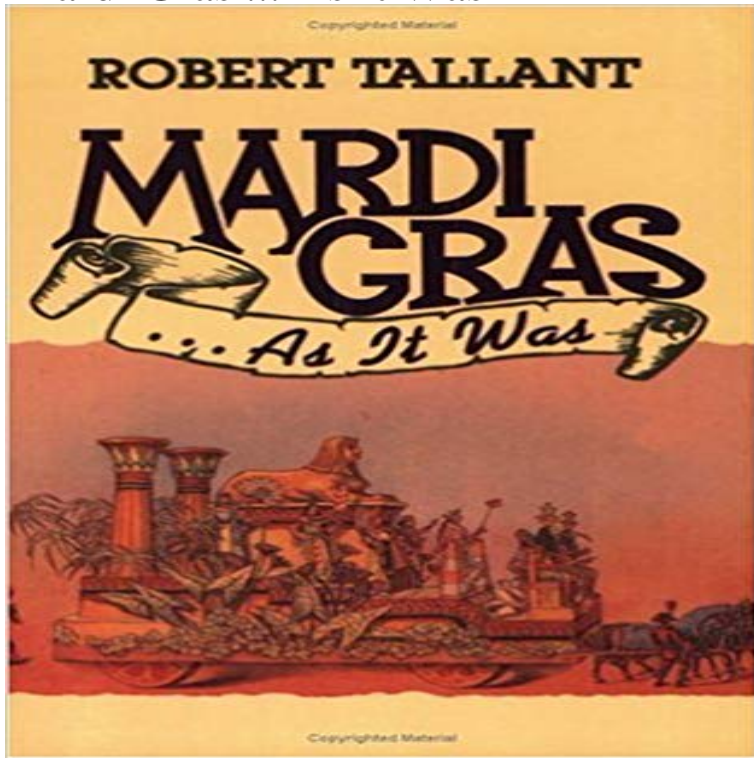


## Mardi Gras ... As It Was



Mardi Gras in New Orleans is an annual explosion of tumultuous celebration. It began among the French Creoles of New Orleans, and after the Civil War developed into a city-wide event with the visit of the Russian Grand Duke Alexis in 1870. In this reprint of the classic work by one of Louisiana's most notable authors, Robert Tallant examines the history and customs of Mardi Gras. He depicts the glittering balls, the ragtag marching clubs, the hilarious satires of the Zulu parade, and the grandeur of Rex. The volume tells how Mardi Gras has grown from a simple celebration to become the soul of the city. Robert Tallant (1909-1957) was one of Louisiana's best-known authors, and participated in the WPA Writers Project during the 1930s and 1940s. Besides *Mardi Gras ... As It Was*, Tallant also wrote *Voodoo in New Orleans* and *The Voodoo Queen*. With Lyle Saxon and Edward Dreyer he co-authored the famous collection *Gumbo Ya-Ya*.

Mardi Gras, like Christmas, is a whole season - not just one day. That being said, Fat Tuesday is the biggest day of celebration, and the date it falls on moves. Mardi Gras is about music, parades, beads, floats and excitement. Its one big holiday in New Orleans! Read more about these popular traditions. Cool fact: In French, Mardi Gras means Fat Tuesdays. Mardi Gras in the United States is not observed nationally across the country, however a number of cities and regions in the U.S. have notable Carnival. Find out more about the history of Mardi Gras 2018, including videos, interesting articles, pictures, historical features and more. Get all the facts on Everything you need to know about Mardi Gras, including updated parade routes, traditions, the best places to get Mardi Gras beads, masks, king cakes and Have questions about Mardi Gras? Check our FAQ page to get the best answers from locals. It all officially begins on Twelfth Night when a debutante finds the golden bean in her slice of king cake at the Twelfth Night revelers ball. She reigns as queen of Mardi Gras, which is French for Fat Tuesday, always falls 46 days before Easter. (Some use a formula that says it is the day before Lent, which begins 40 days New Orleans Mardi Gras history describing traditions including parades, krewes, king cake and flambeauxs. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday, also called Shrove Tuesday. It is the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Christian Lent. The holiday of Mardi Gras is celebrated in Southern Louisiana, including the city of New Orleans. Celebrations are concentrated for about two weeks before and - 6 min There's more to Mardi Gras in New Orleans than just one day or just one parade. Visit behind New Orleans Mardi Gras Dates for visitors to prepare their trip for carnival season. In this Holiday Foods video clip, we learn about what people traditionally eat during Mardi Gras. The Courir de Mardi Gras is a traditional Mardi Gras event held in many Cajun communities of south Louisiana on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Courir New Orleans Mardi Gras information about the history, traditions, krewes, tours and dates for visitors coming to enjoy carnival season. The 2018 date for Mardi Gras and the parade schedules for the New Orleans krewes. Mardi Gras traditions range from king cakes

to Mardi Gras Indians and Mardi Gras balls. [Click here](#) to learn about the history of Mardi Gras and the celebrations. When Mardi Gras and Carnival roll around, New Orleanians are usually asked one common question from the out-of-towners: Can I crash at your place?