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Selected Books About Montgomery, Alabama — A Reading List

MONTGOMERY HISTORY/GENERAL

An Alabama Newspaper Tradition: Grover C. Hall and the Hall Family, Daniel Hollis, University of Alabama Press, 1983.

An American Harvest: The Story of Weil Brothers Cotton, George Bush, Prentice Hall Trade, 1983.

Central Alabama Memories: Commemorating the 175th Anniversary of the Montgomery Advertiser, Montgomery Advertiser, Pediment Publishing, 2004.

Cloverdale: An Illustrated History, Suzanne Samuel Israel, King Kudzu Publications, 2001.

Confederate Home Front: Montgomery During the Civil War, Dr. William Rogers Jr., University of Alabama Press, 2001.

The Cradle: An Anatomy of a Town, Fact and Fiction, John P. Kohn Jr., Vantage Press, 1969

[*Deep Family: Four Centuries of American Originals and Southern Eccentrics*](#) [Read-Baldwin-Craik family], Nicholas Cabell Read, Dallas Read, and Jean Craik Read, NewSouth Books, 2005.

Doing It My Way, Winton (Red) Blount, Greenwich Publishing Group, 1996.

[*History of Huntingdon College, 1854–1954*](#), Rhoda Coleman Ellison, NewSouth Books, 2004.

Memories of the Mount: The Story of Mt. Meigs, Alabama, John Scott, Black Belt Press, 1993.

Montgomery: Andrew Dexter's Dream City, Helen Blackshear, The Author, 1996.

Montgomery: An Illustrated History, Wayne Flynt, Windsor Publications, 1980.

Montgomery at the Forefront of a New Century, Wendi Lewis and Marty Ellis, Community Communications, 1996.

Montgomery Aviation, Billy Singleton, Arcadia Publishing, 2007.

Montgomery: Capital City Corners, Mary Ann Neeley, Arcadia Publishing, 1997.

Montgomery's Historic Neighborhoods, Carole King and Karren Pell, Arcadia Publishing, 2010.

Montgomery in the Good War: Portrait of a Southern City, 1939–1946, Wesley Newton, University of Alabama Press, 2000.

Montgomery in the 20th Century: Tradition and Change, 1880–2012, Mary Ann Neeley, HPNbooks, 2013.

Montgomery: The Biography of a City, Wayne Greenhaw, Advertiser Company, 1993.

Montgomery: The River City, Wayne Greenhaw, River City Publishing, 2002.

Montgomery Then and Now, Carole King and Karren Pell, Arcadia Publishing, 2011.

[*Nobody But the People: The Life and Times of Alabama's Youngest Governor*](#) [John Patterson], Warren Trest, NewSouth Books, 2008.

Oak Park and the Montgomery Zoo, Heather Trevino and Linda Pastorello, Arcadia Publishing, 2007.

Old Alabama Town: An Illustrated Guide, Mary Ann Neeley, University Alabama Press, 2002.

Old Oakwood Cemetery: A Brief History, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, Society of Pioneers of Montgomery, and Oakwood Cemetery Project Committee, Landmarks Foundation, 2001.

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- [*The Other Side of Montgomery: Growing Up White in the Birthplace of the Civil Rights Movement*](#), Eddie Phillips, NewSouth Books, 2009.
- [*The People's Lawyer: The Colorful Life and Times of Julian L. McPhillips, Jr.*](#), Carroll Dale Short, NewSouth Books, 2000.
- [*Respectable and Disreputable: Leisure Time in Antebellum Montgomery*](#), Jeffrey Benton, NewSouth Books, 2013.
- [*A Senator's Wife Remembers: From the Great Depression to the Great Society*](#) [Mrs. Lister Hill], Henrietta McCormick Hill, NewSouth Books, 2010.
- They Served Here: Thirty-Three Maxwell Men*, Jeffrey Benton, Air University Press, 1999.
- The Way It Was, 1850–1930: Photographs of Montgomery and Her Central Alabama Neighbors*, Beth Muskat and Mary Ann Neeley, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, 1985.
- [*Wings of Opportunity: The Wright Brothers in Montgomery, Alabama, 1910*](#), Julie Hedgepeth Williams, NewSouth Books, 2010.
- [*The Works of Matthew Blue, Montgomery's First Historian*](#), Mary Ann Neeley, NewSouth Books, 2010.

