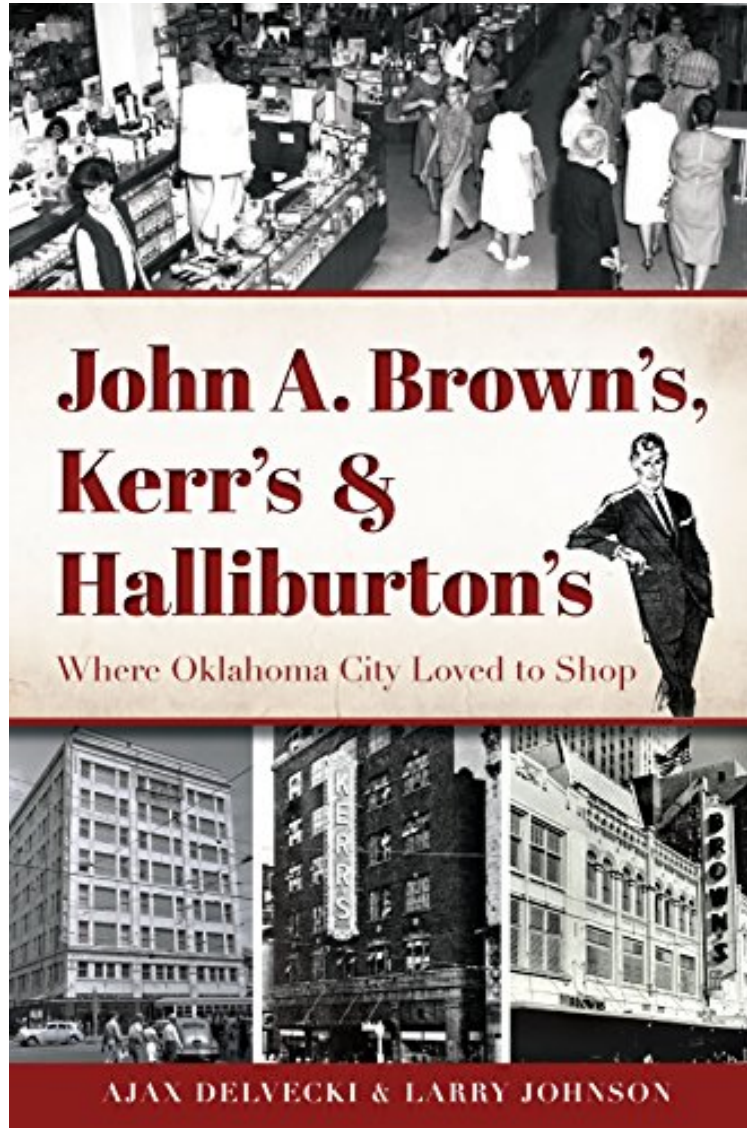


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Quite an Interesting Local SubjectBy Noir de CoeurI purchased a copy and started reading it tonight. I found myself caught up in the history of the people behind these retail giants of Oklahoma. Driving through town will be more interesting, knowing more about the different movers and shakers

whose names now grace our housing additions, streets and stores. I missed much of the heyday discussed in the book, but had a rush of memories of going to many of the more suburban malls mentioned that heralded the end of major retail shopping in downtown Oklahoma City. I thought it was a well researched book. I liked that there was a section including a variety of memories from store workers and shoppers. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three of the Retail Giants of OKC By Dandydoc I grew up in OKC and have childhood memories of these stores from the early sixties into the 80s. This book give a nice, concise history of the personalities and the business strategies behind the stores. My, how retail has changed. In particular, I liked the coverage of Clara Luper and her polite sit-ins that led to real change in OKC. Despite pressure to maintain segregation, Mrs. Brown did the right thing and integrated the food services at Brown's. Jim Crow laws were standard for the time in OKC. I would have liked to read about Anthony's, TGY, and Otasco as well. They were a big part of my youth. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Department Store Collector By Andrew As a collector of books on Department Store History, I found this book very interesting. Oklahoma City was lucky to have these three distinct interesting stores. John A. Brown has the most coverage in the book, I feel there is even more that could have been included. Kerr's and Halliburton's are given an overview of their history in comparison.

Department stores John A. Browns, Kerrs and Halliburtons ruled supreme in Oklahoma City. From lucky penny giveaways to defying blue laws, the three big department stores did whatever it took to entertain and entice. The stunning display windows of Kerrs downtown once lured shoppers inside, but the closing of Halliburtons in 1961 signaled the final days of downtown shopping. Adoption fairs and civil rights sit-ins at Browns wove the store into the social fabric of the city. Authors Ajax Delvecki and Larry Johnson chronicle the stories, history and memories of the best of Oklahoma City shopping.

The authors, an archivist and a history librarian, respectively, work in Oklahoma City and know more about its history than just about anyone. Their book title may sound flippant, but the city's three large department stores played a significant role in its history perhaps especially at Brown's, the site of adoption fairs and civil rights sit-ins. --The Oklahoman "About the Author Ajax Delvecki is an archivist with the City of Oklahoma City. He earned his BA in geography (with a cultural, historical and social emphasis), a master's degree in international studies and a master's of library science. In addition to researching old stores in the USA, Wales and South Africa, Ajax has written for a number of publications and conferences, and is known locally as Mr. "That Used To Be..." Oklahoma City resident Larry Johnson works as a history librarian for the Metropolitan Library System, where he coordinates the Oklahoma Collection. He holds degrees in both history and information science. Larry is a frequent contributor to Info magazine and is the author of seven books.