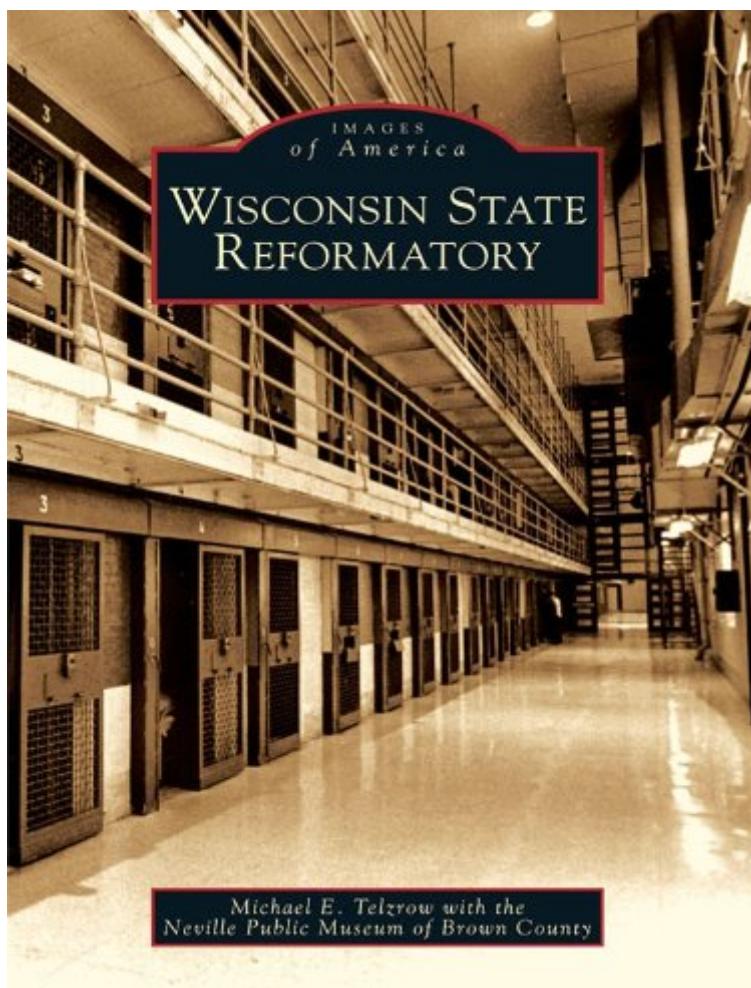


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# Wisconsin State Reformatory (Images Of America)



## **Synopsis**

In 1897, the Wisconsin state legislature approved the creation of the Wisconsin State Reformatory on a 200-acre site between Green Bay and De Pere. It was born during a period of profound change when liberal reformers began to question the traditional punitive approach employed in American prisons. The result was a shift from a punishment-based system to one that favored progressive rehabilitation within the framework of the traditional prison model. Elmira, New York, may have served as the reformatory model, but no other state embraced the idea more fully than Wisconsin. For more than 50 years, the Wisconsin State Reformatory remained faithful to the reform mission, adapting to changes when necessary but always maintaining a strong link to its past.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Excellent book!! Tons of pictures!! It's a great walk into the history of the prison. I work there, so I know that about 1% of the statements are a little off, but it's nothing huge. The author States in a couple pictures that the camera was facing one direction, when I know for a fact that it was facing a

different direction. He also states that the cell hall on the cover of the book is the north cell hall. It's actually the South cell hall. I did want to learn more about the old bowling alley, library and swimming pool in the prison that are now either vacant or turned into something else, but the book mentioned nothing about them.

Several relatives have worked at GBCI (formerly Reformatory) and I've been on two tours, so in addition to the personal interest this book showed a lot of history. Mostly pictures, which was a bit of a surprise, but very interesting.

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