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- [*Beyond the Burning Bus: The Civil Rights Revolution in a Southern Town*](#), J. Phillips Noble, NewSouth Books, 2003.
- [*Bus Ride to Justice: Changing the System by the System: The Life and Works of Fred Gray*](#), Fred Gray, NewSouth Books, 2013.
- [*Climbing Jacob's Ladder: From Queens to Tuskegee: A Trial Lawyer's Journey on Behalf of "the Least of These."*](#) Jacob Smith and Paul Hemphill, NewSouth Books, 2002.
- Creating Community: Life and Learning at Montgomery's Black University*, Karl Westhauser, et al., University of Alabama Press, 2008.
- Dividing Lines: Municipal Politics and the Struggle for Civil Rights in Montgomery, Birmingham, and Selma*, J. Mills Thornton III, University of Alabama Press, 2002.
- [*E.D. Nixon: The Life of a Resourceful Activist*](#), Freeman Pollard, Junebug Books, 2002.
- [*Educator: The Life of Thelma Smiley Morris*](#), Thomas Bobo, NewSouth Books, 2006.
- [*The Freedom Rides and Alabama: A Guide to Key Events and Places, Context, and Impact*](#), Noelle Matteson, NewSouth Books, 2011.
- Inside the Montgomery Bus Boycott: My Personal Story*, Uriah Fields, AmErica House, 2002.
- [*Jim Crow and Me: Stories from My Life as a Civil Rights Lawyer*](#), Solomon Seay Jr. and Delores R. Boyd, NewSouth Books, 2009.
- [*Johnnie: The Life of Johnnie Rebecca Carr*](#), Randall Williams, NewSouth Books, 2001.
- [*The Judge: The Life and Opinions of Alabama's Frank M. Johnson, Jr.*](#), Frank Sikora, NewSouth Books, 2007.
- [*My Journey: A Memoir of the First African American to Preside Over the Alabama Board of Education*](#), Ethel Hall, NewSouth Books, 2010.
- Outside the Magic Circle: The Autobiography of Virginia Foster Durr*, Virginia Durr, University of Alabama Press, 1985.

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[*Sing for Freedom: The Story of the Civil Rights Movement Through Its Songs*](#), Guy and Candie Carawan, NewSouth Books, 2008.

[*They Had No Voice: My Fight for Alabama's Forgotten Children*](#), Denny Abbott, NewSouth Books, 2013.

[*This Day in Civil Rights History*](#), Randall Williams and Ben Beard, NewSouth Books, 2009.

Touched by History: A Self-Guided Tour to Civil Rights Sites in Central Alabama, J. Mills Thornton III and Joseph Caver, NewSouth Books, 2005.

[*Voices from the Dexter Pulpit: Sermons from the First Church Pastored by Martin Luther King, Jr.*](#), Michael Thurman, NewSouth Books, 2001.

[*A White Preacher's Message on Race and Reconciliation: Based on His Experiences Beginning with the Montgomery Bus Boycott*](#), Robert Graetz, NewSouth Books, 2006.

[*The Worthy Way: Memoirs of a Pioneer Black Law Enforcement Officer*](#), Arthur Worthy, NewSouth Books, 2001.

ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE

Alabama Art, Nall, Black Belt Press, 2000.

Alabama Arts: A Comprehensive Guide to the Arts in Alabama, Karyn Zweifel, Birmingham News, 2007.

Bill Traylor, 1854–1949: Deep Blues, Josef Helfenstein and Roman Kurzmeyer, Yale University Press, 1999.

Bill Traylor: Drawings from the Collections of the High Museum of Art and the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Margaret Lynne Ausfeld, et al., Prestel Publishing, 2012.

Blount Collection of American Art, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, 1993.

Deep Blues: Bill Traylor; Self-Taught Artist, Mary Lyons, Antheneum, 1995.

[*Gone Home: Southern Folk Gravestone Art*](#), Jack and Olivia Solomon, NewSouth Books, 2004.

[*Hank Hung the Moon and Warmed Our Cold, Cold Hearts*](#), Rheta Grimsley Johnson, NewSouth Books, 2012.

Historic Architecture in Alabama: A Guide to Styles and Types, 1810–1930, Robert Gamble, University of Alabama Press, 2001.

[*I Just Make People Up: Ramblings with Clark Walker*](#), Foster Dickson, NewSouth Books, 2009.

Mose T A to Z: The Folk Art of Mose Tolliver, Anton Haardt, Sturno Press, 2007.

Painting a Hidden Life: The Art of Bill Traylor, Mechal Sobel, Louisiana State University Press, 2009.

Sense of Place: Montgomery's Architectural Heritage, 1821–1951, Jeffrey Benton, River City Publishing, 2001.

Spaces and Places: Views of Montgomery's Built Environment, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum, 1978.

Tin Man, Charlie Lucas and Ben Windham, University of Alabama Press, 2009.

Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald: A Biography, Nancy Milford, Harper Collins, 1970.

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MISCELLANEOUS

[*The Alabama Guide 2011–2014: Our People, Resources, and Government*](#), NewSouth Books, 2012.

Alabama: The History of a Deep South State, William Rogers, et al., University Alabama Press, 1994.

[*Carolina Planters on the Alabama Frontier: The Spencer-Robeson-McKenzie Family Papers*](#), Edward Pattillo, NewSouth Books, 2011.

[*Eugene Allen Smith's Alabama: How a Geologist Shaped a State*](#), Aileen Kilgore Henderson, NewSouth Books, 2011.

[*Faith and Works: The Politics, Business, and Philanthropy of Alabama's Jimmy Faulkner*](#), Elvin Stanton, NewSouth Books, 2002.

[*Neither Carpetbaggers nor Scalawags: Black Officeholders During the Reconstruction of Alabama 1867–1878*](#), Richard Bailey, NewSouth Books, 2009.

[*Researching African American Genealogy in Alabama: A Resource Guide*](#), Frazine Taylor, NewSouth Books, 2008.

The Very Worst Road: Travellers' Accounts of Crossing Alabama's Old Creek Indian Territory, 1820–1847, Jeffrey Benton, University of Alabama Press, 2009.