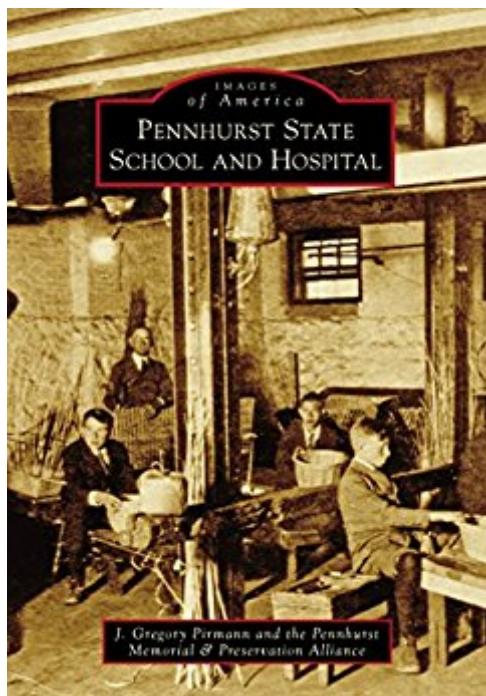


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# Pennhurst State School And Hospital (Images Of America)



## **Synopsis**

For nearly 80 years, Pennhurst State School and Hospital was a reminder of how society viewed and treated people with intellectual disabilities. Over its existence, Pennhurst was home to more than 10,600 people. Many spent decades there, working to keep the institution running by performing various jobs. While some enjoyed the lives they had fashioned for themselves at Pennhurst, for many others, life there was crushing. Pennhurst also played a central role in the lives of its employees and in the rural Pennsylvania community where it was located. Controversy plagued the institution for its entire existence, and it is remembered primarily as a place where bad things happened. However, it was much more than that. This book provides a window into that separate world, reminding those who were part of it of what they saw and did there and giving those who know only what they have heard or seen a different picture of what Pennhurst truly was.

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This is a traditional compendium of institutional inhumanity. I would have liked a larger format such

that the photos had a more powerful visual impact. This is certainly an essential history volume but missed the drama and translation into its meaning to the present in its conservative construction

This was a good book, even though it seemed to sanitize some of the horrific events that took place there. It's worth reading as long as you don't use this as your only source.

great look at the issues surrounding State operated schools for individuals that were thought to not fit within our society. Mr. Pirmann has removed the "vail" that these institutions have hid behind these many years. Many dedicated people worked on behalf of others that sadly were neglected and underserved.

This book was a very quick but interesting read. The information within shows the complete journey on Pennhurst and the pictures to illustrate the lives of those that lived there only make the read more intense. Very enjoyable and makes me want to research Pennhurst further!

This book told the sad truth and history of Penhurst. It captured my interest of how America acted toward people with disabilities. If you're into history you will like this book.

A good read and lots of great photos. Makes for an excellent addition to my state hospital collection.

Very well written. Love my book! Great price. Great photo's! Thank you!

It has lot of rich history in this fantastic book. I loved this book so much because of its history.

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