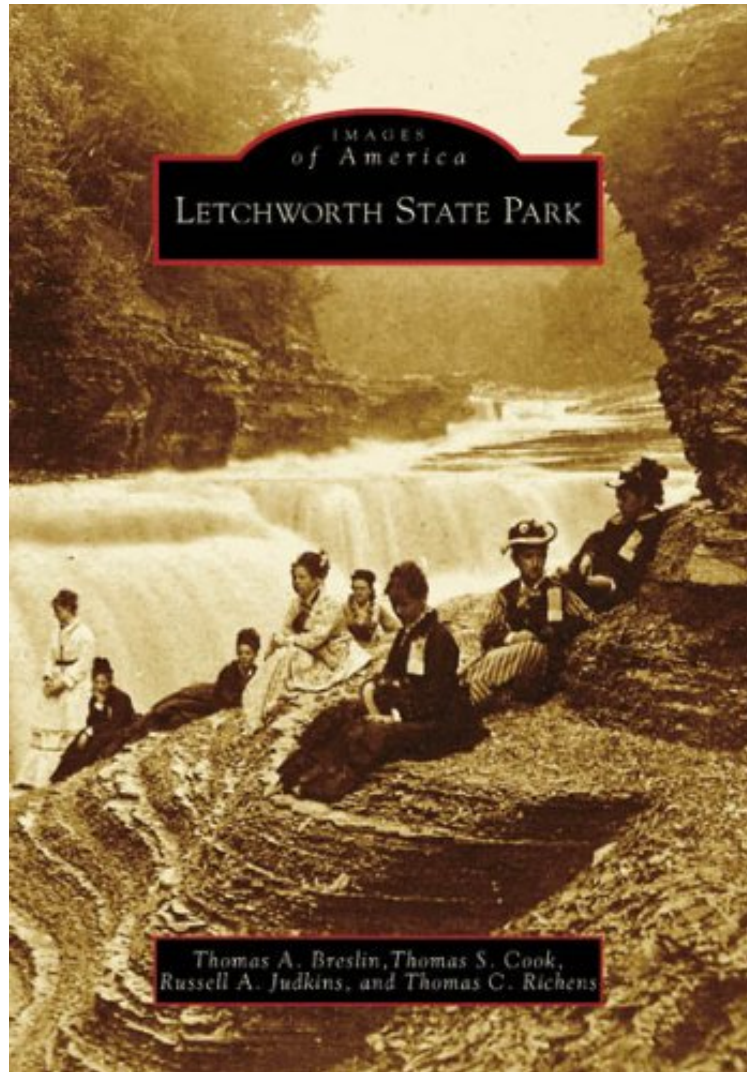


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pictured in it. Would recommend it to any one wanting to know the History of Letchworth Park. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Park History By Chris This is more of a history book of story and pictures of Letchworth, a park of many decades for my family. If you know the park, this is a book you may wish to own as it explains how it came about. If you don't know the park, this is NOT a good book of pictures to learn about it as it is currently. In my study are 3 large framed photographs of the Park walls I climbed up and down. Over a 60 year period it has become more touristy but it is still a special place that visitors value and keep clean. My grandfather spent a lot of time in the Park over 100 years ago. It's worth your visiting but suggest you check the web for pictures or to download a map. Buy the book only if you want to know the history. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful historical profile of Letchworth State Park! By P. Fries I bought this book because I am from the area and I used to work with the author at Letchworth State Park (LSP) in the 70s - plus we used to carpool. Since I AM from the area, I was especially interested in learning more about the history of LSP. When I first received the book, I have to say I was disappointed that all of the pictures were in black and white. It's such a beautifully colorful park, so it only seemed appropriate that the more recent photos would be in color. However, once I got past that, I became engrossed in the historical information that Mr. Breslin included in the book along with many very old photographs - fascinating! I especially loved the information he provided about the CCC camps, especially because my father was one of those military men that helped 'build' the park. Generally, I'm not a history buff, but I LOVE this book!

Letchworth State Park, now a century old, grew out of a generous donation made by William Pryor Letchworth to the State of New York. The park's remarkable history reaches back as far as the last ice age. From the Portage Gorge to the mighty highbanks at Mount Morris, Letchworth State Park follows the flow of the Genesee River, exploring the natural and human events that have shaped this inspiring landscape. Drawing on historical images and regional folklore from the collections of the authors, the park, and various local sources, the reader is invited into the past of a park that has been called the Grand Canyon of the East.

Title: Publisher surprised by grand demand for Letchworth book Author: Susan J. Conrad Publisher: The Daily News Date: 1/3/2009 Letchworth State Park is so popular that one book publisher is finding it a challenge to keep up with demand for its book about the "Grand Canyon of the East." Arcadia Publishing, which has published more than 2,800 titles in its "Images in America" series, didn't expect so much interest in its Letchworth State Park book, said Lynn Ruggieri, public relations coordinator for the Mount Pleasant, S.C.-based publisher. "We did sell out of Letchworth State Park in its first month, which we did intend to be enough copies to last a year," Ruggieri said. "The book has been reprinted twice, with the first reprint being the same amount as the original print run." The photograph-filled book features a number of rarely-seen images from the park archives, the Castile Historical Society and private collections. One shows a horse-drawn wagon making its way along a perilously rough-hewn road along the edge of the valley. Another shows a Pennsylvania Railroad train running through the valley - on tracks removed about 45 years ago. Published in April, Ann Burlingham of Burlingham Books in Perry, initially purchased 40 copies of the book. "The book sold quickly, so I ordered 400 more copies," Burlingham said. The store has now sold more than 300 copies, she said. Present Tense in Batavia has also sold several copies of the book, said owner Erica Caldwell. "It's a good seller, especially for only being out for a few months," Caldwell said. "We have not sold out because I initially bought enough from the publisher." The book has exceeded the publisher's expectations, but Ruggieri said she cannot pinpoint one reason for that. "The book seems to reach an emotional point with readers," Ruggieri said. "It is also authored by an exceptional group of four dedicated authors who have gone out of their way to make this book a success." Authors Thomas A. Breslin, Thomas S. Cook, Russell A. Judkins and Thomas C. Richens set out to tell the park's story, focusing on lesser-known area of the park such as the former Genesee Valley Canal or the Smokey Hollow and St. Helena settlements. Each man brought their own unique knowledge and expertise to the book. Breslin, 72, is a former manager of the park, having retired in 1992; Cook, a social studies teacher at Keshequa Central School, worked with Breslin to create the park's history program in 1978; Judkins, 63, is an anthropology professor at Genesee State College, specializing in Iroquois and local folklore; and Richens, 37, is an anthropology student who co-authored "Irondequoit," a separate volume in Arcadia's Images of America series. "I do expect the book to continue to do well," Ruggieri said. "People are still interested and still buying." Burlingham noted Arcadia's book is not the only Letchworth-based book selling well at her store. Canyon Light: The Seasons of Letchworth State Park by Ray Minnick has sold more than 1,000 copies at her store. The book is a collection of Minnick's most popular photographs of the park, taken during all four seasons and featuring a variety of plants, wildlife and scenic vistas. About the Author Thomas A. Breslin is a retired Letchworth State Park manager and coauthor of a Web site on Letchworth State Park history with Thomas S. Cook, a teacher and former park employee. Russell A. Judkins is a professor of anthropology at State University of New York at Genesee, specializing in the Iroquois and local folklore. Thomas C. Richens is a graduate of State University of New York at Genesee and coauthor of Irondequoit, also in the Images of America series.