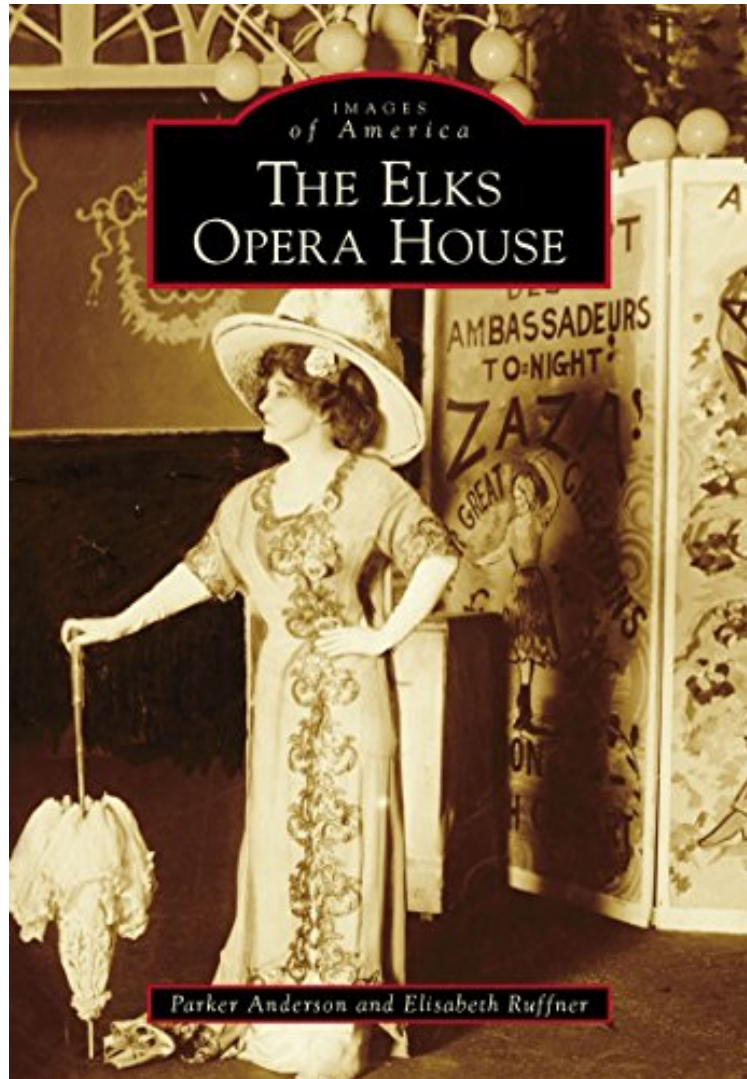


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About the Author Within these pages, historian Parker Anderson and the Elks Opera House Foundation present the history of this grand theater. Anderson is the official Elks Opera House historian, an actor, playwright, and published author. The foundation is represented by founding secretary Elisabeth Ruffner, who is an award-winning historian and writer. Photograph preparation, layout, and graphic arts are by Terry Berrett, an Elks Opera House Foundation board member.