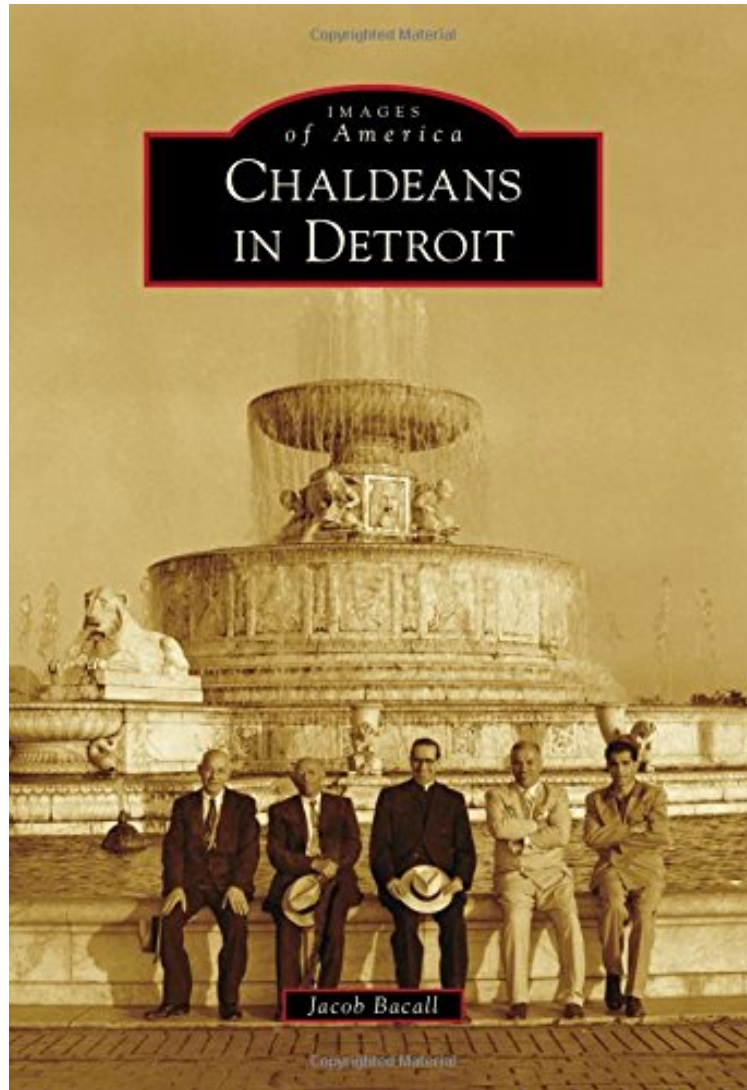


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not only received an autographed copy for myself, but I purchased more than 24 copies from the author and distributed them as gifts to my Chaldean friends. There is a rich history for the Chaldean people, especially in this area for which I have served as Mayor for 20 years. I congratulate Jacob and the leaders of the community for the valuable part they played, and continue to play. An outstanding book, Jacob! Well-done. I highly recommend it for fans of Arcadia's "Images of" series, not just the Chaldean community. Jerry1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Must Read for all Chaldeans and those who want to learn more about modern day Chaldeans. By D. Halabu This is an amazing book written by my friend Jacob Bacall. His presentation about our Chaldean culture as it exists today not only in SE Michigan, but as Chaldean Americans is spot on. He takes a very complicated history of an ancient people and presents it to a place where all can understand and feel the uphill climb our people constantly faced for generations both in Iraq and in Detroit. I forced my kids to read it, and they both had a much better understanding of what is meant to be Chaldean in Detroit. From our parents being un-accepted in their native land in Iraq, to the struggles of generations of Chaldeans who came to SE Michigan, to us modern day 2nd generation Chaldeans who continue to be proud of our Chaldean heritage, but also have assimilated with the American way of life to become doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and more importantly a fabric of the community of Detroit, a city itself that is known for its grit and underdog mentality. Jacob has done a masterful job of describing all of this with many photos, facts, and anecdotes from pioneers in our community. I know this was more than just writing a book for Jacob, but a part of his legacy he wanted to leave to not only younger generations but to all to better understand our people both in the present and past. I thank you Jacob Bacall and all the other trailblazers in our community, as our generation (those born after 1970) never truly knew what it took for our parents and those like them who gave up everything to come to this wonderful country for their future generations. Thankfully, these pioneers managed to keep many of the customs and traditions (like family, foods, and work ethic) that we need to hold the torch for our future generation and this book only documents all of it. If you'd like to learn more about modern day Chaldeans this book is a must read for you and your family. Thanks Again Jacob

Chaldeans (pronounced Kal-dean) are a distinct ethnic group from present-day Iraq with roots stretching back to Abraham, the biblical patriarch of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam who was from the Ur of the Chaldees. Chaldeans are Catholic, with their own patriarch, and they speak a dialect of Aramaic, the language of Jesus Christ. Chaldeans began immigrating to the United States at the beginning of the 20th century, when Iraq was known as Mesopotamia (the Greek word meaning land between two rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates). Lured by Henry Ford's promise of \$5 per day, many Chaldeans went to work in Detroit's automotive factories. They soon followed their entrepreneurial instincts to open their own businesses, typically grocery markets and corner stores. Religious persecution has caused tens of thousands of Chaldeans to relocate to Michigan. Today, the Greater Detroit area has the largest concentration of Chaldeans outside of Iraq: 150,000 people.

About the Author Jacob Bacall epitomizes the successful Chaldean American, as he immigrated to Michigan in 1977 and quickly established himself as a successful businessman. He tells the rich story of Chaldeans in Detroit with skillful prose and personal insight.