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Mardi Gras in Kodachrome Trafford Publishing

A San Francisco Chronicle Best Book of the Year Recommended Summer Reading -- Louise Erdrich, New York Times "Gisleson writes with wit, warmth, and a spiritual devotion to books...Her search for purpose and connection amid chaos and loss permeates even the most heart-wrenching moments of *The Futilitarians*--and it's what turns the book from a meditation on reading to a celebration of being." --Jason Heller, NPR Anne Gisleson had lost her twin sisters, been forced to flee her home during Hurricane Katrina, and watched cancer take the life of her beloved father. Before she met her husband, Brad, he had suffered his own trauma, losing his partner and the mother of his son to cancer in her early thirties. "How do we keep moving forward," Anne asks, "amid all this loss and threat?" The answer: "We do it together." While forging their happiness, Anne and Brad found that their friends had been suffering their own crises: loved ones gone, rocky marriages, jobs lost or gained. Together they formed what they called the Existential Crisis Reading Group, jokingly dubbed "the Futilitarians." From Epicurus to Tolstoy, from Cheever to Amis, they read and talked about the questions that dogged them most. In the year after her father's death, these living-room gatherings in post-Katrina New Orleans helped Anne blaze a trail out of her well-worn grief and finally share the untold story of her family. Written with wisdom, soul, and a playful sense of humor, *The Futilitarians* is a guide to living curiously and fully.

Beautiful Crescent Harvard University Press

"The traditions, the secret societies and the history of how New Orleans and Mardi Gras came to be as integral to each other as red beans and rice" (Blogcritics). New Orleans is practically synonymous with Mardi Gras. Both evoke the parades, the beads, the costumes, the food—the pomp and circumstance. The carnival krewes are the backbone of this Big Easy tradition. Every year, different krewes put on extravagant parties and celebrations to commemorate the beginning of the Lenten season. Historic krewes like Comus, Rex, and Zulu that date back generations are intertwined with the greater history of New Orleans itself. Today, new krewes are inaugurated and widen a once exclusive part of New Orleans society. Through careful and detailed research of over three hundred sources, including fifty interviews with members of these organizations, author and New Orleans native Rosary O'Neill explores this storied institution, its antebellum roots and its effects in the twenty-first century. Includes photos! "[A] spirited and richly illustrated account." —New York Theatre Wire The 'Baby Dolls' History Press Library Editions

America's greatest party and America's most colorful city, in all their shades, shimmer here in a never-before-published 1950-1960 collection of photographs taken at New Orleans's annual Mardi Gras. Photographer Ruth Ketcham chose the revolutionary Kodachrome slide film to capture carnival, its walking and parading krewes, bystanders, and masquers. Kodachrome's fade-resistant images preserve a bygone 1950s era, not only of Mardi Gras but also of a bustling French Quarter, alive again with Regal Beer ("Red beans and rice / And Regal on

ice"), Dixieland jazz clubs, the burlesque dancers and temptations of Bourbon Street, and the shopper's paradise that was Canal Street.

Krewe University of Louisiana
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 State's cultural heritage quite like Mardi Gras. In *Carnival in Louisiana*, Brian J. Costello offers Mardi Gras fans an insider's look at the customs associated with this popular holiday and travels across the state to explore each area's festivities. Costello brings together the stories behind the tradition, gleaned from his research and personal involvement in Carnival. His fascinating tour of the season's 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 Louisiana's favorite season.

Downtown Mardi Gras LSU Press
Library Collaborations and Community Partnerships illustrates the value of libraries and their resources through an array of alliances to improve health and enhance people's lives. It is unique in its illustration of key principles of collaboration, partner engagement, shared leadership, project development

and outcomes measurement, as well as the challenges inherent in collaborations among diverse partners. The book includes collaboration exemplars focused on education, health, information literacy and capacity building for populations that experience access and resource disparities. It highlights the innovative use of existing assets, environments and diverse professions to broaden access to resources and information to those in need. The strategies, challenges, outcomes and lessons learned that are described in the volume have application for a variety of settings and populations. Highlighting the key role that libraries play in guiding successful interprofessional collaborations with communities, *Library Collaborations and Community Partnerships* should be of interest to academics, students and professionals engaged in library and information science, education, health care, social services and community organizations.

