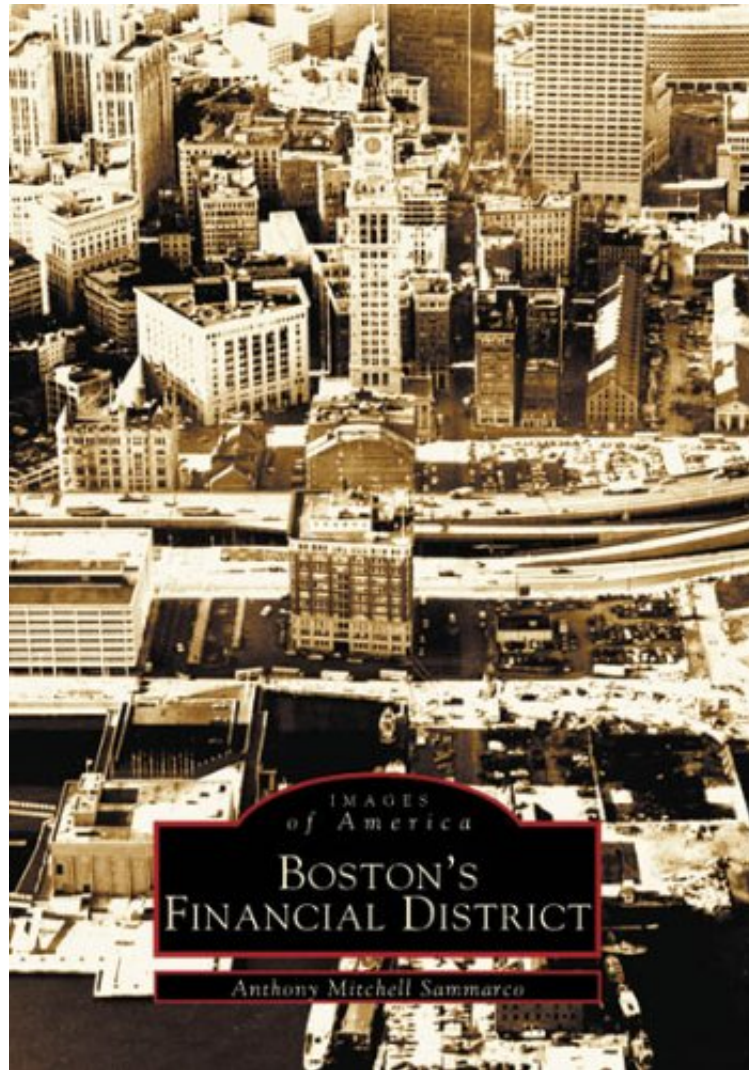


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About the Author Anthony Mitchell Sammarco is a well-known Boston historian and lecturer. His more than thirty books in Arcadia's Images of America series offer evidence of his love for and vast knowledge of the history of this great city.