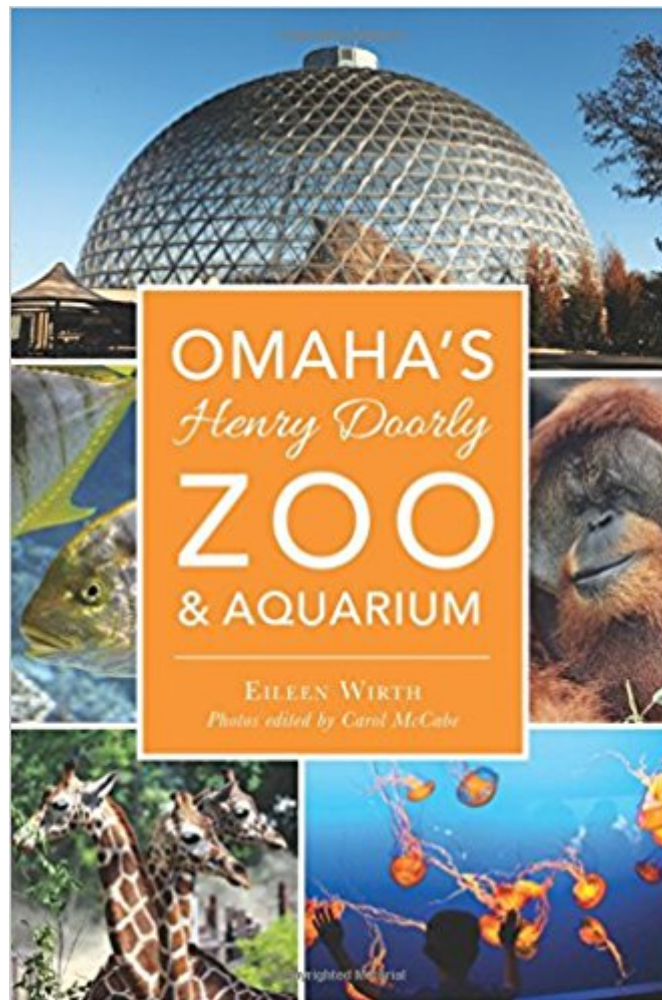




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Synopsis

Long ranked as one of the top zoos in America and even the world, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium's history has remained untold, until now. Beginning as little more than a menagerie, the zoo transformed into a spectacular attraction that now draws two million visitors per year. Supporters responded to innovative features such as the iconic desert dome, the new African Grasslands exhibit, the indoor jungle and the all-encompassing aquarium. More than just a showcase, the zoo also supports renowned wildlife conservation and research programs that help preserve endangered species ranging from coral reefs to tigers. Author Eileen Wirth celebrates the history and promising future of the landmark that continues to elicit great local pride.

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I'm a lifelong fan of the Henry Doorly Zoo, so reading Eileen Wirth's new book brought back so many positive memories of my childhood. More importantly, the book provides an insightful, behind-the-scenes account of what it took to transform what was once merely a city park with a few animal displays into the world's best zoo. Eileen does an outstanding job of chronicling the

extraordinary vision of Dr. Lee Simmons, former zoo director, and the incredible philanthropic commitment of Omaha's civic leaders. Eileen is a diligent researcher and a seasoned writer, who has used her talents to create a fascinating, quick-reading book about Nebraska's #1 tourist attraction. I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys visiting the zoo or is interested in Omaha history.

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