New Orleans Carnival Krewes LSU Press
After Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and the surrounding region in 2005, the city debated whether to press on with Mardi Gras or cancel the parades. Ultimately, they decided to proceed. New Orleans's recovery certainly has resulted from a complex of factors, but the city's unique cultural life—perhaps its greatest capital—has been instrumental in bringing the city back from the brink of extinction. Voicing a civic fervor, local writer Chris Rose spoke for the importance of Carnival when he argued to carry on with the celebration of Mardi Gras following Katrina: "We are still New Orleans. We are the soul of America. We embody the triumph of the human spirit. Hell, we ARE Mardi Gras." Since 2006, a number

of new Mardi Gras practices have gained prominence. The new parade organizations or krewes, as they are called, interpret and revise the city's Carnival traditions but bring innovative practices to Mardi Gras. The history of each parade reveals the convergence of race, class, age, and gender dynamics in these new Carnival organizations.

Downtown Mardi Gras: New Carnival Practices in Post-Katrina New Orleans examines six unique, offbeat, Downtown celebrations. Using ethnography, folklore, cultural studies, and performance studies, the authors analyze new Mardi Gras's connection to traditional Mardi Gras. The narrative of each krewe's development is fascinating and unique, illustrating participants' shared desire to contribute to New Orleans's rich and vibrant culture.

Authentic New Orleans Routledge
"Exquisite in design and craftsmanship, Mardi Gras jewelry, offered as favors by krewe members, are cherished gifts, proudly worn year after year by the lucky recipients. As is everything related to Mardi Gras, these specially designed and crafted keepsakes are unique to the celebration and reveal the intricate detail observed in carrying out the annual tradition. Mardi Gras crowns, scepters, and mantels, designed exclusively for each krewe, dazzle with brilliant rhinestones and are truly fit for a king. In the last of his series, Henri Schindler recounts the splendor of the old-line krewes during the golden age of carnival (1870-1930) and the jewelry associated with them -- publisher website (March 2007).

Mimi's First Mardi Gras Susan Schadt Press LLC

Colorful illustrations of the rich cultural celebration re-create the look and mood of Carnival.

Lords of Misrule University of Louisiana New Orleans is practically synonymous with Mardi Gras. Both evoke the parades, the beads, the costumes, the food--the pomp and circumstance. The carnival krewes are the backbone of this Big Easy tradition. Every year, different krewes put on extravagant parties and celebrations to commemorate the beginning of the Lenten season. Historic krewes like Comus, Rex and Zulu that date back generations are intertwined with the greater history of New Orleans itself. Today, new krewes are inaugurated and widen a once exclusive part of New Orleans society. Through careful and detailed research of over three hundred sources, including fifty interviews with members of these organizations, author and New Orleans native Rosary O'Neill explores this storied institution, its antebellum roots and its effects in the twenty-first century.

Moon Nashville to New Orleans Road Trip NYU Press

In the first book of its kind focusing on the expansive African American Mardi Gras experience in New Orleans, float designer and native New Orleanian Rene Pierre documents and explores the richness of his community's contributions. With two generations of family photographs and a firsthand knowledge of the African American krewes, Pierre brings to light this oft-neglected aspect of the Carnival tradition. The artistry and history of the floats and costumes of these krewes stand as testament to an undercelebrated group of New Orleanians who have consistently enriched their city and its traditions. As a participant and member of the community, Pierre charts the growth and influence of the oldest black Carnival

clubs in New Orleans including the Original Illinois Club, the Exclusive Twenties, the Black Pirates, and the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club. Through one-on-one interviews with krewe elders, Carnival royalty, and artisans, along with family narratives from Pierre's childhood, *Carnival Noir* tells a very personal story of the black Carnival experience.

