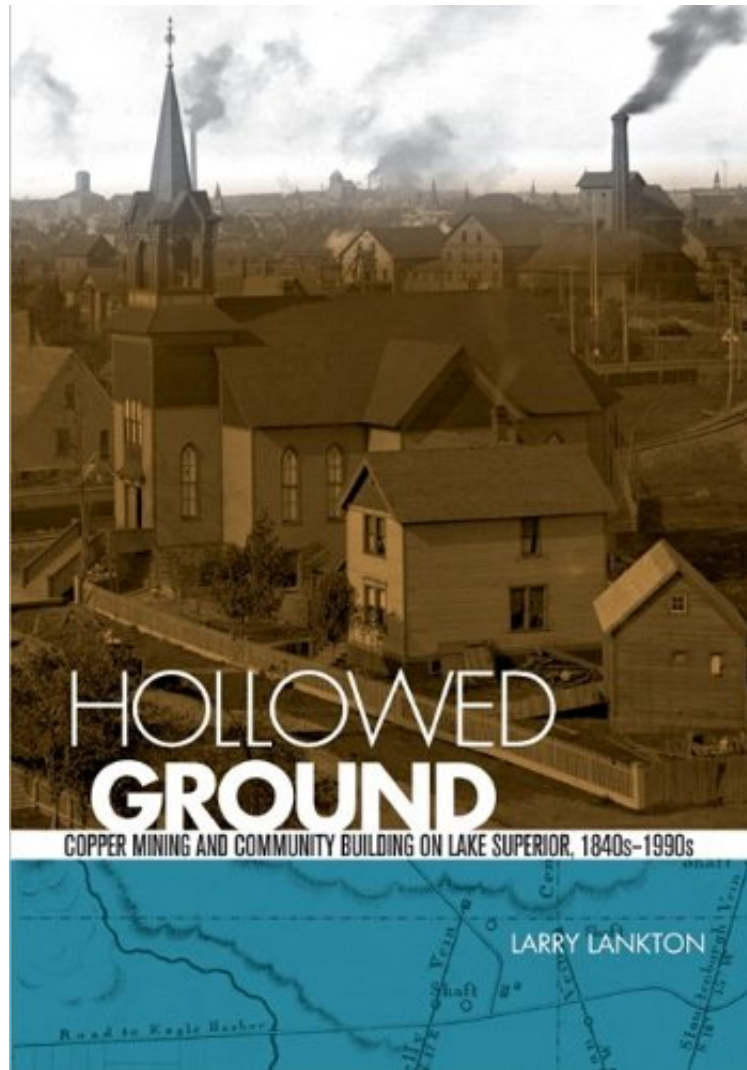


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number of fine books have been written about various aspects of the copper mines in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This particular book touches on many aspects from the Geology of copper deposits to the companies and the miners who worked for them. In several words it is inclusive in a way we have not seen since Angus Murdoch classic "Boom Copper" published in 1945. Hollowed Ground is not a quick read. You will want to take some time to consider the details. The recent TV documentary on the strike of 1913-14 is related in Chapter 15. By the time you arrive to this event you understand a great deal about mining and the history of the Keweenaw Peninsula. The book has an extensive bibliography and chapter notes. It is well illustrated. One thing I found lacking were maps of enough detail of locations mentioned in the text. I resorted to other sources. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Historical Narrative By Jeffrey Borne Too many books on heavy industry focus on communities, people and unions, and often neglect the industry that produced the wealth that made the former possible. This book doesn't follow that script. Hollowed Ground, while including the human side, has its focus on the copper mining, milling and smelting industry of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This book is a superb narrative of the operations in Copper Country. While some knowledge of underground mining methods would be helpful, that is not a hindrance in understanding the history of America's first major copper mining region. Definitely a book for those interested in copper mining and smelting, heavy industry and business. A good companion book would be Copper Country Rail by George Anderson and Richard Taylor put out by Arcadia Publishing. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great read By ejo This was purchased for a college class and is one of the most readable books I've had. The information is well laid out in the text and notes were easy to take while reading. As an engineering student, I greatly appreciate books that have well structured chapters and sections. This would also make a great book for pleasure reading if you're interested in the history of the Keweenaw.

In Hollowed Ground, author Larry Lankton tells the story of two copper industries on Lake Superior—native copper mining, which produced about 11 billion pounds of the metal from the 1840s until the late 1960s, and copper sulfide mining, which began in the 1950s and produced another 4.4 billion pounds of copper through the 1990s. In addition to documenting companies and their mines, mills, and smelters, Hollowed Ground is also a community study. It examines the region's population and ethnic mix, which was a direct result of the mining industry, and the companies' paternalistic involvement in community building. While this book covers the history of the entire Lake Superior mining industry, it particularly focuses on the three biggest, most important, and longest-lived companies: Calumet Hecla, Copper Range, and Quincy. Lankton shows the extent of the companies' influence over their mining locations, as they constructed the houses and neighborhoods of their company towns, set the course of local schools, saw that churches got land to build on, encouraged the growth of commercial villages on the margin of a mine, and even provided pasturage for workers' milk cows and space for vegetable gardens. Lankton also traces the interconnected fortunes of the mining communities and their companies through times of bustling economic growth and periods of decline and closure. Hollowed Ground presents a wealth of images from Upper Michigan's mining towns, reflecting a century and a half of unique community and industrial history. Local historians, industrial historians, and anyone interested in the history of Michigan's Upper Peninsula will appreciate this informative volume.

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