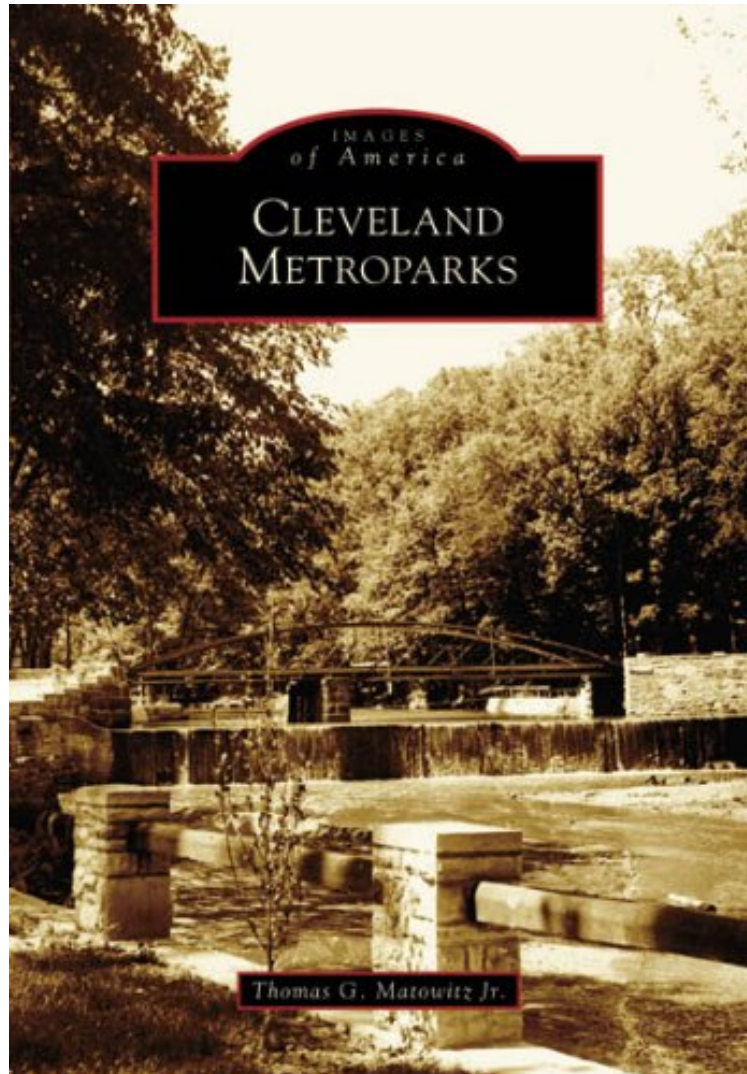


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**Jr., Thomas G. Matowitz : Cleveland Metroparks (OH) (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cleveland Metroparks (OH) (Images of America):

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Mark These books are great and the price was right. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book on the gem of the Park system in Cleveland, a must read for locals and visitors alike. By Chloe I grew up appreciating the Park, yet after reading the book Cleveland Metroparks, I have more gratitude for the foresight of William A. Stinchcomb and all those who sought to make this dream become and remain a reality. Once again, Tom Matowitz style of using photographs with thoughtful descriptions makes the images come alive. The contemporary views also offer an interesting time capsule showing how the Park has sustained

itself over 60-70 years of preservation. Painstaking researched and assembled, this book offers a glimpse into the early days of Cleveland. I hope locals and visitors to the Cleveland area will continue to appreciate the rich heritage that this Park offers to all. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Cleveland Metroparks By Rascal the Cat "Cleveland Metroparks" by Tom G. Matowitz, Jr., highlights the "Emerald Necklace" the string of parks surrounding Cleveland, linked by boulevards. The park system is dedicated to the recreation of the common man. It doesn't matter where you are in the city; you are never more than fifteen minutes drive time from the park. There are facilities for every sport imaginable: golfing, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, boating, hiking, tobogganing, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, sledding, geocaching, mountain biking and more. Having grown up running through the Wallace Lake area of the Mill Stream Run Reservation, I was fully prepared to pounce upon any inconsistency. The author has done his usual splendid job (please see my reviews on "Cleveland's Legacy of Flight" and "Cleveland National Air Race") and delivered a volume replete with information and images that tell the story of the beginning and growth of the Cleveland Metroparks System. Instead of finding misinformation, I came away from the volume inspired to seek out some of the areas that I was unfamiliar with. I think the only way to get a more superior introduction would be to visit the parks themselves. So I encourage you; read the book, and then come and experience first-hand the fruition of the dream of Mr. Stinchcomb.

A century ago, William A. Stinchcomb, aged 27, closed his annual report as chief engineer of parks for the City of Cleveland with a challenge to create an outer ring of parks and boulevards to benefit all residents of Greater Cleveland. By 1912, legislation authorizing it had been enacted, and three acres of land were acquired through a donation. This formed the nucleus of the vast park system that now includes almost 21,000 acres. Cleveland Metroparks has provided generations of area residents with readily accessible facilities for year-round recreation. The park provides opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, swimming, cycling, golfing, and boating. Use of the park, which crosses the boundaries of approximately 48 communities in the Cleveland area, has become a tradition for many families.

About the Author Thomas G. Matowitz Jr. is a lifelong resident of the Greater Cleveland area who grew up on the edge of Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Reservation. He tells the parks story with pictures from a wide range of local sources, including the Cleveland State University Library, local historical societies, and the parks own collection.