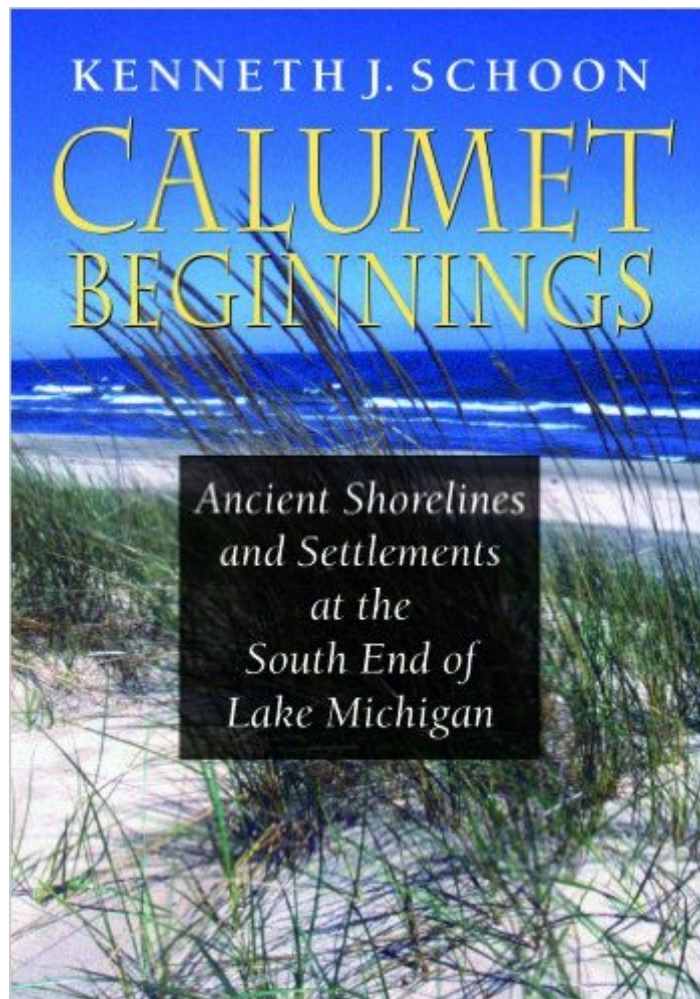


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Synopsis

The landscape of the Calumet, an area that sits astride the Indiana–Illinois state line at the southern end of Lake Michigan was shaped by the glaciers that withdrew toward the end of the last ice age—about 45,000 years ago. In the years since, many natural forces, including wind, running water, and the waves of Lake Michigan, have continued to shape the land. The lake's modern and ancient shorelines have served as Indian trails, stagecoach routes, highways, and sites that have evolved into many of the cities, towns, and villages of the Calumet area. People have also left their mark on the landscape: Indians built mounds; farmers filled in wetlands; governments commissioned ditches and canals to drain marshes and change the direction of rivers; sand was hauled from where it was plentiful to where it was needed for urban and industrial growth. These thousands of years of weather and movements of peoples have given the Calumet region its distinct climate and appeal.

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I went to a book signing when this book was first printed, a few years ago and purchased this directly from a store and had it signed by Ken Schoon. I have lent it to several family members, who swore they'd return it and I had to retrieve the book from their house. If you're from the NW Indiana, you'll be amazed at the detailed facts about the area and even specific landmarks that still exist today, like "Ridge Road" in Hobart, was the ridge of lake michigan, where the indians had a path. Stuff like that. I highly suggest this book.

I grew up in and around the Calumet region, so I wanted to know more of the area's history and geology. This book doesn't disappoint in giving you the perspective of more than 10,000 years of history of one of the most interesting places in the Midwest.

This book is everything and more than I expected with its colorful illustrations and in-depth explanations of the Calumet area history. Definitely recommended!

Residents of NW Indiana should own this book. I can say this as a native of the area, and I have worked professionally with Dr. Schoon.

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