



## Powering a City: How Energy and Big Dreams Transformed San Antonio (Paperback)

By Catherine Nixon Cooke

Maverick Books, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. At the center of San Antonio's growth from a small pioneering town to a major western metropolis sits CPS Energy, the largest municipally owned energy utility in the United States and an innovator in harnessing, conserving, and capitalizing on natural energy resources. The story of modern energy in San Antonio begins in 1860, when the San Antonio Gas Company started manufacturing gas for streetlights in a small plant on San Pedro Creek, using tree resin that arrived by oxcart. The company grew from a dark, dusty frontier town with more saloons than grocery stores to a bustling crossroads to the West and, ultimately, a twentieth-first-century American city. Innovative city leaders purchased the utility from a New York-based holding company in 1942, and CPS Energy as we know it today was born. In *Powering the City*, Catherine Nixon Cooke discusses the rise and fall of big holding companies, the impact of the Great Depression and World War II--when 25 percent of the company's workforce enlisted in the armed forces--on the city's energy supply, and the emergence of nuclear energy and a nationally acclaimed model...



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