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# Coney Detroit (Painted Turtle)



## Synopsis

Detroit is the world capital of the coney island hot dog—a natural-casing hot dog topped with an all-meat beanless chili, chopped white onions, and yellow mustard. In *Coney Detroit*, authors Katherine Yung and Joe Grimm investigate all aspects of the beloved regional delicacy, which was created by Greek immigrants in the early 1900s. *Coney Detroit* traces the history of the coney island restaurant, which existed in many cities but thrived nowhere as it did in Detroit, and surveys many of the hundreds of independent and chain restaurants in business today. In more than 150 mouth-watering photographs and informative, playful text, readers will learn about the traditions, rivalries, and differences between the restaurants, some even located right next door to each other. *Coney Detroit* showcases such Metro Detroit favorites as American Coney Island, Lafayette Coney Island, Duly's Coney Island, Kerby's Coney Island, National Coney Island, and Leo's Coney Island. As Yung and Grimm uncover the secret ingredients of an authentic Detroit coney, they introduce readers to the suppliers who produce the hot dogs, chili sauce, and buns, and also reveal the many variations of the coney—including coney tacos, coney pizzas, and coney omelets. While the coney legend is centered in Detroit, Yung and Grimm explore coney traditions in other Michigan cities, including Flint, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Port Huron, Pontiac, and Traverse City, and even venture to some notable coney islands outside of Michigan, from the east coast to the west. Most importantly, the book introduces and celebrates the families and individuals that created and continue to proudly serve Detroit's favorite food. Not a book to be read on an empty stomach, *Coney Detroit* deserves a place in every Detroiter or Detroiter-at-heart's collection.

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## Customer Reviews

A growing number of Michiganders (and ex-Michiganders) are intrigued and have a great deal of nostalgia for the Detroit coney dog (though rivaled by Flint and Jackson) and its history. This is a wonderfully researched and written book by Katherine Yung and Joe Grimm and the photos are an excellent compliment to the words. The coney dog has a great past, an intriguing present and a wonderful future and this book only makes your mouth water for a follow-up-Coney Detroit #2!

I grew up in the Detroit area and took Coney dogs for granted. When I moved out of the metro area I didn't realize that not everyone in Michigan knew how to make a real coney. This book showed me that this all American meal has a real rich history, with roots deep in our stomachs! The pictures and the research made me sentimental...and hungry!

I really enjoyed reading this book; but then I love eating coney dogs so it is a natural result. It was a quick, light, fun read about the history of coney restaurants with lots of pictures. And it was put together by volunteers from writing to photography, to getting it published with all proceeds going to Gleaners Community Food Bank. I learned quite a few interesting facts such as most of the coney restaurants getting their basic ingredients (hot dogs, buns, even coney sauce) from the same couple of suppliers. I also had not known the difference (or that there was a difference) between a Detroit coney and a Flint coney). Reading this book made me hungry for coney dogs.

What a great book that really captures the heart and stomach of a city! I think it's also fantastic that the authors traveled to other parts of the country to connect their relationships with hot dogs. It's a simple story with a complex and detailed history that makes you really think about the connection between where you live and what you eat. Can't miss book!

Told history of original Coney dogs, gave details on recipes, where to get products, and what makes Coney dogs so popular in Detroit

Well written, nicely photographed history of the iconic Detroit hot dog and how it became so popular in the Motor City. Includes reviews and biographies of the owners who made coney dogs a staple

of Detroit cuisine. Also looks at the places throughout Michigan that carry on the tradition.

Gave this to my dad for father's day and he loves detroit coneys and loves detroit history. He has already read it more than once and really likes all the facts!Great Buy!

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