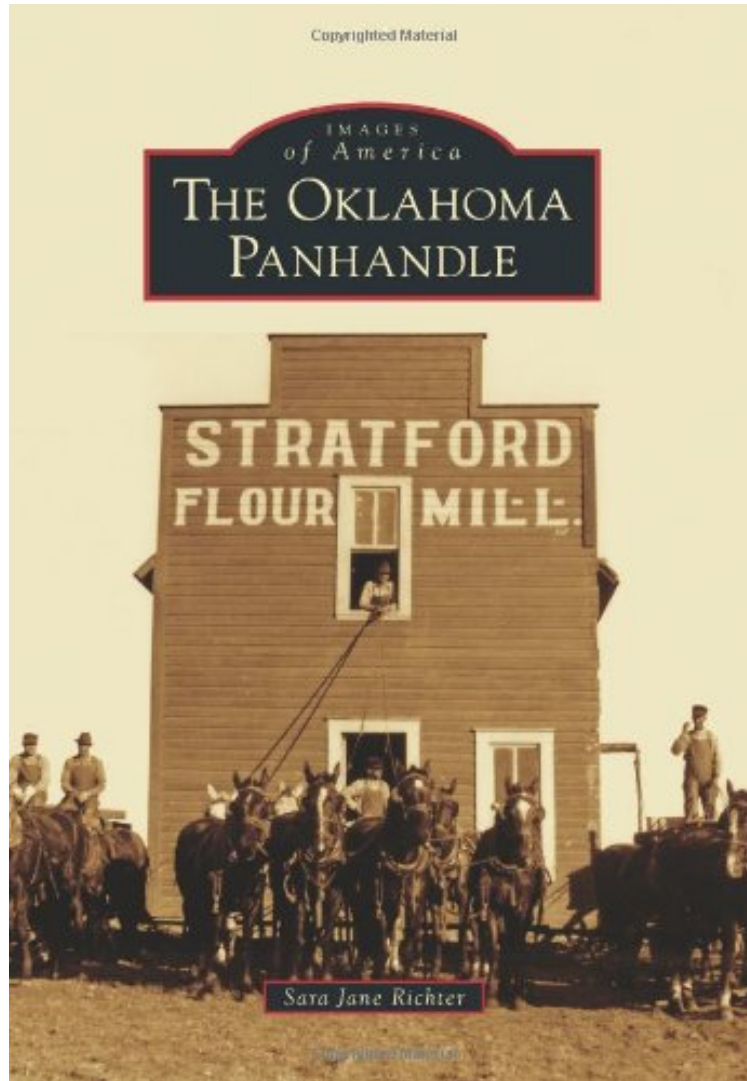


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Jane Richter's travelogue *THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE (IMAGES OF AMERICA)*. Richter, an instructor at Oklahoma Panhandle State University, provides a plethora of information and photographs about this isolated land. Most who have driven through this region know that a great deal of it is as flat as your coffee table, but Richter points out there are some contrasting geographical regions, including Black Mesa--Oklahoma's highest point--located in the far northwestern corner of the Panhandle (and the only part of the state on Mountain Time instead of Central Time). We also learn about the hearty people who settled the area, from outlaws hiding from the law, to cattle barons, to ranchers and farmers and merchants and schoolteachers. Page after page is archived by photographs depicting the land, or the people, or special events; by far the most interesting pictures (to this reviewer) show the devastation of the Dust Bowl during the Great Depression. The author has a determined affection for No Man's Land, and it shows in the pages of this book. From Beaver to Texas to Cimarron Counties, the population is sparse--yet the vistas are endless. *THE OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE (IMAGES OF AMERICA)* is an interesting introduction for those wishing to learn more about this rugged and isolated land.--D. Mikels, Esq. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Oklahoma USA By W. G. Buckley If you are a geographer and/or a historian, you must read this book. I plan to visit before Summer ends. Excellent work. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... with several people and all of us have really enjoyed the information it contains about the Oklahoma Panhandle By GAMXI have shared this book with several people and all of us have really enjoyed the information it contains about the Oklahoma Panhandle.

The Panhandle is Oklahomas best-kept secret and possesses a unique landscape, the highest point in Oklahoma. It bears a fascinating history and tenacious residents, from Folsom Man to contemporary cowboys. The Panhandle even once tried to become its own US territory. With photographs of the Land That Time Forgot, readers will discover tales of outlaws, college students, settlers, ranchers, native peoples, dust storms, immigrants, ghost towns, cattle, dinosaurs, lawmen, soldiers, and traders. The Panhandle has never been a mecca for settlement, but through the years, many heading for better days and other destinations have traveled across it. Mother Nature makes Panhandle residents work for their survival even today. She isnt too free with her moisture but does like to hear the wind blow and see snow on the ground. Panhandlers pride themselves on their independence, resiliency, and friendliness. Once folks move in and get comfortable, they wont be leaving soon.

About the Author Sara Jane Richter, PhD, has lived in the Oklahoma Panhandle and taught at Oklahoma Panhandle State University since 1985. Realizing that the Panhandle had a bad reputation in what Panhandlers call downstate Oklahoma, she has sought to rectify that situation with this publication.