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Erna Fergusson : Albuquerque; before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Albuquerque;:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An Albuquerque classicBy Mike SmithLately, in anticipation of Albuquerque's official three-hundredth anniversary and in anticipation of the completion of the long-distance Albuquerque Urban Trail, I've been reading every book about Albuquerque I can get my hands on. That said, "Albuquerque," by Erna Fergusson, is among the best books on the city that I've read so far. While V.B. Price's "City at a Crossroads" is more concise and updated, Alan Oppenheimer's "Historical Background of Albuquerque, New Mexico" contains more information of the city's pre-history, and Marc Simmons's "Albuquerque: A Narrative History" is much more thorough and complete, this little book has a personality and a charm and an obvious affection all its own for the odd desert sprawl of a place that is Albuquerque, New Mexico. This book is only eighty-seven pages long, but every one of its pages is packed with information, history, and character. It's a very easy read, and the text flows past almost unnoticeably. The book isn't perfect--it occasionally contains somewhat pointless stories, especially in its mawkishly nostalgic chapter "Do You Remember?," its references to Native Americans and Hispanics are often all too typical of the time this book was written (1947), and occasionally the book's tone is so loving and praise-filled it borders on sounding like a tourist brochure or an article for "New Mexico" magazine--but overall it's still a pleasure to read. I read a copy from the library, and am now intent on buying a copy for myself. Like any good history of Albuquerque, this book is not only an account of this one city, it's the story of New Mexico, and the West, the past,

and the world.