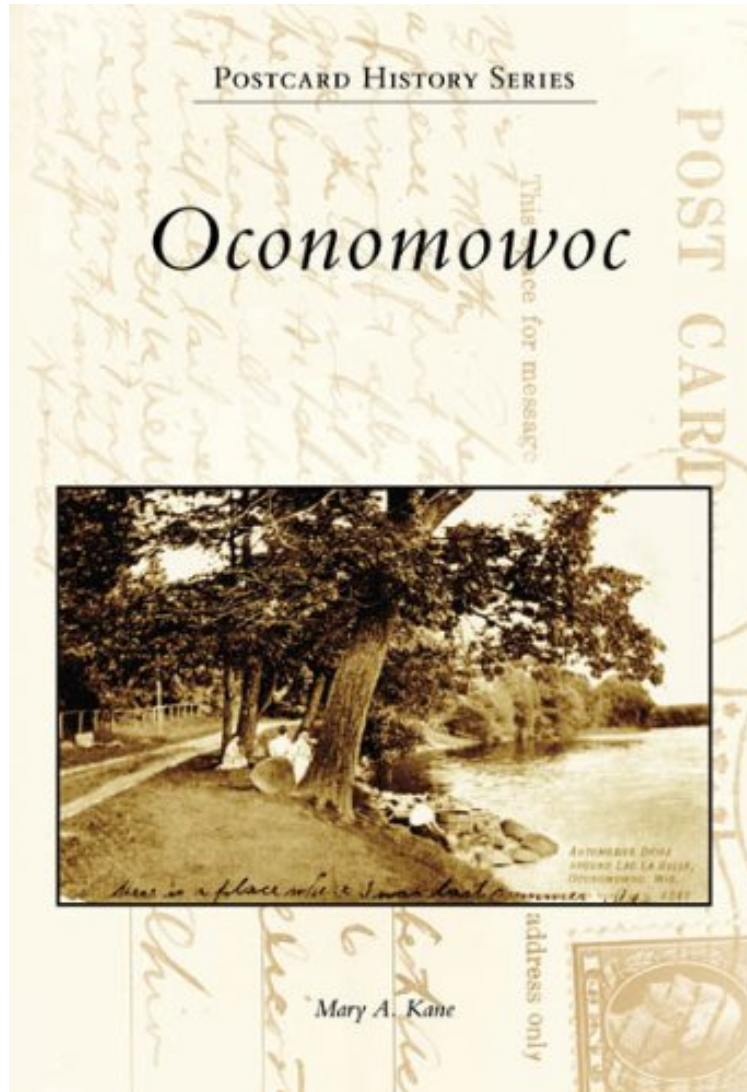


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Mary A. Kane : Oconomowoc (WI) (Postcard History Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oconomowoc (WI) (Postcard History Series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. What a great book, very interesting! By KtkeepsI bought this book for my husband since he is from Oconomowoc. I wanted to give him something special for his birthday along with his other gifts. He is a history buff and knows a lot of cool facts about Oconomowoc, but this book just expanded his knowledge, and gave him pictures to put with the stories he has heard. Such an interesting read, and we can't wait to show our other friends from the area! Well-written and easy to get through...really fun! There's a lot of information

about Montgomery Ward, which is what attracted me to the book- my husband grew up in a Montgomery Ward gatehouse.

Oconomowoc the Newport of the West was a summer home and tourist destination for Milwaukee, Chicago, and St. Louis families of prominence from the 1870s through the 1930s. Names like Pabst, Miller, Armour, and Ward built sprawling mansions along the shores of Lac La Belle. They arrived by train every summer to Oconomowoc's stone railroad depot, a popular restaurant today, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. According to local lore, there were 97 millionaires living in the Oconomowoc area during this era of opulence. The lavish living began to wane in the 1930s and drew to a close as a result of World War II, after which Oconomowoc was transformed into a hub of commerce and industry.

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