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Shows and describes each block of Broadway in New York City and discusses the history of the street and landmark buildings along the way

From Publishers Weekly "The Broadway historian faces formidable structural problems because of the street's layered chronology . . . with evidences of the past . . . long interred," yet Drechsler-Marx, a professional photographer, and New York Times reporter Shepard provide a splendid visual and textual reconstruction of the background of this fabled street, including architectural styles, anecdotal material, pictures and facts. We learn where Alexander Hamilton is buried (Trinity Church), how Tin Pan Alley derived its name, why the street is dubbed "The Great White Way" and how the catchphrase "23 skidoo!" originated. The reader is taken on a 21-mile excursion, from Battery Park through Chinatown, Ladies' Mile, Times Square, Columbus Circle, the Upper West Side, all the way to Inwood at the upper border of Manhattan into Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. Broadway encompasses much of New York City's diversity and ethnicity, but its rich legacy pertains as well to the nation as a whole, such as No. 1 Broadway, where George Washington made his headquarters in 1776, before the British drove the Americans from the city. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.