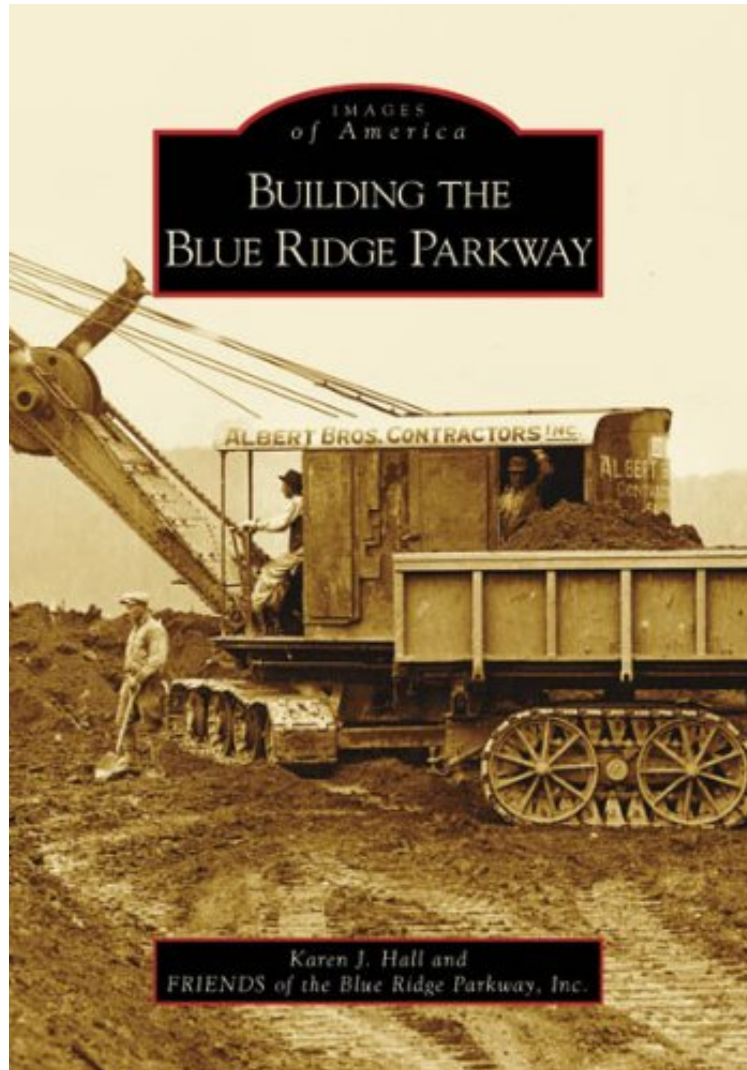


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book serves as an excellent history of how the Blue Ridge Parkway came to ...By Wendy BI have driven the Blue Ridge Parkway 3 times and look forward to going back as many more times as possible. This book serves as an excellent history of how the Blue Ridge Parkway came to be. It has awesome old pictures from when they first started building planning it and the story itself is well written. I definitely recommend this book if you plan to ride the Parkway or live in the area and simply want to know more

about the history. The Blue Ridge Parkway has one area that, to this day, is an architectural 'miracle'. The Linn Cove Viaduct literally 'hangs' off the back side of Grandfather Mountain and it is a thrill to drive on it and realize that the road you're on is attached to the mountain by huge nuts bolts is being supported from below in order to protect the ecology of that area. Plus, the view is amazing; not to be missed!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.
Very good book for anyone on Blue Ridge Parkway
By Kindle Customer
Having grown up on the Blue Ridge Parkway, I purchased this book hoping that I would learn more about this wonderful Park. The pictures explained a lot to me about the long history of this road and how and why it was constructed. The writing is OK and could have been much better researched as to families who gave up land for this project. They could have also mentioned that many families, mine included, still suffer today over the building of this road and limitations on the use of our land that has been in many families for hundreds of years. Its a fair job and a 2nd edition would be great that covers in depth the history of the Parkway.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nice pictures, but lacking in narrative details.
By Mike FI
I purchased this book before heading for a bike tour of the Blue Ridge Parkway, hoping to get the inside track on the history of the parkway and some of the construction challenges. Don't get me wrong, the pictures (and after all this is a 'picture book') are splendid, but the overall narrative, save for the picture captions, seems lacking. There may be other books that tell the true history of the parkway, but I would appreciate many of these details while looking at the pictures presented. In addition, the pictures appear in neither chronological or geographical (from milepost 0 to 469, for example) order, but are rather randomly arranged in each chapter. There are some great old shots (and a few newer ones). I would just appreciate a little more context.

The Blue Ridge Parkway began as a dream in the late 1800s and became reality in 1983 when the 469-mile scenic highway was completed. Construction of the Blue Ridge Parkway began in September 1935 at Cumberland Knob. Heavy construction was done by contractors who won bids for the different projects along various sections of the parkway. Civilian Conservation Corps troops took care of the roadsides, landscaping, and structure building. As part of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal, this project was intended to provide jobs throughout the region. Images of America: Building the Blue Ridge Parkway contains approximately 200 construction photographs of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

About the Author
Karen J. Hall grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia and has visited the parkway often over the years. She is the author of Postcard History Series: Blue Ridge Parkway. FRIENDS of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and the Commonwealth of Virginia. FRIENDS raises funds for parkway projects. Very understaffed and underfunded, the National Park Service cannot preserve the original splendor of all of the viewsheds; FRIENDS is committed to raising the necessary funds and providing the volunteers for trails and viewshed restoration.