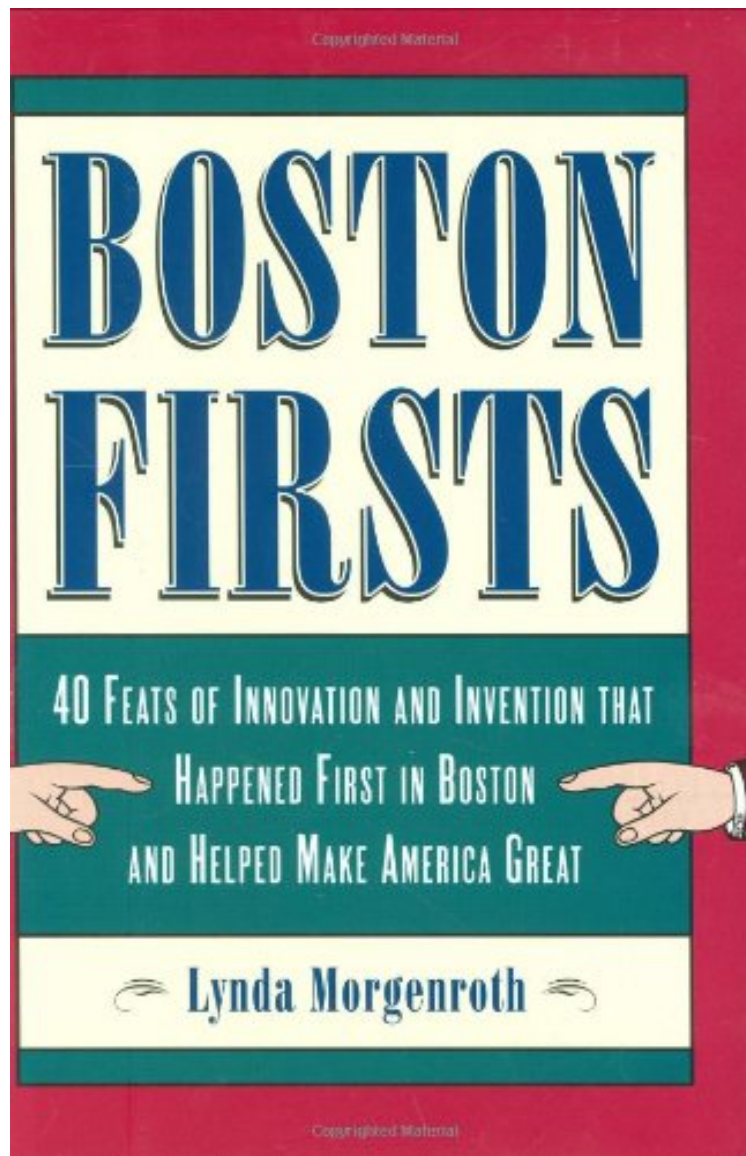


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Boston Firsts: 40 Feats of Innovation and Invention that Happened First in Boston and Helped Make America Great
I found this book by chance on the shelves of Curry College where I'm at C.E. I've been living in Boston area for the past twenty tree years. I was born and raised in Brazil so reading about Boston and all its achievement was a gift. Looking through the past I kept asking myself what we as new immigrants to Boston area can contribute. We are just starting in here and the author Lynda Morgeronh as she describes every contribution in many fields that change life in the U.S. it brings us the question. And now what how can we contribute?It is a simple book to read, a book that brings pride to anyone who lives in Boston and it is a wonderful idea for a Christmas, Holiday or any occasion gift. It is a book for newcomers and young people to read.
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Boston Firsts is about everything (well, almost!) that happened first in Boston and changed life elsewhere: from the first lighthouse and public library to the first madam and ready-made suit. Boston-based journalist and essayist Lynda Morgenroth has written forty original essays on the city's long history of innovation, from the colonial era to the recent past. These lively takes on Boston's innovative history range from the first use of ether in publicly performed painless surgery to the first school desegregation court case to the one-and only-automatic bargain basement.Consider this: Ice cut from Boston ponds and shipped to hot climates became a worldwide industry. A controversial kidney transplant between twin brothers marked the start of organ transplantation. Attempts to breed a belligerent fighting dog created the sweet-natured Boston terrier, the first dog breed developed in the U.S. The glorious Massachusetts 54th Regiment, led by a Boston Brahmin, was the first black army regiment in U.S history. First newspaper, novel, subway, telephone, gay marriage- the beat goes on.Ranging from advances in science and engineering-like the smallpox inoculation and the Boston Harbor cleanup-to innovations in culture and society- Fannie Farmer's cookbook, the YMCA, and Boston cream pie-the collection investigates, celebrates, and integrates America's workshop of ideas.

Morgenroth colors this thrilling history with hip, current observations and makes you notice just how vast and varied our accomplishments and inventions are. -Mopsy Strange Kennedy, Improper Bostonian
From the Trade Paperback edition.
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