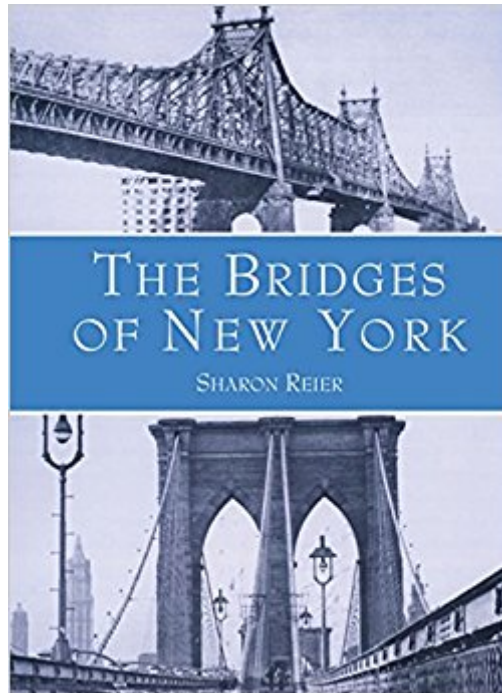




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Very informative and detailed. This book is a must have, for students of several backgrounds, and anyone interested in mechanical design and development of bridges, and the changes over time.

Wonderful pictures of the bridges. A great historical narrative that deepens one's understanding of NYC

"The Bridges of New York" is a great book for anyone who has marveled at structures like the Brooklyn Bridge. Author Sharon Reier does a splendid job of describing some of New York City's most interesting bridges, past and present, in this short, fascinating book. In both words and pictures (photos and drawings), she tells the story of these bridges. Until I read the book, I had no idea that there are more than 75 bridges over NYC's waterways. Note that the book was originally published in 1977, so newer bridges like the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge that was built in 1987 are not mentioned. But it's the older, historic bridges that are the focus of this book, bridges such as the Brooklyn Bridge, Hell Gate Arch Bridge, Williamsburg Bridge, and some of the lesser known bridges. The pictures alone make the book worth having, but the author's text descriptions reveal some marvelous tidbits of New York City history. As a retired civil engineer, I found the book to be fascinating, but I think that anyone who has been captivated by the sight of a big bridge would love this book. Another book that I recommend for bridge enthusiasts is "The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge" by David McCullough.

I'm from NYC and now live in northern VA. Brought lots of memories, very informative.

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