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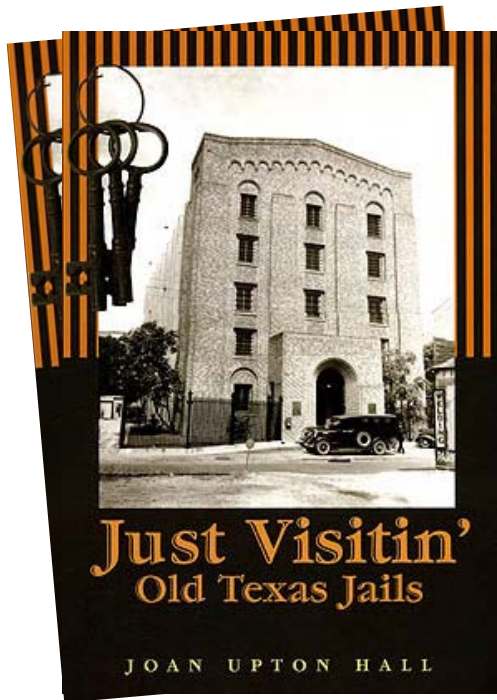
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## Book Reviews



## Just Vistin' *Old Texas Jails*

by Joan Upton Hall

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### Book Review by Chuck Parsons

Everyone has seen one, many have visited one, and some unfortunates even have to stay in one. For those of us who can visit when we want rather than be confined inside the place, this is a very enjoyable book to read. In fact, even for those who may be confined, it is an enjoyable book to read. Former English teacher, now freelance author, editor, and speaker Joan Upton Hall has visited over forty jails in Texas to discover how they are different, how they are alike, what has made them appeal to historians and preservationists, and what the community has done with those no longer in use.

Each chapter is brief; nearly all have an illustration of the historic jail as it appeared when used as a prison or as it is preserved today. For those of us who appreciate history and realize the importance of preservation, this is a worthwhile book; that it