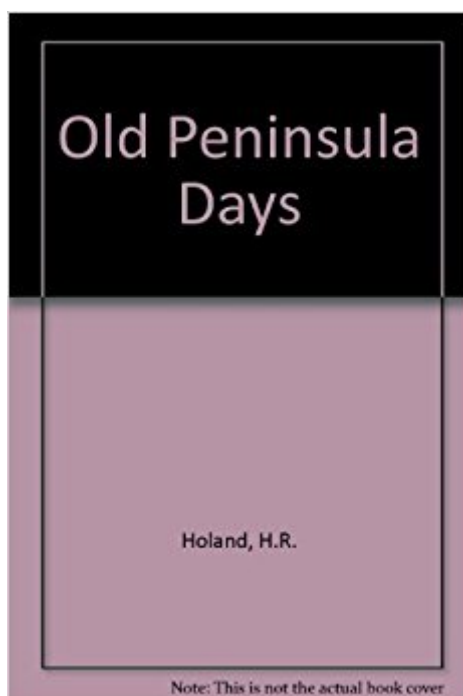


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# Old Peninsula Days: Tales And Sketches Of The Door County Peninsula



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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I started reading this with somewhat of an interest, since I bought it primarily for a friend. Soon, I was totally immersed in it and couldn't put it down. You can live without knowing some of this? Of course, but the characters are colorful and the early tales of these pioneers are just so phenomenal, that you wonder how any of them ever survived!

My husband grew up summering in the Door and he loves learning the history

Hard as it is to imagine, there lurks beneath the layer of casually well-dressed, pancake eating, gallery peeking outsiders from urban centers to the South, a stratum of history where, in Door County, Wisconsin, people actually depended on the logging of trees and the maintenance of big-lake shipping vessels for their daily bread. This book explores that layer, as well as the prior layer of Indians and missionaries, followed by the Moravians. The Indians gave it the name "Door" for reasons related by Holand, and the Indians were practitioners of especially brutal methods of starving, tricking and torturing each other in battles that ranged up this peninsula, and downward to the West along the Southern shores of Green Bay. Interestingly, Ephraim was "A Venture in

Communism" but now is surely more of a venture in condominiumism. Peter Rowley, the name-giver to Rowley's Bay, turns out to have been a land speculator selling chunks of a new city to other speculators, which would be built in spite of the total lack of any farming, fishing, or timber industry. It did not work. Still, it's a charming story wedged into this peninsular history, and its part of the unique charm of this piece of land poking out into Lake Michigan that it has produced such individuated little histories tied to discrete bays running up both sides with one extra measure of history allocated to Washington Island at the top. Importantly, this history achieves a kind of brand of tribal story telling which conveys the character of the place without becoming cutesy or even self-conscious.

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