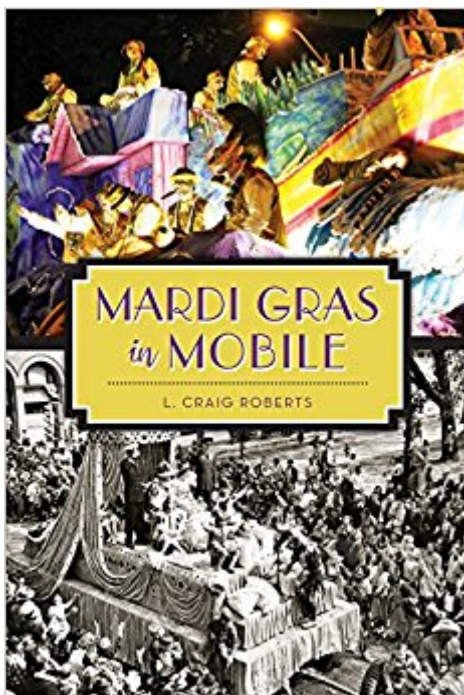


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# Mardi Gras In Mobile



## Synopsis

Mardi Gras in Mobile began its carnival celebration years before the city of New Orleans was founded. In the 1700s, mystic societies formed in Mobile, such as the Societe de Saint Louis, believed to be the first in the New World. These curious organizations brought old-world traditions as they held celebrations like parades and balls with themes like Scandinavian mythology and the dream of Pythagoras. Today, more than 800,000 people annually take in the sights, sounds and attractions of the celebration. Historian and preservationist L. Craig Roberts, through extensive research and interviews, explores the captivating and charismatic history of Mardi Gras in the Port City.

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## Customer Reviews

L. Craig Roberts is an architect, historian and preservationist in Mobile, Alabama. He received his bachelor's degree in architecture from Auburn University. He volunteers as a docent at the Mobile Carnival Museum and is a regular lecturer on the topic of Carnival for the University of South Alabama's Road Scholar programs, among other sites around the state.

I am so grateful for this book. As a Texan transplanted to Mobile, I came to love the Mardi Gras season very quickly. However, so much of it was so murky. Most Mobilians just take it for granted that it will show up year after year without knowing much about the traditions - well, at least most of the Mobilians who I know. This book explains everything from the krewes past and present, Mobile

traditions, best places to see the parades and so many other tidbits. It is a book I will refer to again and again. Bear in mind, moonpies are a favorite throw here in Mobile; now I know why and when that started. After my first Mardi Gras season here, I was hooked. Often other Texans join me in celebrating. This book will enhance our partying for many years to come.

Recommend to any going to Mardi Gras. Love the details on the gowns and trains. The history of Mardi Gras is very interesting.

Most wonderful book about Mardi Gras in Mobile!

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I can't recommend this book highly enough! "Mardi Gras in Mobile" leads the reader from the very beginning and origin of Mardi Gras in the US all the way to modern day Carnival in an informative and fun way. (Mardi Gras was started in Mobile and NOT New Orleans, folks!) Not only is this book loaded with information that you usually have to be a local to know and understand, but it puts it in a concise and entertaining format. Great pictures. Great insight into both the public and more private sides of Mobile's Mardi Gras traditions. I bought two books. One for me and one for my daughter to help her get a good grasp on why she doesn't have school for two days in Feb most years. It really is very well written. Might have to go back and buy some copies for next year's Christmas gifts.

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