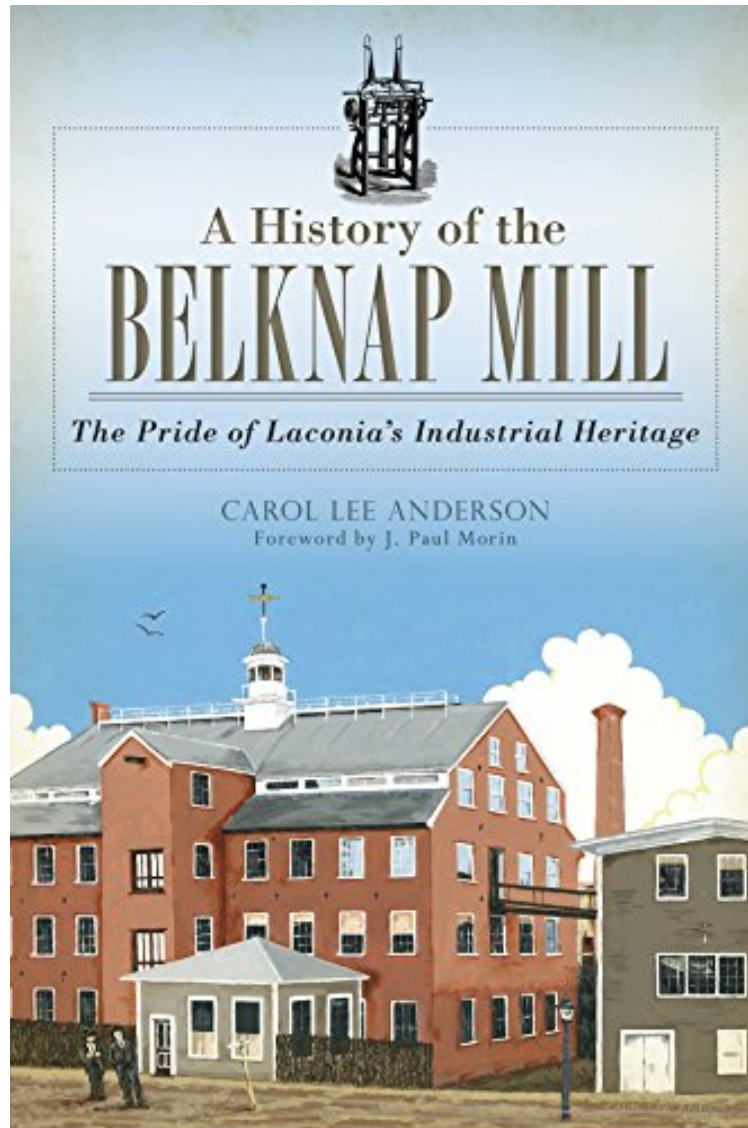


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A History of the Belknap Mill: The Pride of Laconia's Industrial Heritage (Landmarks):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. great history lessonBy connieI am from Laconia and because of my father dr Nathan brody am a proud owner of one of the bells as well as my two brothersIt is so nice to now know more about the millA couple of years ago I took my brother robin and his childhood friend dusty miller, a mechanical

engineer, to the mill. We got a tour. It was truly amazing to see the machines. My brother and I were all smiles when we left. We grew up on Lake Opechee across the lake from the lake port dam and Scott and Williams. I really enjoyed learning the history of the mill. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I really enjoyed reading this book by Denise Crompton. The author's appreciation of those who have come before her shines through in Carol Lee Anderson's history of the Belknap Mill. She details the story of the way the Belknap Mill developed to produce quality products, taking us inside the minds of those who developed and perfected the machinery used to make hosiery. Having been raised in a "Mill City" in New England, I really enjoyed reading this book. Although it was a different city, many of the circumstances surrounding the growth and then decline of the textile industry are similar. As a result of her research, Carol reveals a story of the people of the area, the way in which they came together to work toward perfecting the intricacies of knitting socks, and the pride they had in doing so. As happened with many of the other mills in the area, when the Belknap Mill was no longer needed to produce a product, some people wanted to tear down everything from that era. But community members came together to fight against many set-backs to preserve the Belknap Mill and create a Museum to help preserve an appreciation of the accomplishments of the citizens of Laconia, NH. This book should be present on the shelves of high school libraries.

Laconia's Belknap Mill thrived in the boom of the Industrial Revolution. The historic mill swiftly rose to the forefront of the city's hosiery industry in the nineteenth century. Lakes Region historian Carol Lee Anderson reveals the mill's unique history, including its inventive, entrepreneurial owners, their climb to industrial success and the challenges they overcame. This fascinating story encompasses the saga of countless French-Canadian immigrants whose arrival in the Lakes Region influenced the course of industry and daily life in the city of Laconia. The mill's story continues, and the preservation of this historic textile mill includes a fierce struggle of historic values versus urban renewal. Learn how this early symbol of the Industrial Revolution fought to become the pride of Laconia's industrial heritage.

About the Author For nearly a decade, historian Carol Lee Anderson has written about local histories throughout the Lakes Region of central New Hampshire. She has served as a board member for a number of historical societies, and, in 2009, she became a founder and first president of the award-winning Gunstock Mountain Historical Society. Her first book, *The History of Gunstock: Skiing in the Belknap Mountains*, was published by The History Press in 2011. Shortly after being released, it received the prestigious Skade Award from the International Skiing History Association. Anderson is also the author of *The New England Life of Cartoonist Bob Montana: Beyond the Archie Comic Strip*, which was published by The History Press in 2013.