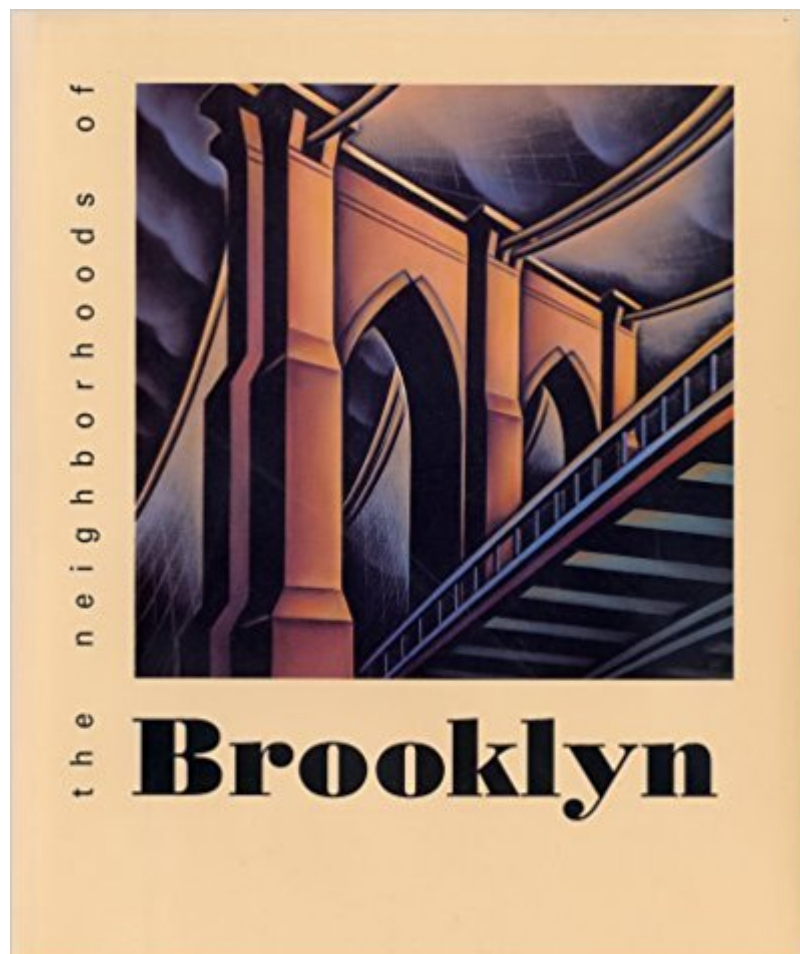




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Brooklyn -- famed for its bridge, its long-departed Dodgers, its Botanic Garden, and its accent -- is the most populous borough in New York City and arguably the most colorful. Generously illustrated with both historical and contemporary photographs, this book is an indispensable and entertaining guide, taking us on a tour of some 90 neighborhoods (including ghost neighborhoods that no longer exist) and identifying the boundaries of each one through a neighborhood profile and a street map. This book promises to be an essential resource for past, present, and future residents. This book is a joint publication of the Citizens Committee for New York City and Yale University Press.

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Customer Reviews

"A detailed geographic and brief historical-sociological look at... Brooklyn neighborhoods... An invaluable tool and an immensely enjoyable, entertaining read." -- Neil Sloane, *Go Brooklyn*

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Brooklyn, New York City's most populous borough, is ideal for walking. One of many things that make the borough so enthralling is the difference between neighborhoods, often clearly noticeable when passing from one neighborhood to another. Brooklyn - Kings County - was incorporated into New York City in 1898; and while there was then a City of Brooklyn, much of today's Brooklyn was

not part of that entity. Each neighborhood has a different history, from the early times until the present; and each has a somewhat different identity today. This book tells the story of each and every neighborhood, along with its history and its present. It also tells which are the main drags and the main shopping areas, and what sights and sites there are in each neighborhood; interesting pictures, both old and new, are included for each neighborhood. At the end is an interesting appendix with statistics for each neighborhood, including percentage of each ethnicity/race, average income, population, and percentage of owner-occupied versus renter-occupied housing units. This reviewer's only gripe (a decidedly minor one!), is that this section would have been better if it was at the end of each neighborhood chapter. There is a similar neighborhood book about Queens; when will there be ones about neighborhoods in the Bronx, Staten Island and Manhattan? This book is indispensable to anyone walking in Brooklyn, or simply interested in the city.

It is a pretty good book that I bought for my 96 year old father, who is a native of the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. While the book is good in general, it is "sectioned" into the different Brooklyn neighborhoods and the Williamsburg section seems to be much smaller than the other sections. Unfortunately, there was no way for me to be aware of this before purchase.

As a couple of other reviewers, I was disappointed in the lack of information about the neighborhoods in the 50s and 60s, when I grew up in East Flatbush. Even still, it is fascinating to learn of the full history of each neighborhood. How and when the original Dutch settlers bought the various sections from the Canarsee and Rockaway Native Americans. It is also interesting to learn of the fates of the various neighborhoods and their changing ethnic faces. I ALSO recommend the book "It Happened In Brooklyn: An Oral History Of Growing Up In The Borough In The 1940s, 1950s, And 1960s." The two books are VERY different. While this book is also light on the 50s and 60s, it brings back wonderful memories of Coney Island. It is actually a compilation of anecdotal memories from many people who grew up in Brooklyn, some of whom are world famous for various reasons!

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I have a relative that moved to Brooklyn. This book was fun and lots of information to help get to know the different areas.

Boyfriend loved it. He was born and raised in Brooklyn. :)

I am glad that I purchased this book. It is a great book to have out. It is a conversation starter. It gives great history. It is a good reference book.

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