Montgomery Bibliography

Our common history influences our lives whether we are aware of it or not. We can experience aspects of our history at such places as the Archives’ Museum of Alabama, Landmarks Foundation’s Old Alabama Town, and Troy Montgomery’s Rosa Parks Museum. Reading provides interpretation, analysis, and the details. Although Montgomery does not have a comprehensive, authoritative history book, we are fortunate to have many general and specific works that should satisfy most discerning readers.

This bibliography is divided into three main sections (MONTGOMERY HISTORY, ARTS AND ARCHITECTURE, and MISCELLANEOUS). The first is further divided into three subsections (General, Specialized, and Civil Rights). In all sections and subsections, the books are arranged from general to specific, chronologically, or by some other obvious category, such as biography or military.

Those books available at the Old Alabama Town gift shop are marked with an asterisk (*), and those that can be ordered by Old Alabama Town are marked with a double asterisk (**). Many of these books are also available at NewSouth Bookstore. The library of the Montgomery County Historical Society holds many of the books, as does the main Montgomery public library.

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