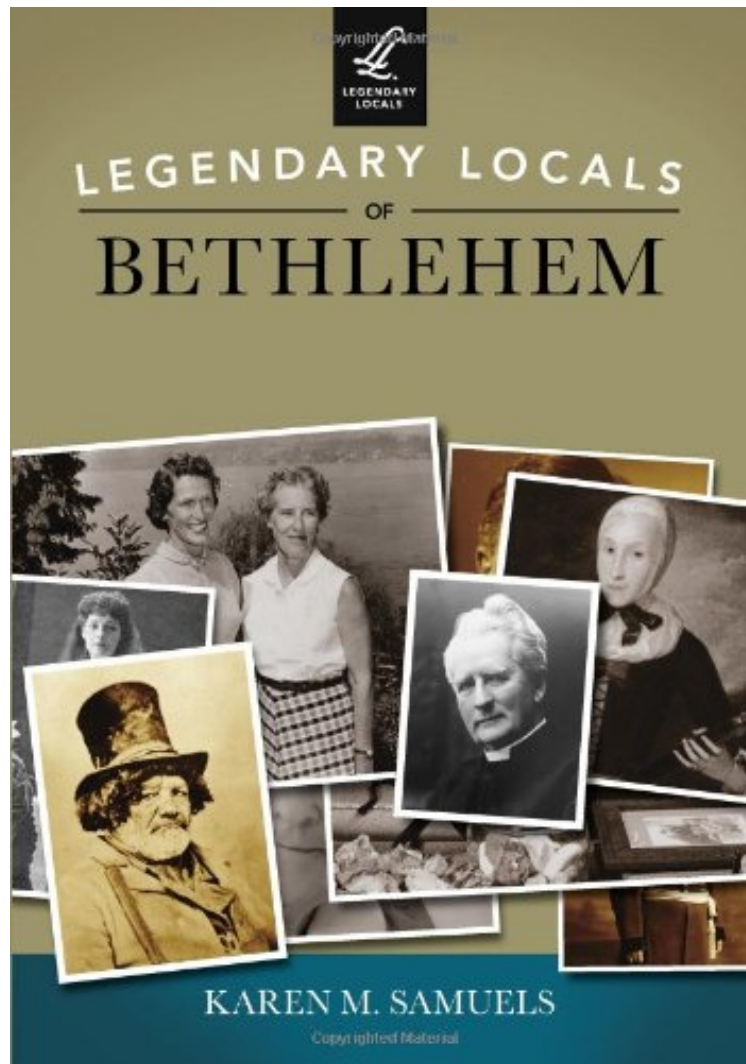


## Legendary Locals of Bethlehem

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**Karen M. Samuels : Legendary Locals of Bethlehem** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Legendary Locals of Bethlehem*:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Fascinating History and Wonderful Bios and Portraits. By Edward F. Mowry This book by Karen Samuels is not one you would typically buy out of the blue, but I have a Westfield High School classmate, Pat McNerny Kesling, whose bio is on page 96, so I purchased "Legendary Locals of Bethlehem" to read about Pat. I now understand why Pat is profiled and want to thank her for her altruism in this review. She has made a difference for those so unfortunate to have suffered domestic violence in their lives. Thank you, Pat. I began to read the biographies and their accompanying paintings and/or photographs under the title, *The Heroes of Education*, and they were so interesting that I continued reading each bio under the succeeding chapters until I had finished all. I

feel I now have a grasp on not only the history of Bethlehem, but Pennsylvania as well, and it is a history which mirrors so well the challenges of a constantly changing world in which we adapt or lose our way. I recommend "Legendary Locals of Bethlehem" to anyone who has an avid interest in our country's history, and specifically Pennsylvania and Bethlehem. Edward Mowry, Author of "So Close to Dying" So Close to Dying

Since its founding in 1741, many extraordinary people have called Bethlehem home. Teacher Polly Blum introduced needlework to her Moravian Seminary students in 1818 and soon received a request from the wife of Pres. John Adams for one of their pieces. In 1932, Sam Born established Just Born Candy Company, maker of the famous marshmallow Peeps. Dorothy Stephenson was the first female executive for Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Reggie Cora was the first Hispanic to serve as a county detective. Musicians, artists, and athletes have also contributed to the cultivation of this city. Gelsey Kirkland joined the New York City Ballet and became the dance partner of Mikhail Baryshnikov. Frank Mikisits hosted a Hungarian music radio show for 40 years, preserving the music of his childhood. John Spagnola played in 11 NFL seasons. *Legendary Locals of Bethlehem* chronicles more than 200 residents who through leadership and courage have made Bethlehem a wonderful place to live.

About the Author Local historian and author Karen M. Samuels drew upon the extensive resources of the Moravian Archives of Bethlehem, Lehigh University, and the Bethlehem Area Public Library. Samuels is the coauthor of *Lower Saucon Township* and *South Bethlehem* in the *Images of America* series and *Bethlehem* in the *Postcard History Series*.