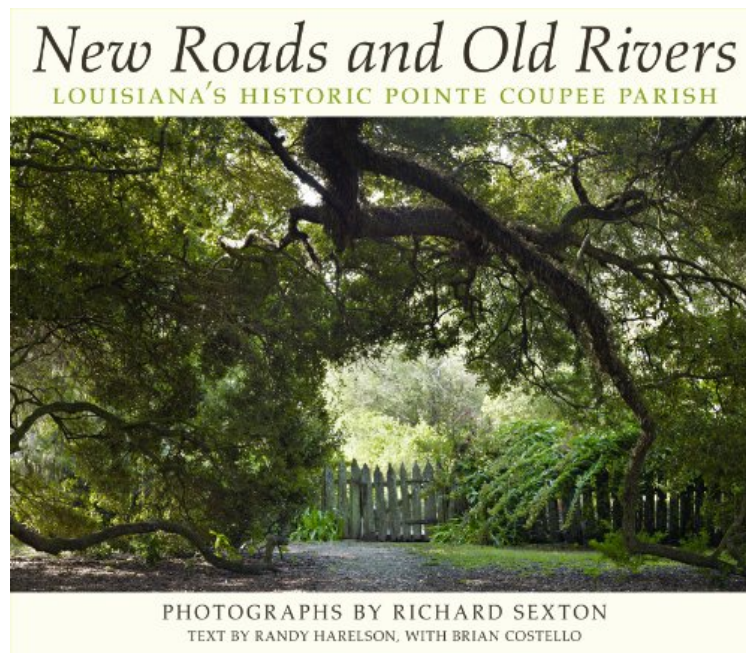


New Roads and Old Rivers: Louisiana's Historic Pointe Coupee Parish

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More visual excellence from Richard SextonBy Jon L AlbeeThe plantations of Louisiana are beloved historic monuments, and books dedicated to their preservation abound. Here is yet another. Those of you familiar with Sexton's book "Vestiges of Grandeur" know that you're in for a treat in this book. Here, the author's pen and photographer's lens are pointed at Pointe Coupee, north of Baton Rouge.This book brings the same kind of excellence in photography that has so frequently been applied to the River Road up north to the equally stunning Pointe Coupee Parish. The book is organized as an architectural catalog of about 50 well-chosen sites, grouped by geographical area within the Parish. The photography, which is mostly external, is simply outstanding. While architecture is very much the feature attraction, the author and photographer have decorated the entire essay with shots from everyday life. Portraits and still life give the book an intimacy that makes it more than simply a catalog of buildings. The text serves to frame the photography, and is not intended to be an academic study of the region's architecture or history.This is a book that made me want to plan a journey. Very much a book intended for informal browsing, it will not serve the more academic interests of architects or architectural historians. I would recommend this book to anyone with an casual interest in architectural history or local history.8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. New Roads and old riversBy DBI am a preservationist of history. This book has fantastic photography of antebellum homes and excellent write ups of the old homes. I have visited Pointe Coupee Parish and

have seen some of the homes that were open for tours, and this book makes it possible to see homes that are private. This book is for anyone who has interest in history and antebellum homes. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A fabulous book! By A. Hill A fabulous book! Through words and photos, the authors give us a vivid look at an area of Louisiana that is overlooked. My wife and I have visited other areas of the state numerous times, but have only driven through Pointe Coupee Parish once. We have planned a trip to New Roads and plan on using this book as a guide for our visit. I have no doubts that it will be a pleasant trip.

New Roads and Old Rivers captures the natural and cultural vitality of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana, as seen in the stunning photographs of Richard Sexton, with text by Randy Harelson and Brian Costello. Pointe Coupee is one of the oldest settlements in the Mississippi Valley, dating to the 1720s. French for "a place cut off," the name refers to the area's three oxbow lakes, separated from the Mississippi over centuries. Edged by the Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers, Pointe Coupee remains a land rich in Creole heritage, distinct in geographical beauty, and abounding in historic homes and farms. In 200 color images, Sexton artistically portrays the region's sights: Native American mounds, bayous and lakes, productive agricultural fields and industries, slave cabins and plantation homes, small towns, and family and civic celebrations. Photographs include most of Pointe Coupee's seventy surviving antebellum structures, along with some of its sixty-two massive trees listed on the Live Oak Society register. A timeline of key events situates the parish's history within the wider world. From the Pointe Coupee Coast -- where in the early 1700s explorers, soldiers, missionaries, colonists, and enslaved and free people of color began settling the banks of the Mississippi River -- to the Acadiana Trail -- US-190, the only four-lane highway in the parish -- New Roads and Old Rivers illuminates the history and cultural foundations of the entire state. This arresting portrait of Old Louisiana honors Pointe Coupee generations, past and present.

This is a must-read for appreciating how the great Mississippi and Atchafalaya rivers continue to shape and define Louisiana's distinct history, culture, and sense of place. --Southern Living About the Author Richard Sexton is a noted photographer and author of books on architecture, design, urbanism, and the natural landscape. He is equally known for his fine art photographs held in museums, private collections, and galleries. His work has been published in numerous magazines in the United States and Europe. Randy Harelson is an artist, writer, horticulturist, and educator originally from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He has lived in New Roads since 2006. Brian Costello's family has called Pointe Coupee home through eleven generations. He is the author of A History of Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana and seventeen other books. The founding archivist of the Historical Materials Collection at the Pointe Coupee Parish Library, he lives on False River with his wife, Mary.