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Arcadia Publishing (SC), United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Founded in 1868, Altoona was once just a small town on the prairie--at least until the planes, trains, and automobiles came. Trains started crossing this town as planes made their way to the Altoona Airport, and the construction of Interstate 80 on Altoona s north edge brought many tourists. The growing community has become known across the state as the Entertainment Capital of Iowa. Altoona is home to Adventureland Park, Iowa s largest amusement park, as well as Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, and it hosted the state s first municipal airport, Hanna Air Field. Various innovative individuals called this community home, such as Robert Townsend with his single-pass color printer and George Kurtzweil and his idea to grow the first acre of hybrid seed corn. Altoona s history espouses a unique combination of small-town Iowa traditions and progressive thinkers that make it unforgettable.

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