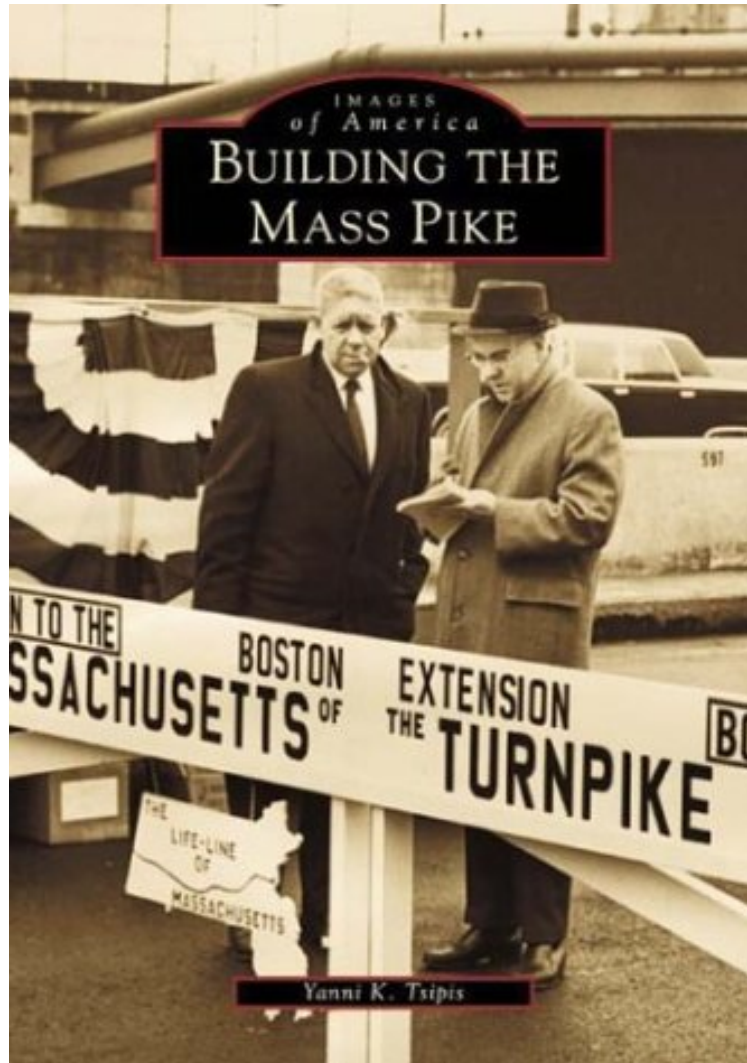


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**Yanni K. Tsipis : Building the Mass Pike (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Building the Mass Pike (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice Photographic History By A Customer In a way the sparse narrative in what is essentially a photo collection is a tease because the pictures really pique your interest; and the "rest of the story" is not told. Nonetheless, anybody who rides the Pike, lives in or around the Pike or has an interest in big road building project will find this little book fascinating. The author tries to orient the reader in all of the pictures because so much of what was available for reference is either gone now or because the pictures themselves have a moonscape quality to them. I would have liked a large locator map in the front of the book, with reference to it tagged

on each photo. That would have helped me to "put things in place" in my mind. I also would have liked a little more detail on why things went the way they did (why did the Pike not go through Worcester, for example). All that being said, however, I know a lot more about the Mass Pike now than I did before; which is what I hoped would happen when I bought the book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Building the Mass Pike review By Lisa Macneil I disliked it because it was mostly about the Boston area. I lived in Westfield, MA. I purchased it because it was about building the Mass Pike. It had some good historic pictures in it. For that reason, I'll give it 3 stars. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I was disappointed By Pierre I grew up in Westfield, Massachusetts in the rural western part of the state. When I was 3 years old, my cousin's house right up the road from us had to be physically moved by the State to make way for the Turnpike right-away. It was all very exciting, and one of my very earliest childhood memories was the sheer awe at seeing a house jacked up and moved on a huge flatbed truck. And then the massive construction as the turnpike was built. When I heard about this book I was very excited at the prospect of getting a pictorial history of the building of the Mass. Pike, sure that it would bring back a flood of childhood memories of a happier time. I was very disappointed to say the least. This book should be re-titled, "Building of the Mas Pike in the Boston Area." Very few things in life irritate me more than being reminded that the we who reside in the western part of the state are 2nd class citizens in Massachusetts. And by completely ignoring the Mass Pike construction through Western Mass and filling the entire book with photos and stories of the pike construction in the Boston area, the author has perpetuated that yes, here in Western mass we are indeed irrelevant and unimportant. Grrrr. But having said that, I'm sure anyone who lives Boston or anywhere east west, not so much. Maybe it's time for Western Massachusetts and Upstate New York to re-consider the once-popular idea of seceding from our respective states and forming a new one, independent of both Boston and New York City. Through its glossing over Western Massachusetts which is only mentioned a couple of times, this book unintentionally illustrates why secession was such a popular idea in the Berkshires -- and in upstate New York for similar reasons.

By 1950, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its capital city had fallen on hard times. With the region's railroads in decline and the roads in appalling disrepair, the difficulty of moving people and goods around the state and into its largest port was taking a heavy toll on the economy. The solution came in 1952 from one man and the road he devoted the last decade of his life to building. The man was William Callahan, and the road was the Massachusetts Turnpike. Building the Mass Pike tells the story of the roads planning, construction, and impact on the communities through which it passed. The book includes previously unpublished images from the Turnpike Authority archives and provides a vivid document of the largest public works project in the state's history and the firestorm of controversy that surrounded it. Written by an engineer-historian, Building the Mass Pike will appeal not only to those fascinated by the history of the Commonwealth and its capital but also to those with an interest in construction, urban history, and the politics of old Boston.

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