Carnival Noir Hachette UK

A brief history for New Orleans' greatest admirers. This concise history of the Crescent City contains chapters covering the Mississippi River, the city's founding, European rule, and more, updated with expanded jazz and African American sections. It is a must for every library and home, and for those who love New Orleans and its rich history.

Floodlines Univ. Press of Mississippi
Floodlines is a firsthand account of community, culture, and resistance in New Orleans. The book weaves together the stories of gay rappers, Mardi Gras Indians, Arab and Latino immigrants, public housing residents, and grassroots activists in the years before and after Katrina. From post-Katrina evacuee camps to torture testimony at Angola Prison to organizing with the family members of the Jena Six, Floodlines tells the stories behind the headlines from an unforgettable time and place in history.

King Cake for Cassius Arcadia Publishing
Children will learn the meaning of Mardi Gras as told by Cassius, an adorable boxer, who loves Mardi Gras. The book begins with children discussing what they're going to "be" for Mardi Gras. Cassius overhears that one of the children is unaware of the Mardi Gras tradition. She then explains that carnival season begins with the epiphany (Jan. 6 when the three wise men found baby Jesus) and ends with Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday). The dog also explains many of

the traditions and terms associated with Mardi Gras including King Cake parties, parades, krewes and doubloons. She shares the name of her favorite parade which happens to be a dog parade named the Krewe of Barkus. The story concludes with Cassius stating that she's going to be a wizard for Mardi Gras this year and asking "what are you going to be for Mardi Gras?". The book also contains a list of activities that children can do to celebrate Mardi Gras including a recipe for King Cake, instructions on how to make a shoe box float and how to have a mini-parade.

Diamondhead Pelican Publishing
Honorable Mention for the 2008 Robert Park Outstanding Book Award given by the ASA's Community and Urban Sociology Section
Mardi Gras, jazz, voodoo, gumbo, Bourbon Street, the French Quarter—all evoke that place that is unlike any other: New Orleans. In *Authentic New Orleans*, Kevin Fox Gotham explains how New Orleans became a tourist town, a spectacular locale known as much for its excesses as for its quirky Southern charm. Gotham begins in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina amid the whirlwind of speculation about the rebuilding of the city and the dread of outsiders wiping New Orleans clean of the grit that made it great. He continues with the origins of Carnival and the Mardi Gras celebration in the nineteenth century, showing how, through careful planning and promotion, the city constructed itself as a major tourist attraction. By examining various image-building campaigns and promotional strategies to disseminate a palatable image of New Orleans on a national scale Gotham ultimately establishes New Orleans as one of the originators of the mass tourism industry—which linked leisure to travel,

promoted international expositions, and developed the concept of pleasure travel. Gotham shows how New Orleans was able to become one of the most popular tourist attractions in the United States, especially through the transformation of Mardi Gras into a national, even international, event. All the while Gotham is concerned with showing the difference between tourism from above and tourism from below—that is, how New Orleans' distinctiveness is both maximized, some might say exploited, to serve the global economy of tourism as well as how local groups and individuals use tourism to preserve and anchor longstanding communal traditions.

New Orleans on Parade Univ. Press of Mississippi

The glitter and glitz of Mardi Gras in New Orleans draw people in, year after year. Floats, throws, and music all make memories that last a lifetime. In this joyful volume of photographs and essays, renowned photographer Judi Bottoni and Mardi Gras expert Peggy Scott Laborde capture some of the best moments from today's Mardi Gras celebrations. From the Twelfth Night Revelers heralding the start of Carnival season to Zulu and Rex bringing it to a triumphant close, *Mardi Gras Moments* highlights what makes the experience unforgettable. Relive scenes and music from famous parades and experience the signature floats that return year after year, including Endymion's Pontchartrain Beach Float, Orpheus's Smokey Mary, and Rex's Boeuf Gras. Celebrities, including Will Ferrell, reign over super-krewes as kings. Women wear the crown in Iris, Nyx, and Muses—known for its coveted shoe throws. The Mardi Gras Indians and the Baby Dolls show off a proud history in

costume and dance. The Rolling Elvi and 'tit Rax are just some of a wild profusion of show-stopping sub-krewes. The exuberance and thrill of Carnival are on full display in these stunning photographs.

