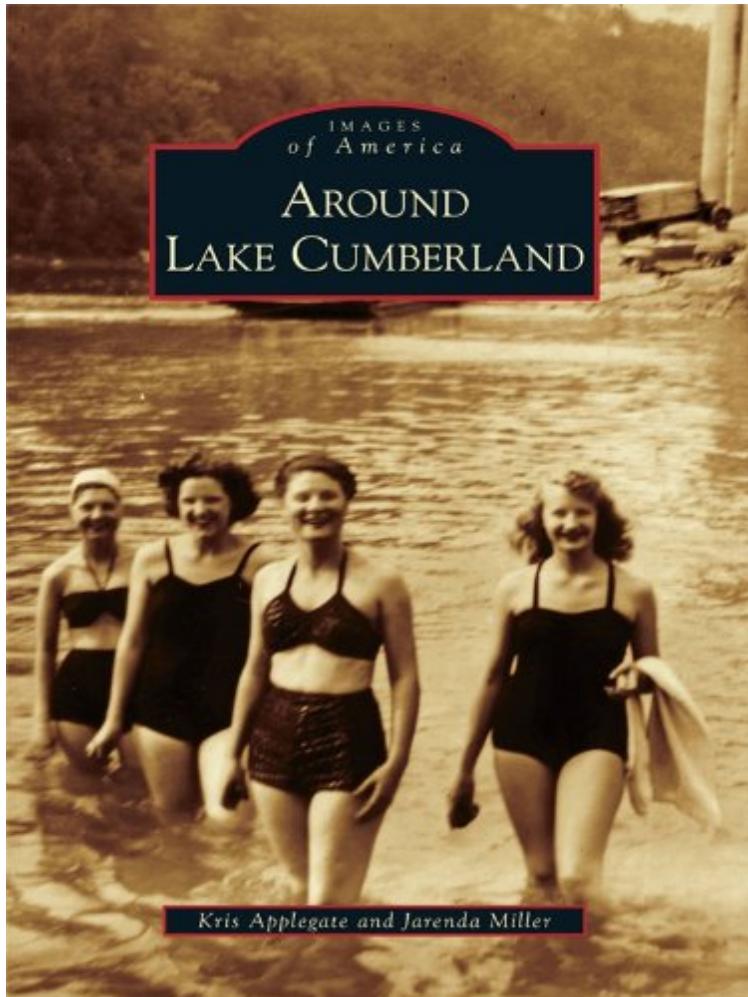


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**Kris Applegate, Jarenda Miller : Around Lake Cumberland (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Around Lake Cumberland (Images of America):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. great book....By Kindle Customer AbbyI've always considered Wolf Creek Dam to be an eyesore and the tourist the lake brings a nuisance but at least now I understand why the dam was necessary. The whole area would probably be flooded out now if it hadn't been built. A lot of the pictures show the destruction the floods brought over the years and some show the building of the dam, which was a huge task. Others show the steamboats and towns that had to be either moved or removed to make room for the lake. The authors have done a good job of compiling some old photos (all are in black and white since the story it is portraying takes place from 1900 until around 1950...no color film then, or at least not by people who actually took these pictures). The photos tell the story without the authors having to say much. It's all pictures, 2 per page, so there is a lot to see. One story she told in one picture cracked me up. Tom Moody of Somerset told of how his parents and one other person in

town were the only ones to own a car when they first came out. His mother crashed the car...yes, into the only other car in town and never drove again. I've seen a lot of old pictures of the area but there was a lot in here I had never seen. A great little book that I hope will stay in print a long time. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ReviewBy Frances E. WoodFor anyone who loves Lake Cumberland and history, this is the book for you. The pictures are a visual history of the lake before it was made. There isn't much text and a little more of the surrounding town history would be great but love the vintage pictures. A copy for all my fellow Lake boaters is on their Christmas list this year! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. loved this readBy CassieGreat read and loved the pictures and rich history

Lake Cumberland is a premier vacation destination for millions of people each year. With its 1,255 miles of federally protected shoreline, an average depth of 90 feet, and a surface area of more than 60,000 acres, Lake Cumberland is one of the largest man-made lakes in the United States, yet visitors may not realize the storied history that lies beneath the deep water. Before Lake Cumberland became a recreational paradise, the wild and wondrous Cumberland River ruled the land. Although plagued by spring floods, towns and communities prospered along her banks. In an effort to control the Cumberland River and reduce flooding, Wolf Creek Dam was constructed following the Flood Control Act of 1938. With the dam in place, Lake Cumberland began filling in 1951. The dam offered protection to South Central Kentucky, but it drowned or forever changed many thriving towns and communities. Images of America: Around Lake Cumberland shows what life was like along the banks of the Cumberland River before Lake Cumberland was born.