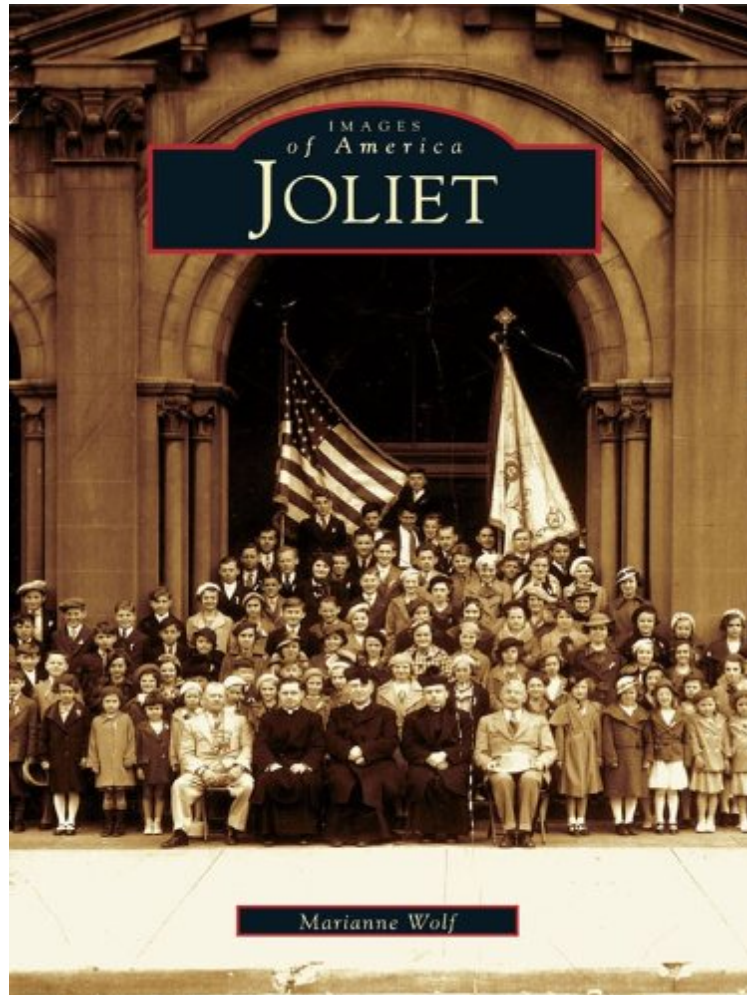


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**Marianne Wolf : Joliet (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Joliet (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book!By sarah b.I bought this for my dad as a gift, but I ended up reading it cover-to-cover before I gave it to him. He loves it, as did I! He has about 10 pages bookmarked, probably because he knows the people, picture, event, etc. I'm sure it was a nice walk down memory lane for him. What a great book, and a great gift for anyone who has ever lived in the Joliet area.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I really liked this book!By Dave HoltonFirst, let me say that I am not from Chicago. So why read this book you might ask? Because I heard of this book from the author whom I met at BookExpo America...the national trade show for the book publishing industry. So, I decided that I would order the book simply so I could tell her that I had read it.Now I am glad I did. I THOROUGHLY enjoyed the book.To some, Joliet may merely be a micocosm of Chicago, but I found it to be much more than that. It is also a story of people, of individuals and of micro-

communities, that can probably be paralleled to other communities in other urban areas. What make Joliet unique is the depth of the research that the author put into the telling of its individual stories of struggle, of sorrow, and of accomplishment. The uniqueness of Joliet may be in its strong church ties and in its architecture of structures and of its peoples, but the stories of the history and of the people of this area are quite interesting...and make for a very interesting read. I would strongly recommend this book to anyone who understands that by knowing more about the history and lives of others gives greater insight into ourselves. This book will both make you think and entertain you as well...that, in and of itself, is quite unique. I enjoyed it and think that you will too. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A book for all generations and an important work about the history of America. By Jerry Marcus "Joliet" teaches us about a fascinating town in Middle America where immigrants settled and made a home for themselves while carrying the torch of liberty. Marianne Wolf has researched the past to provide a timely lesson for the present and for future generations. The images of the people in this pictorial history cry out for readers to understand the plight of the immigrants who come to America to build better futures for themselves and their families. This book is about freedom and opportunity, and individuals whose love and respect for their heritage - and for America - blended together to build a stronger Nation for all of us. ( Jerry Marcus is widely known for his ability to create compelling fiction about thought-provoking issues such as anti-Semitism, political intrigue, corruption, and religious hypocrisy. He is the author of three books: "The Last Pope," "The Salvation Peddler," and "Abraham, Isaac, Jacob Zev.")

Joliet once was a lush prairie bordered with scenic bluffs along the Des Plaines River. In the late 19th century, settlers and a large influx of Eastern European immigrants arrived, transforming the area into a bustling industrial community of steel, limestone, manufacturing, and transportation. In the 20th century, Joliet transformed itself from an industrial hub to a destination of entertainment and tourism. Tourism thrives as people visit the National Hot Rod Association drag strip, NASCAR track, two casinos, the JackHammers minor-league baseball team and baseball stadium, a water park, the historical museum, and library. Joliet depicts the rich cultural heritage impressed on the city and shows how the people lived and worked together, earning Joliet the title of All-American City in 1955 by the National Municipal League and Look magazine.

About the Author Marianne Wolf was born in Joliet and is an active member of the Joliet Croatian Culture Club, the Slovenian Women's Union of America Branch No. 20, and a 50-year member of Kranjsko Slovenska Katoliska Jednota Lodge No. 29. She serves on the boards of the Illinois Women's Press Association and the TallGrass Writers Guild and works for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs.