

## Book Notices

*Indiana History: A Book of Readings*, compiled and edited by Ralph D. Gray. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1995. xiv, 576 pp. Index. \$39.95 cloth, \$22.95 paper.

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*Indiana History* is basically a new edition of Ralph Gray's earlier *The Hoosier State*. It consists of sixty-six selections from the *Indiana Magazine of History* and numerous other sources organized into eleven sections, with a brief introduction to each section. The selections range from Indiana's prehistory to "recent trends" and include essays on Native Americans, leaders such as William Henry Harrison, Governors "Blue Jeans" Williams and William E. Jenner, authors such as Ernie Pyle and Kurt Vonnegut, various wars, politics, race relations, transportation, agriculture, and manufacturing; there is even an essay on Alfred Kinsey, pioneer student of sexuality.

This compilation has the virtue of exposing students of Indiana and midwestern history to the work of various scholars such as William E. Wilson, John D. Barnhart, Emma Lou Thornbrough, Rebecca Shoemaker, and Ralph Gray himself as well as to numerous facets of the Hoosier state. There are particularly interesting essays by Gray on the Wabash and Erie Canal, by John B. Martin on Indiana's late nineteenth-century gas boom, and by Elwood Hayes on the early development of the automobile.

It has also, however, the defects of most compilations, especially an unevenness in quality and in coverage. There are two articles about the Ku Klux Klan but none about Eugene V. Debs, and the section titled "Recent Trends" is especially spotty in its treatment of developments since 1960. This collection will undoubtedly help Hawkeyes understand Hoosiers, but an even more informative source would be a general overview such as James H. Madison's *The Indiana Way*.

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