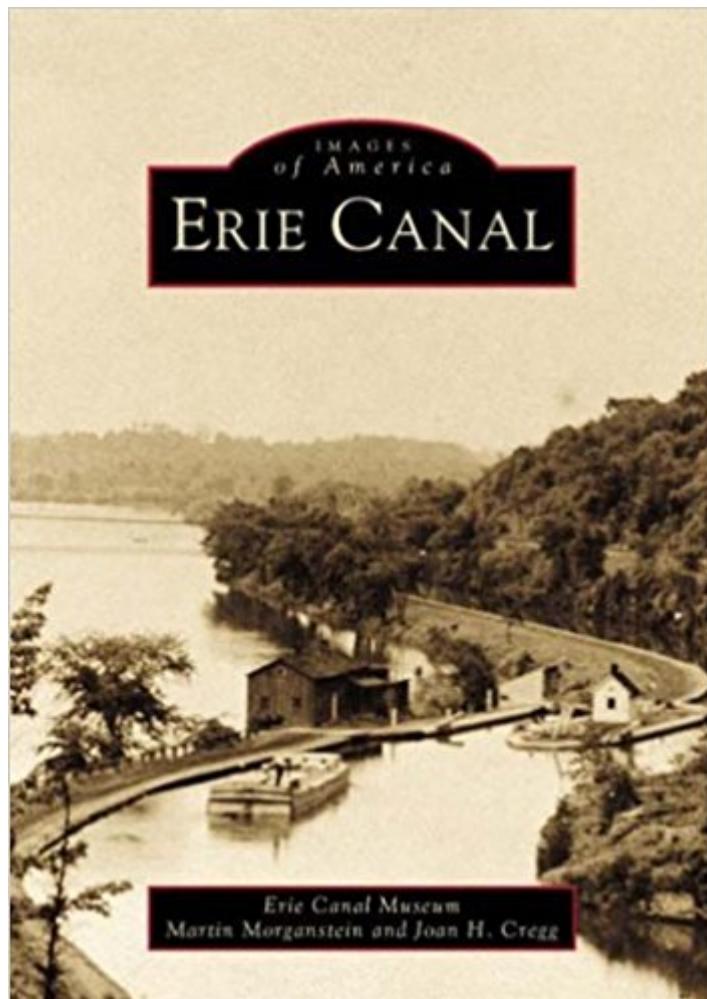


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The building of the Erie Canal was the engineering marvel that unleashed the growth of the young nation that was the United States. Spearheaded by the vision of Gov. Dewitt Clinton, New York State built the waterway that opened the West to settlement and made New York City the center of finance and commerce. Opened in 1825, the canal proved so commercially viable that construction of an enlarged Erie Canal began just eleven years later. The success of the canal spawned the growth of cities, towns, businesses, and industries along its route in upstate New York. Erie Canal takes you on a ride through the heyday of the old Erie Canal. You can swim with the Volunteer Life Saving Corps as they sharpen their skills, view images of mule-drawn boats wending their way through scenic countryside, and marvel at the engineering of the bridges, aqueducts, and locks that facilitated the functioning of the canal. Erie Canal travels a step back in time and illuminates the people whose lives were shaped by the canal.

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The Erie Canal Museum, founded in 1962, seeks to keep Erie Canal history and heritage alive. Martin Morganstein, development director of the museum, and Joan H. Clegg, volunteer guide and researcher at the museum, have carefully selected from the museum's extensive collection over two hundred images that depict life on the Erie Canal. These early images highlight canal cities and towns and the people that gave these places their spirit and vibrancy. They display the beauty of nineteenth-century rural New York and take your imagination on a trip through a bygone era on the Erie Canal.

Great

I love the "Images of America" series, but this one wasn't my favorite. I was hoping for a more broad overview of the canal - including many images from many different NY canal cities - Buffalo, Albany, Tonawanda, Lockport, Utica, etc. However, there were very few historic photos from these cities. There was a strong emphasis on the Syracuse section of the canal. (The authors were from the Erie Canal Museum in Syracuse.) Perhaps a better title would be, "The Erie Canal in the Syracuse Area." I enjoyed the historic images in the book - but there are hundreds of miles of canal to the east and west the Erie Canal Museum that were barely mentioned.

One of the best Acadia books I've seen.

OK

Tons of pictures organized by subject area and with informative captions that provide great background on the Canal.

As someone who lives by the canal, it only makes sense that I would want to read a book about it. I love the books in the Images of America collection and so it was the first book I looked for when wanting to read about the Erie Canal. Not disappointed.

I traveled across New York from Albany to Buffalo and back and kept seeing sites where the highway crossed the Erie Canal. It made me interested to do further research, and I ordered three books. This book is a fast read because it is mostly photographs of the Erie Canal when it was in operation, under construction and under repair. It provides a quick background on the canal and answers many of the questions one may have about the Canal.

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