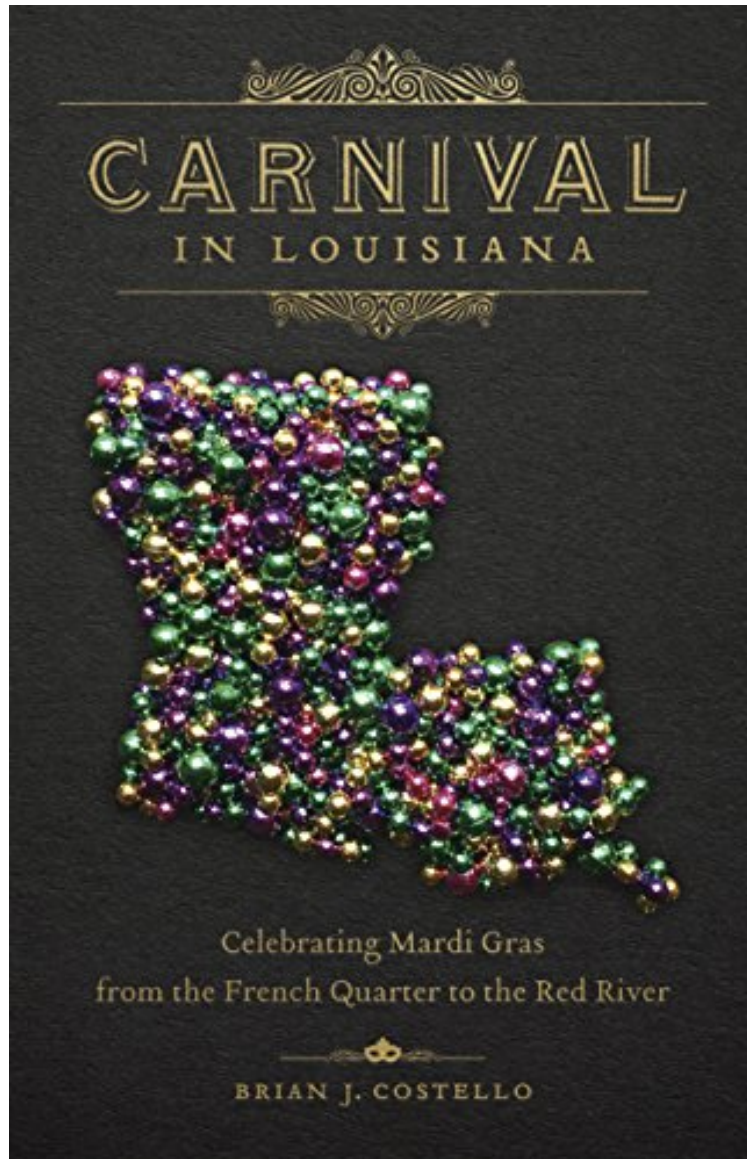


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Wonder Warthog Brian Costello has done his usual great job of both historical research and writing with this encyclopedic work on the history and current status of Carnival in Louisiana. Though encyclopedic in its coverage of the topic, the book is very readable. Having grown up in South Louisiana and lived there for much of my life, I "thought" I knew a bit about Mardi Gras. Boy, was I wrong. But correcting that state of ignorance was a pleasure. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Pamela Bain What an interesting book, and I learned many things about Mardi Gras, outside of New Orleans. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderfully and likely long-researched account about Carnival celebrations undoubtedly unknown ... By Jean Deaux Wonderfully and likely long-researched account about Carnival celebrations undoubtedly unknown to most Louisianans, and throughout history! Must read for Carnival devotees, Louisiana and cultural historians.

From the revelers on horseback in Eunice and Mamou to the miles-long New Orleans parade routes lined with eager spectators shouting "Throw me something, mister!", no other Louisiana tradition celebrates the Pelican States cultural heritage quite like Mardi Gras. In *Carnival in Louisiana*, Brian J. Costello offers Mardi Gras fans an insiders look at the customs associated with this popular holiday and travels across the state to explore each areas festivities. Costello brings together the stories behind the tradition, gleaned from his research and personal involvement in Carnival. His fascinating tour of the seasons parades, balls, courirs, and other events held throughout Louisiana go beyond the well-known locales for Mardi Gras. Exploring the diverse cultural roots of state-wide celebrations, Costello includes festivities in Lafayette, Baton Rouge, New Roads, and Shreveport. From venerable floats to satirical parades, exclusive events to spontaneous street parties, *Carnival in Louisiana* is an indispensable guide for Mardi Gras attendees, both veteran Krewe members seeking to expand their horizons and first-time tourists hoping to experience of all sides of Louisianas favorite season.

About the Author Brian J. Costello, an eleventh generation Louisianan, has written many books on the states history. He is the historian of the Pointe Coupee Parish Library Historic Materials Collection and he reigned as King of the 2009 New Roads Lions Mardi Gras Carnival.