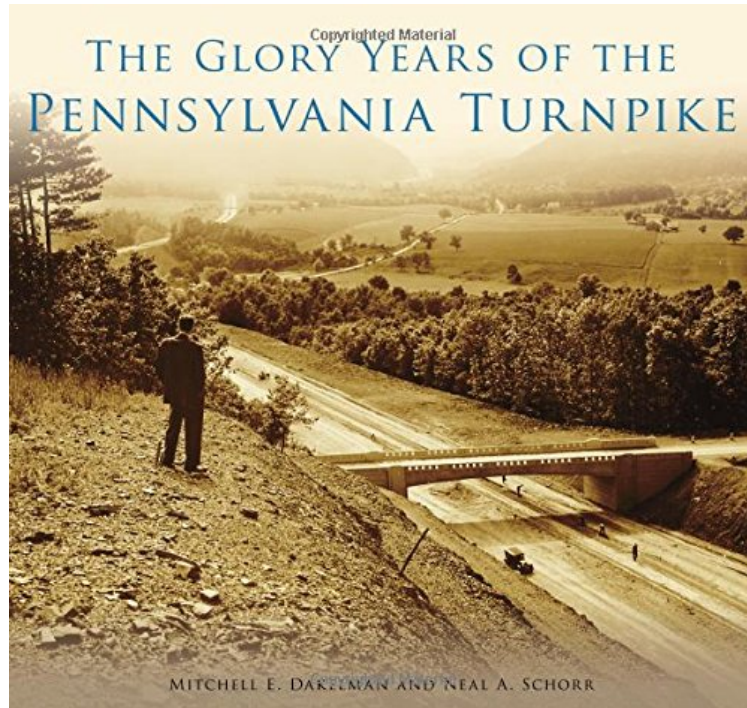


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About the AuthorIn 2004, Mitchell E. Dakelman and Neal A. Schorr coauthored The Pennsylvania Turnpike, a concise

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