“You won’t be able to stop turning the pages.”—Lynne Rossetto Kasper, host of Public Radio’s The Splendid Table

State fairs are cornerstones of the American tradition, and few are as beloved as the Minnesota State Fair. Since 1854, Minnesota has reveled in promoting the rich bounty of its land and the magnificent talents of its citizens. From the legendary horse Dan Patch, whose record-breaking races kept the country on the edge of its seat, to Teddy Roosevelt’s famous grandstand speech suggesting that America should “speak softly and carry a big stick,” and from the invention of mini donuts to the discovery of batter-fried cheese curds, the Minnesota State Fair has captured the imagination—and the taste buds—of the entire nation.

As you travel through time imagining stolen kisses along the dark and romantic canals of Ye Old Mill and the thrills and chills of the Midway, as you explore the innovations found atop Machinery Hill and dig into a hearty breakfast at the Epiphany Diner, you will also uncover the history of this wonderful state. Filled with dozens of concessionaire and blue-ribbon recipes, fascinating facts, and over 1,200 photographs from the Great Minnesota Get-Together, this treasury of Minnesota’s happiest memories will keep you looking forward to the fair all year long.

Mother-and-daughter team Kathryn Strand Koutsky and Linda Koutsky are the authors of the best-selling, illustrated histories Minnesota Eats Out and Minnesota Vacation Days. Lifelong fairgoers, they worked in collaboration with the Minnesota State Fair to bring us this irresistible, first-of-its-kind compendium.
My Personal Review:
State fair buffs, cultural historians, sociologists, book designers, fun lovers, gift givers: Don't miss this Amazon-priced opportunity to buy MINNESOTA STATE FAIR, AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY. It's packed with thousands of dynamic, annotated pics. It's a 213 page-turner of great Heartland Americana. It's also the perfect coffee table gift for collectors, friends, family, and clients.

We are delighted to see that the award winning Koutsky team has produced another gem in their historic trilogy about Minnesotans creating and enjoying quality of life experiences. MINNESOTA STATE FAIR preserves and celebrates the State's extraordinary heritage. This book is crafted in the outstanding design format that characterized the authors' first two books: MINNESOTA EATS OUT and MINNESOTA VACATION DAYS.

We particularly enjoy the forward by the inimitable, Garrison Keillor. Our Minnesota friends agree that this book brings back memories of their favorite experiences at the Fair, such as grandstand celebrities and bandstand performers. MINNESOTA STATE FAIR actually covers one hundred fifty years of pioneering progress and fun.

It's another visual stunner. We found pictorial chapters about harvests and technology, animals and animal husbandry, grandstand and bandstand performances, midway attractions, racing and other competitions, exhibits and education, food and dining. There's even a 24-page illustrated appendix of over 100 tested, updated recipes from Minnesota State Fair food stand classics, blue ribbon winners, and the best of Heartland cuisine, as it evolves through the Century.

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