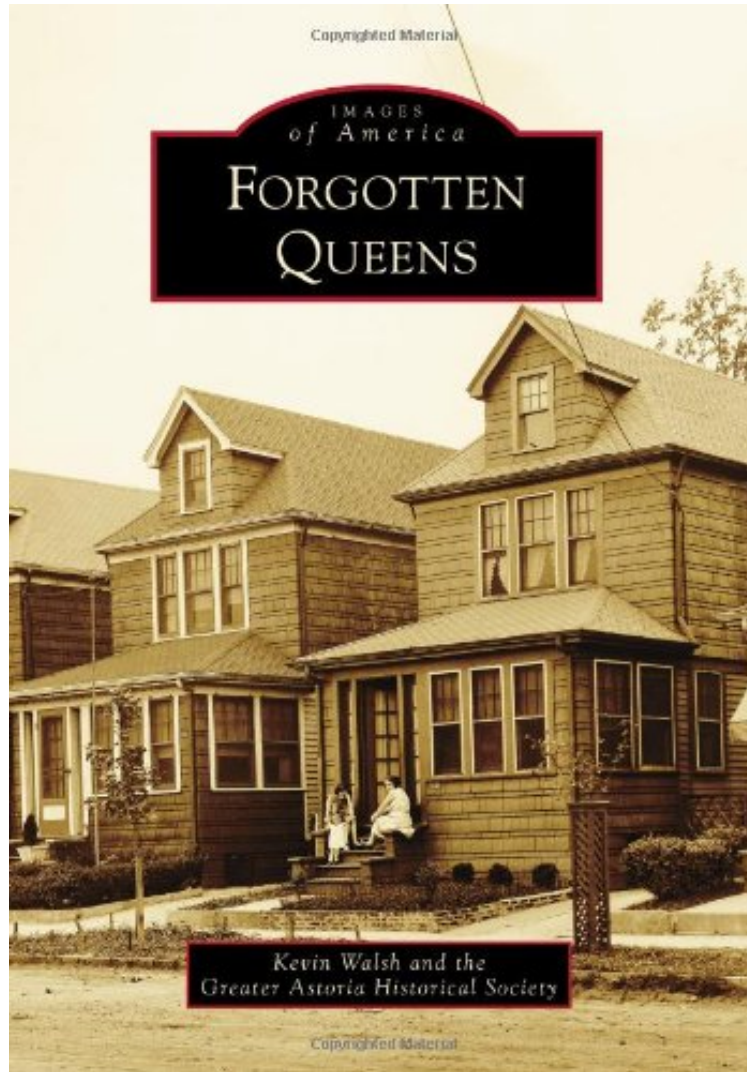


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Kevin Walsh, the Greater Astoria Historical Society : Forgotten Queens (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Forgotten Queens (Images of America):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Illustrated Book About Queens. By Adagietto I live in Baltimore now, but grew up in Queens, and have been a fan of Mr. Walsh's "Forgotten New York" for many years now, the web site being an invaluable resource for not only general New York City history, but some arcane historical stories that may otherwise have fallen by the wayside. This copiously illustrated book will bring back sweet memories for older folks like myself (I'm in my fifties) who vaguely remember a time when neighborhoods were kept clean as a matter of pride, when folks attended Sunday Mass in suits and dresses, or a time when the elevated subway stations

were open and not closed off with corrugated steel so vandals can't throw objects at people in the street below. This book is not just a trip down Nostalgia Way, but also serves as a warning against what happens when you don't remember, treasure and preserve the past. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Don't forget FORGOTTEN QUEENS By C. Greene Delightful surprising new book on old Queens. Thoughtfully captioned by an obviously respectful author with hundreds of never before photos of early 20th century Queens. Forgotten Queens. Reads like Seyfried's early works on the same subject. Carefully researched with no inaccuracies that I can see. Very satisfying food for the mind. Photos and printing are crisp and clear. A must have for anyone who loves old New York. Done neighborhood by neighborhood in an orderly, logical manner. Makes a terrific gift to the right person. I bought one for myself which my wife also read cover to cover and one for my brother-in-law, a retired NYC teacher. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Unknown Queens; Photographing the Changes of Small Town America in the Heart of Early to Mid 20th Century New York By Alan Gregg An unusual and surprising collection of photos depicting the changes of New York's largest borough from its rural and small town roots, to its mix of industrialization and suburbia, from the the post consolidation period to the period immediately after WW II. These are photos not often scene; of country crossroads, and old established small town suburbs, to pockets of industry and the coming of large multi-family dwellings. From near poverty to wealth. From disappearing farmlands to tract homes rising in the background. From beach bungalows and fishing villages to planned communities. From the forgotten trolleys, narrow and unpaved roads to the newly minted subways, bridges, boulevards and highways. A book chock full of surprising and interesting photos of a Queens that barely exists beneath the many layers of veneer that have since changed the borough over the last 60+ years from a newly blossoming bedroom community to the often crowded quarters of America's most diverse county.

In the early years of the 20th century, Queens County underwent an enormous transformation. The Queensboro Bridge of 1909 forever changed the landscape of this primarily rural area into the urban metropolis it is today. Forgotten Queens shows New York's largest borough between the years 1920 and 1950, when it was adorned with some of the finest model housing and planned communities anywhere in the country. Victorian mansions, cookie-cutter row houses, fishing shacks, and beachside bungalows all coexisted next to workplaces and commercial areas. Beckoning with the torch of the new century and a bright promise for those who dared to pioneer its urban wilderness, Queens flourished as a community. Through vintage photographs being seen by the public for the first time, the five wards of Queens are highlighted for their unique character and history.

About the Author Legendary tour guide Kevin Walsh, whose blog, Forgotten New York, has twice been ranked by the Village Voice in their Best of NYC list, has partnered with the Greater Astoria Historical Society, a dynamic group known throughout New York City for their vigorous efforts in community preservation, lively programming, and imaginative history articles. This is the society's sixth book with Arcadia Publishing.