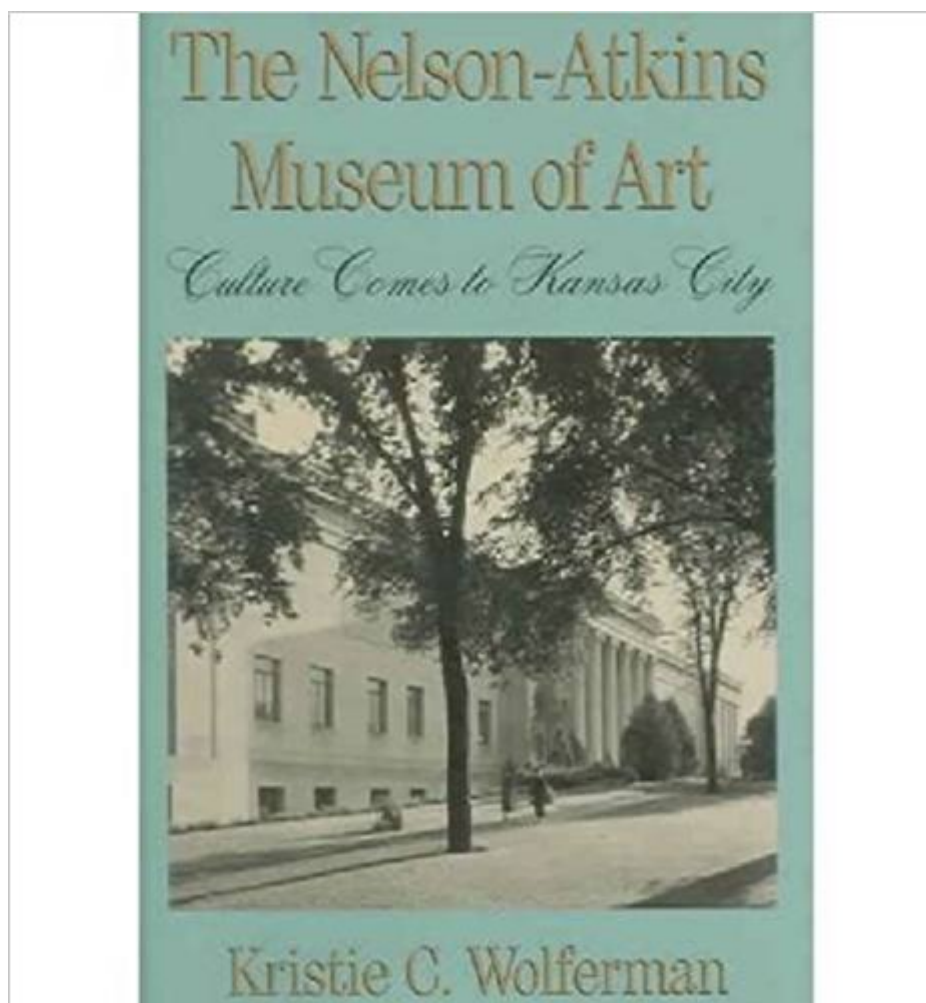


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The Nelson-Atkins Museum Of Art: Culture Comes To Kansas City



Synopsis

On the occasion of the museum's sixtieth anniversary, Kristie Wolferman tells the story of how the Nelson-Atkins came to be by re-creating the fascinating combination of people, events, and circumstances that culminated in this temple of art in the Midwest.

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Kristie C. Wolferman, a Kansas City historian, served the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art as a docent for over twenty years. She is author of *The Osage in Missouri* and *The Indomitable Mary Easton Sibley Pioneer of Women's Education in Missouri*. She lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and Pinehurst, North Carolina.

A well-researched history that covers the founding and early development of Kansas City's Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The author recounts how the estates of founders William Rockhill Nelson and Mary Atkins were joined together to create one of the Midwest's premier art museums, and indeed one of the nation's first-tier art museums. The roles that the trustees played are recounted---and one is amazed that just a few astute men actually ran the institution even after they had hired a director. The book has very few titillating or gossipy tidbits and steers clear of any behind-the-scenes controversies that might have been in play, though few such tales might have

added a little spice to the book. The book could have had a few more photos, and it certainly could have benefitted from color photos, not just black-and-white ones that were included. Still, all-in-all the, book is a commendable effort, and will be especially welcomed by those readers who want to know more about how Kansas City's well-respected institution of fine art came to be.

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