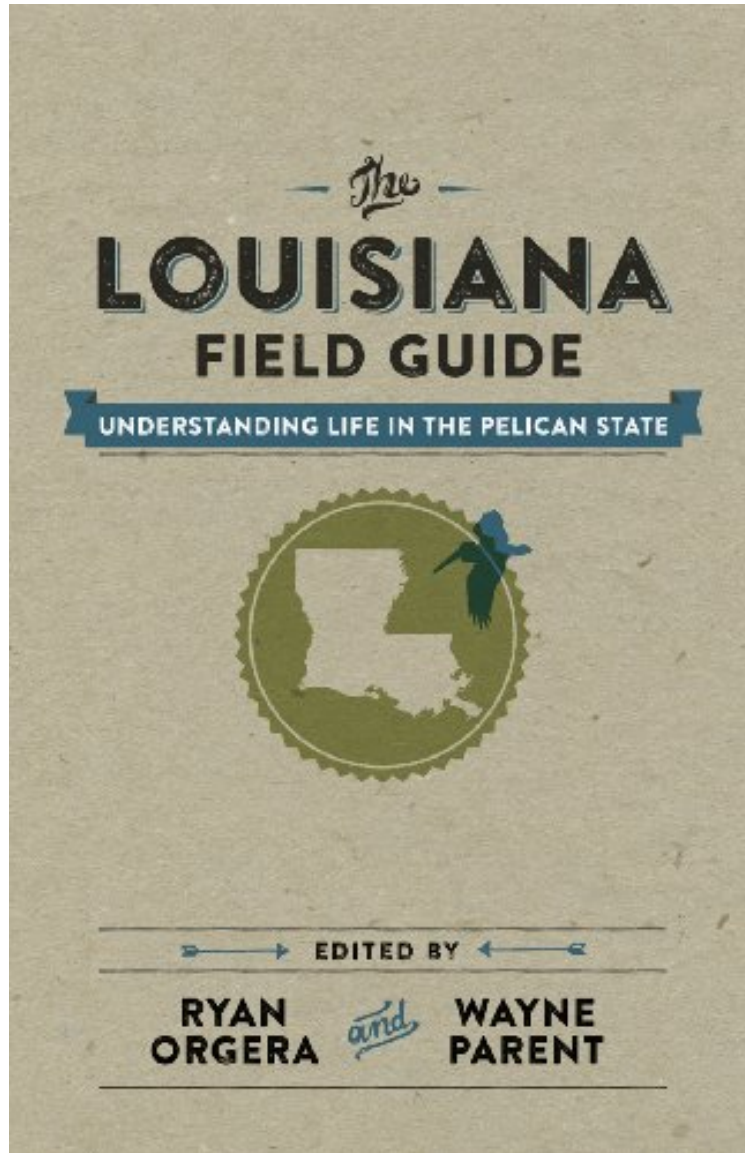


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At the risk of being harsh, I would note that one of the "scholars" committed two factual errors in as many sentences. In her chapter on Louisiana cultures, Joyce Jackson asserts that Leadbelly was born in "Morningsport," La., and sang his way to freedom from Texas' "Parchment" prison. By most accounts, Leadbelly was born in Mooringsport, La., and there is no "Parchment" prison in Texas nor, for that matter, a Parchment, Tx. There is, of course, Parchman Farm, a Mississippi prison. Such shoddy scholarship so early in the book makes me question the reliability of the remaining chapters. Perhaps I'll finish the book, but I'm really inclined to demand a refund.

In Louisiana, every bite of food and each turn of phrase is an expression of cultural literacy. Correctly pronouncing "Tchoupitoulas" or "Atchafalaya," knowing the difference between the first Governor Long and the second one, being able to spot the artwork of Caroline Durieux, and honoring the distinction between a Creole and a Cajun roux serve not just as markers of familiarity; they represent acts of preservation. The Louisiana Field Guide: Understanding Life in the Pelican State expands on this everyday communion of history, delving into the cultural patchwork that makes the Gumbo State both thoroughly American and absolutely singular. An authoritative lineup of contributors reintroduces Louisiana through the lenses of environment, geography, history, politics, religion, culture, language, sports, literature, film, music, architecture, food, and art. Whether describing the architectural details of the Ursuline Convent in the French Quarter or sharing the family history of Bourgeois' Meat Market just outside of Thibodaux, the essays in The Louisiana Field Guide present a fresh and expansive look at the enchanting and perplexing Pelican State. At once an accessible primer and a rich omnibus, this volume explores the well-known destinations and far-flung corners of Louisiana, from Cameron Parish to Congo Square, offering an enlightening companion guide for visitors and a trust-worthy reference for residents.

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