

Books About Illinois, Chicago, and Other Local History

- 977.311 Roth, Walter, 1929-. Accidental anarchist : how the killing of a humble Jewish immigrant by Chicago's chief of police exposed the conflict between law & order & civil rights in early 20th century America. Chicago, Ill. : Academy Chicago ;, 2001.
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Examines the life and career of Chicago mayor Riachrd J. Daley, from his childhood in a working-class Irish neighborhood to his role as a national power broker.
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Illinois governors who have lived in the Executive Mansion -- 1852-1860: The birth of the Illinois Executive Mansion -- 1860-1868: Governors at war -- 1869-1901: Republican ascendancy -- 1901-1921: A new century -- 1921-1949: "Normalcy", Depression, war -- 1949-1961: Stevenson & Stratton, patrician & plebeian -- 1961-1975: Preserving the Illinois Executive Mansion -- 1973-1999: A new Executive Mansion -- The Executive Mansion at the turn of a new century.
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Located in the back of the Union Stockyards, a history of Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood offers a glimpse into the lives of its large immigrant population.
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"In 1945 the most famous curse in sports was placed on the Chicago Cubs when Bill Sianis and his goat were ejected from Wrigley Field. Sianis allegedly cursed the Cubs, promising that they'd never again play in the World Series at Wrigley Field. The book focuses on attitudes of players and fans, as well as attempts to exorcise the curse"-- Provided by publisher.
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Coping with a new sense of place -- Counting minutes and miles -- Housing strategies -- Living in the inherited city -- The risky business of food -- Eating out -- Reducing risk and taking control -- Amusements, crowds, and morals -- Chicago is work -- Getting ahead on your own -- Time, risk, and family finances -- The institutional trap -- Conclusion: Coping with urban life.
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Profiles the physical character and natural history of the Chicago River; includes information about the restaurants, clubs, buildings, and roads that are located on or near the river.
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