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Now at least 250,000 strong, the Dutch in greater Chicago have lived for 150 years "below the radar screens" of historians and the general public. Indeed, with their strong entrepreneurial spirit and isolationist streak, they have flourished in modern American society while managing to maintain much of their distinctive heritage. Here their story is told for the first time, as internationally renowned immigration historian Robert Swierenga presents a colorful, comprehensive history of the Dutch Americans who have made their home in the Windy City since the mid-1800s. Dutch Chicago is the first serious work on its subject, and it promises to be the definitive history. Swierenga's engaging narrative, replete with historical detail and anecdotes, is accompanied by more than 250 photographs and illustrations. Substantial appendixes list Dutch-owned garbage and cartage companies and Reformed churches and schools in greater Chicago. This book will be enjoyed by readers with Dutch roots as well as by anyone interested in America's rich ethnic diversity.



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