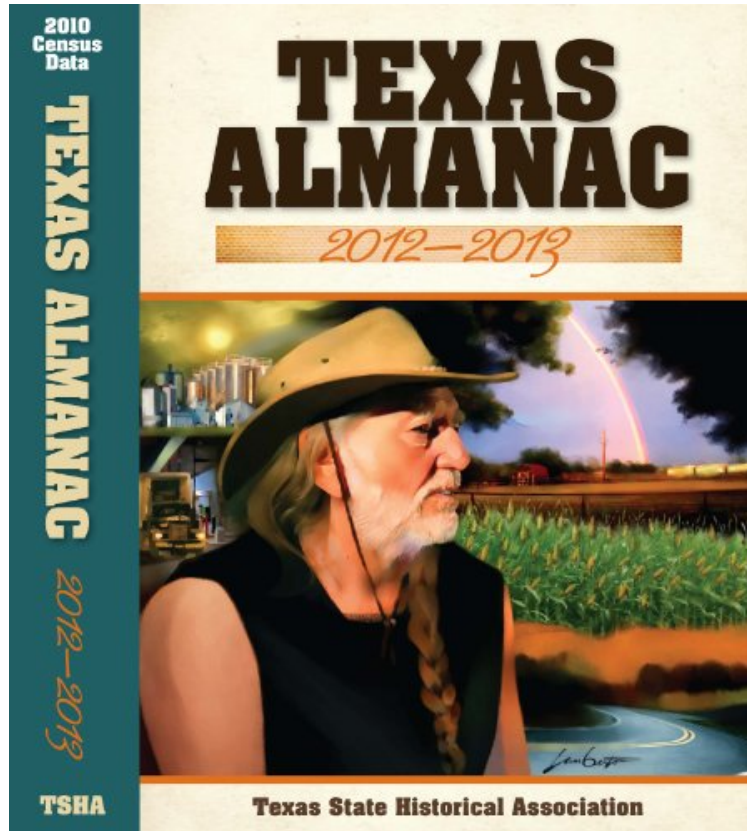


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white drawing made with, what looked to me like, a black marker. The photographs were washed out, low contrast. The print was small and the tables were hard to read. Now, over thirty years later, the Texas almanac is colorful and extremely easy to read. The maps of the counties are extremely useful as are the tables which, with color, are easier to interpret. The content is also topnotch. It is bound in a durable plastic cover. I fear in another thirty years there won't be a print edition, (it is published as a Kindle). I'll say, if I'm around, I will miss the print Texas Almanac. I highly recommend this reference book. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Essential! By Mary Ann Wilson THE essential Texas guide and handbook for anyone with an interest in Texas ... from birders to marketing consultants and real estate investors to weather and history buffs. A must for travelers and tourists. Beautifully illustrated with photography and detailed county/state maps in full color. Excellent charts and graphs ... everything from public fishing piers to girls' high school basketball stats to poet laureates to state and local government, and much, much more. Well organized. Comprehensive. Clear, accessible presentation. Highly recommended. Don't go anywhere in Texas without it. [P.S. I'm a repatriated Texan no longer living in Florida.]

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