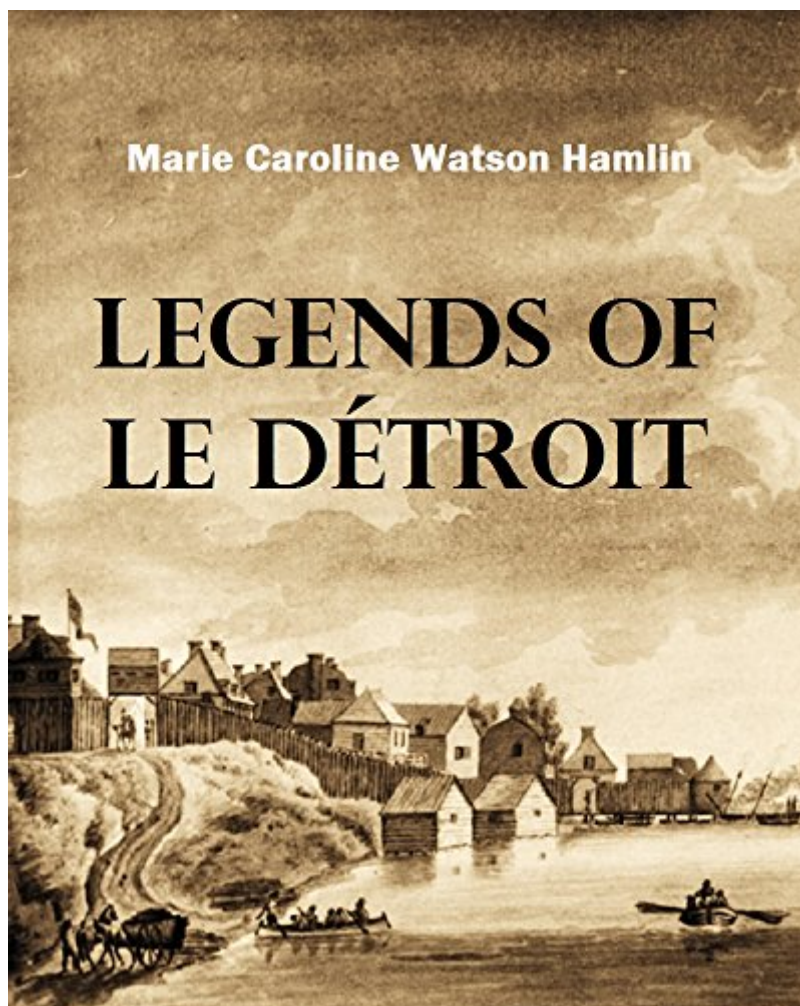


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Synopsis

Caroline Hamlin (1850-1885) was a Detroit, Michigan author and historian who wrote the book "Legends of Le D etroit". Detroit was founded on July 24, 1701 by the French explorer and adventurer Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac and a party of settlers. Hamlin writes: "The word "Legend" explains itself. Historical and romantic souvenirs hang like tattered drapery around the fair City .of the Straits. Interest and curiosity have only to shake its venerable folds to scatter fragmentary history and legendary lore. These weird tales, quaint customs and beautiful traditions have been handed down from generation to generation as sacred trusts. Originally brought from their cradle in Normandy, they are still tenderly cherished in the homes of the old families of Norman descent settled along "le Detroit." "It has been my good fortune to hear many of them from loving, though aged lips of ancestors whose memories extend back into the last century." It seems a befitting tribute to these noble and hardy pioneers that a descendant of theirs should gather and preserve in an imperishable form these mementoes they valued so highly."

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Customer Reviews

This book is a treasure chest of stories about early French Detroit. It was written in 1884, when

Detroit was already 183 years old and a prosperous city. The book itself is a nice, small form factor, the hand-drawn images are crisp and the font is very readable (things I feared would be done poorly when I ordered it). Kudos to Cornell University for doing such a great job with this classic book.

I love the history

I love how this book describes the stories of several of my ancestors. The stories seem like fiction but they many of the accounts actually occurred. Fascinating!!

This wonderful old book was first published in 1884. It contains thirty-one legends, that is, stories from old Detroit, dating from 1669 to 1815. After the stories, the book then has a group of histories of various old (French) families from the Detroit area, including the Chaberts, the Navarres, and the Reaumes. Overall, I found this to be a great book. It is an excellent resource for the historian and (perhaps even more so!) the genealogist. This book is a veritable goldmine of information, and I give it my highest recommendations.

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