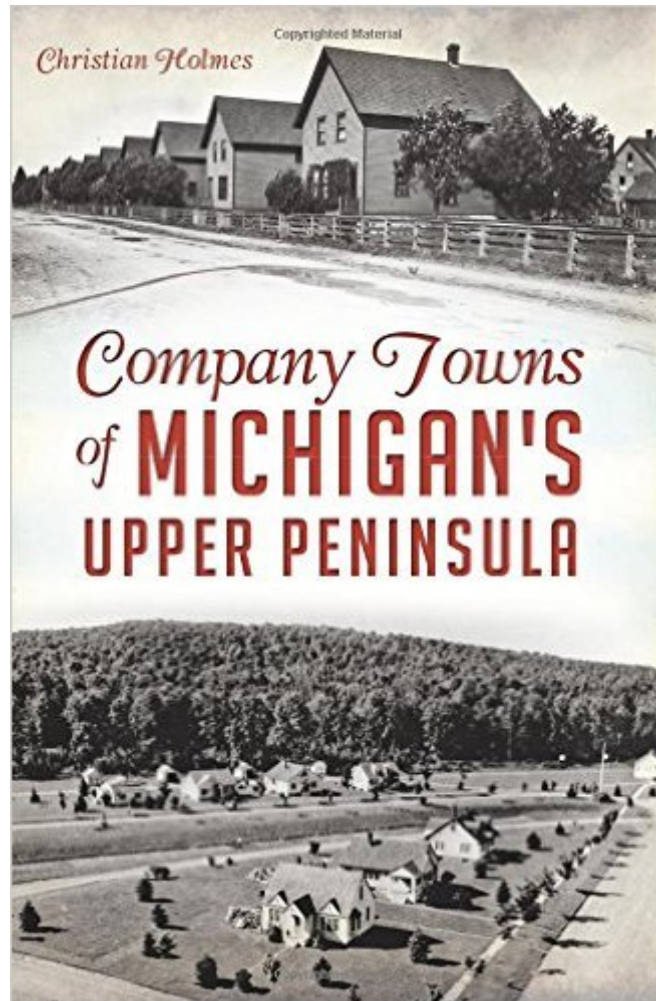


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# Company Towns Of Michigan's Upper Peninsula



## Synopsis

In the company towns of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, a worker's boss did extra duty as landlord, store owner and constable. The on-site mill manager in Simons, a town named after the furniture maker, even ran a successful baseball team. Built around iron mines and lumber concerns and directed by prominent entrepreneurs like Henry Ford, these industrial hamlets once lined the shores of Lakes Michigan and Superior. Author Christian Holmes uncovers rich stories of struggle and celebration as he explores the vestiges of these vanished communities and their lasting legacy in the identity of the Upper Peninsula.

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Excellent book for anyone interested in the history of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Or any history lover. The focus here is on the towns rather than the companies. Most histories focus on the companies. This one tells about the people and the towns. Very informative and enjoyable. Lots of good pictures. Very readable.

Well, I bought this because we planned to move to the Republic area and wanted to read the history of Republic, a company town in the middle of the UP founded by the Republic iron mine. This was a pretty serious mine. But, gee, there's no mention of Republic at all! On the other hand, what's there is pretty interesting.

Having attended NMU, I was interested in learning some of the history behind some of the towns in the UP. The book had some in depth background on some of these towns. You would have to have some spent some time in the UP to appreciate the hardships these mining town experienced. A nice piece of history for a fascinating area.

A great look into the history of the U.P. Fascinating reading, an enjoyable trip back in time

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