Mardi Gras in Mobile Arcadia Publishing

In this study, Reid Mitchell takes the reader to Mardi Gras - a yearly ritual that sweeps the multicultural city of New Orleans into a frenzy of parades, pageantry, dance, drunkenness, music, sexual display, and social and political bombast.

Lords of Misrule ReadHowYouWant.com
New Orleans collectibles, and especially Mardi Gras collectibles, continue to be popular worldwide. This gorgeous volume of vintage Mardi Gras ball invitations, dance cards, and admit cards shows off just what kinds of collectibles are still available. *Mardi Gras Treasures* offers a wonderful look back on the glories of Carnival art, in a single volume that is itself a collector's item. This special limited edition of 500 is numbered and signed by the author, presented in a lovely cloth slipcase.

Mardi Gras Treasures Univ. Press of Mississippi

Traditional Carnival has been well documented with a vast array of books published on the subject. However, few of them, if any, mention gay Carnival krewes or the role of gay Carnival within the larger context of the season. Howard Philips Smith corrects this oversight with a beautiful, vibrant, and exciting account of gay Carnival. Gay krewes were first formed in the late 1950s, growing out of costume parties held by members of the gay community. Their tableau balls were often held in clandestine locations to avoid harassment. Even by the new millennium, gay Carnival remained a

hidden and almost lost history. Much of the history and the krewes themselves were devastated by the AIDS crisis. Whether facing police raids in the 1960s or AIDS in the 1980s, the Carnival krewes always came back each season. A culmination of two decades of research, *Unveiling the Muse* positions this incredible story within its proper place as an amazing and important facet of traditional Carnival. Based on years of detailed interviews, each of the major gay krewes is represented by an in-depth historical sketch, outlining the founders, moments of brilliance on stage, and a list of all the balls, themes, and royalty. Of critical importance to this history are the colorful ephemera associated with the gay tableau balls. Reproductions of never-before-published brilliantly designed invitations, large-scale commemorative posters, admit cards, and programs add dimension and life to this history. Sketches of elaborate stage sets and costumes as well as photographs of ball costumes and rare memorabilia further enhance descriptions of these tableau balls.

[New Orleans Carnival Krewes](#) LSU Press

In this New Orleans version of *The Gingerbread Man*, the King Cake Baby, a small figure that is traditionally baked inside a king cake during Carnival season, escapes and encounters various local characters as he runs across the French Quarter, heading for the Mississippi River. Includes a recipe for king cake.

[The Mermaids' Night Before Christmas](#)

Pelican Publishing

One of the first women's organizations to

mask and perform during Mardi Gras, the Million Dollar Baby Dolls redefined the New Orleans carnival tradition. Tracing their origins from Storyville-era brothels and dance halls to their re-emergence in post-Katrina New Orleans, author Kim Marie Vaz uncovers the fascinating history of the "raddy-walking, shake-dancing, cigar-smoking, money-flinging" ladies who strutted their way into a predominantly male establishment. The Baby Dolls formed around 1912 as an organization of African American women who used their profits from working in New Orleans's red-light district to compete with other Black prostitutes on Mardi Gras. Part of this event involved the tradition of masking, in which carnival groups create a collective identity through costuming. Their baby doll costumes -- short satin dresses, stockings with garters, and bonnets -- set against a bold and provocative public behavior not only exploited stereotypes but also empowered and made visible an otherwise marginalized female demographic. Over time, different neighborhoods adopted the Baby Doll tradition, stirring the creative imagination of Black women and men across New Orleans, from the downtown Trem area to the uptown community of Mahalia Jackson. Vaz follows the Baby Doll phenomenon through one hundred years with photos, articles, and interviews and concludes with the birth of contemporary groups, emphasizing these organizations' crucial contribution to Louisiana's cultural history.

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