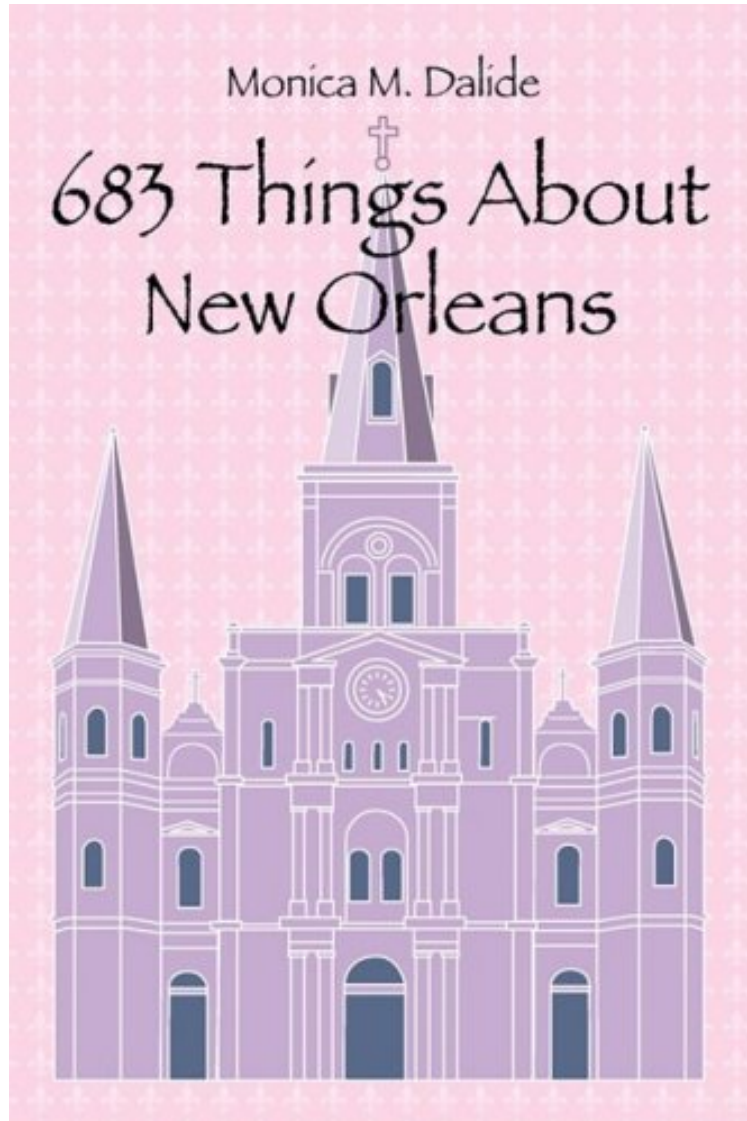


## 683 Things about New Orleans

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