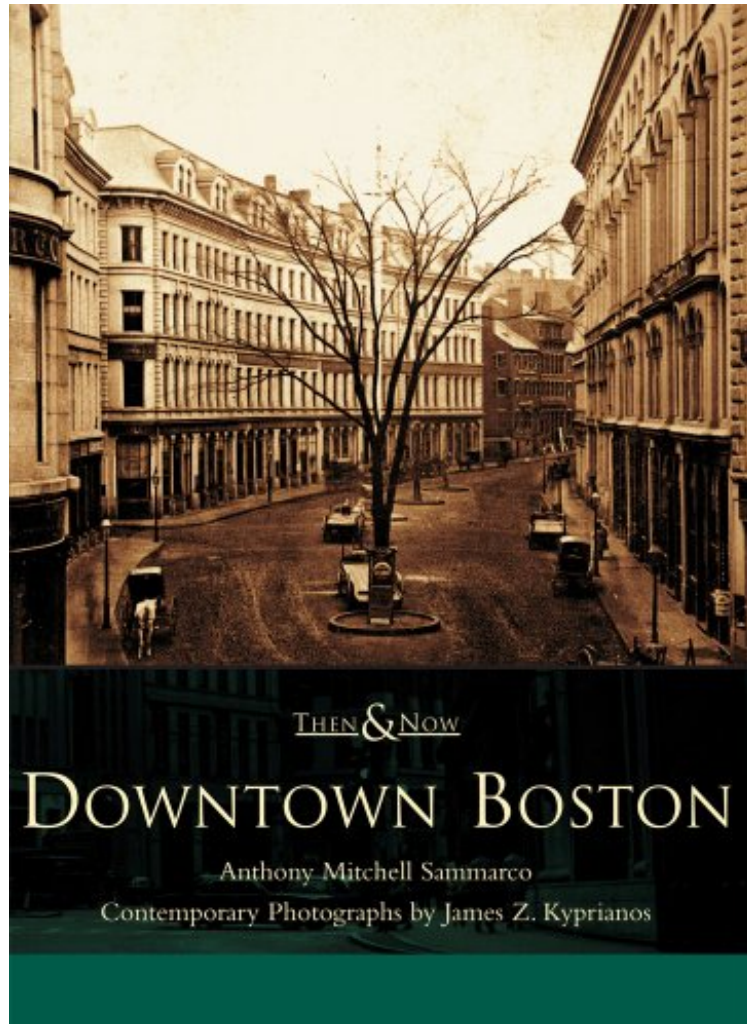


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About the AuthorNoted author of over thirty books in Arcadia's Images of America series, Anthony Mitchell Sammarco works with photographer James Z. Kyprianos to offer a fascinating juxtaposition of old and new photographs of the great city. Sammarco and Kyprianos ensure fascinating text and detailed photographs of the architectural and historical changes that have taken place in downtown Boston since the advent of photography.