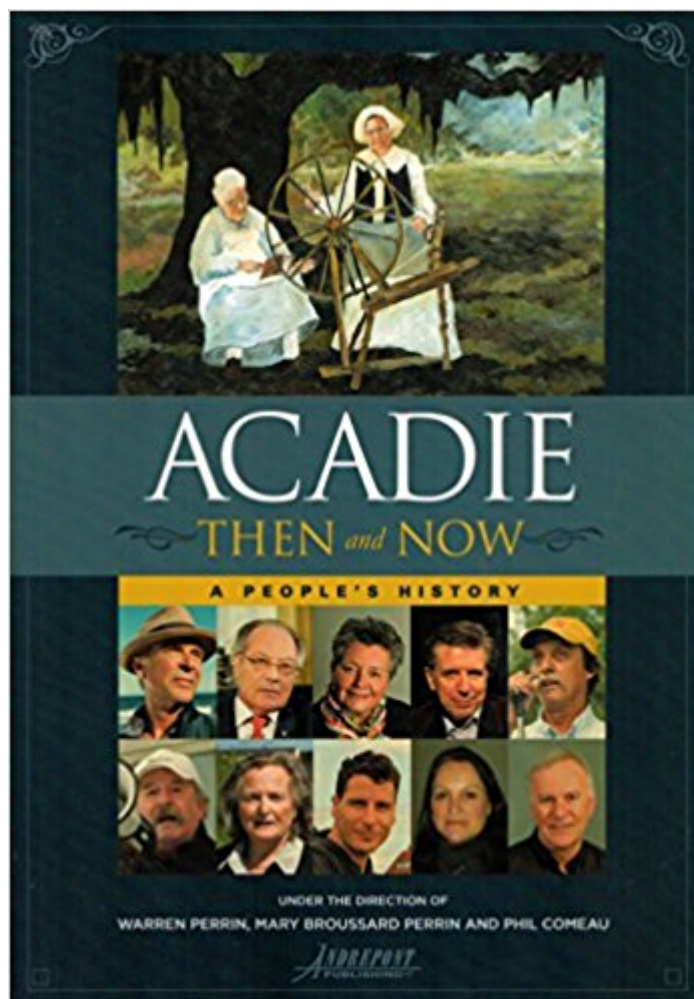


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Acadie Then and Now: A People's History is an international collection of articles from 50 authors that chronicles the historical and contemporary realities of the Acadian and Cajun people worldwide. In 1605, French colonists settled Acadie (today Nova Scotia, Canada) and for the next 150 years developed a strong and unique Acadian culture. In 1755, the British conducted forced deportations of the Acadians rendering thousands homeless, and for the next 60 years these exiles migrated to seaports along the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico, eventually settling in new lands. This tragic upheaval did not succeed in extinguishing the Acadians, but instead planted the seeds of many new Acadies, where today their fascinating culture still thrives. This collection includes 65 articles on the Acadians and Cajuns living today in the American states of Louisiana, Texas, and Maine, in the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and Quebec, and in the French regions of Poitou, Belle-Ile-en-Mer, and St-Pierre et Miquelon.

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This book really opened my eyes as to the extent of the dispersal of the Acadian peoples around the world. It also gave me new insight as to the causes of the original expulsion of the Acadians from Acadie (now in Canada) in 1755. The movement in the last half a century to unite Acadians around the world and efforts to promote the French language and the Acadian culture is examined. Articles (some originally in French and the book is also available in French) from over 60 different people in different Acadian areas of settlement and from different perspectives around the world give new insight as to development and preservation of the Acadian cultural heritage and its future prospects.

Very good book.

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Superb history and writing about South Louisiana and its Acadien culture, and the places where I grew up (Calcasieu, Acadia, Lafayette and Terrebonne Parishes). Thanks to the Perrins and all the contributors! Ed Cloutman

Very detailed account of our history . Should be in all schools.

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