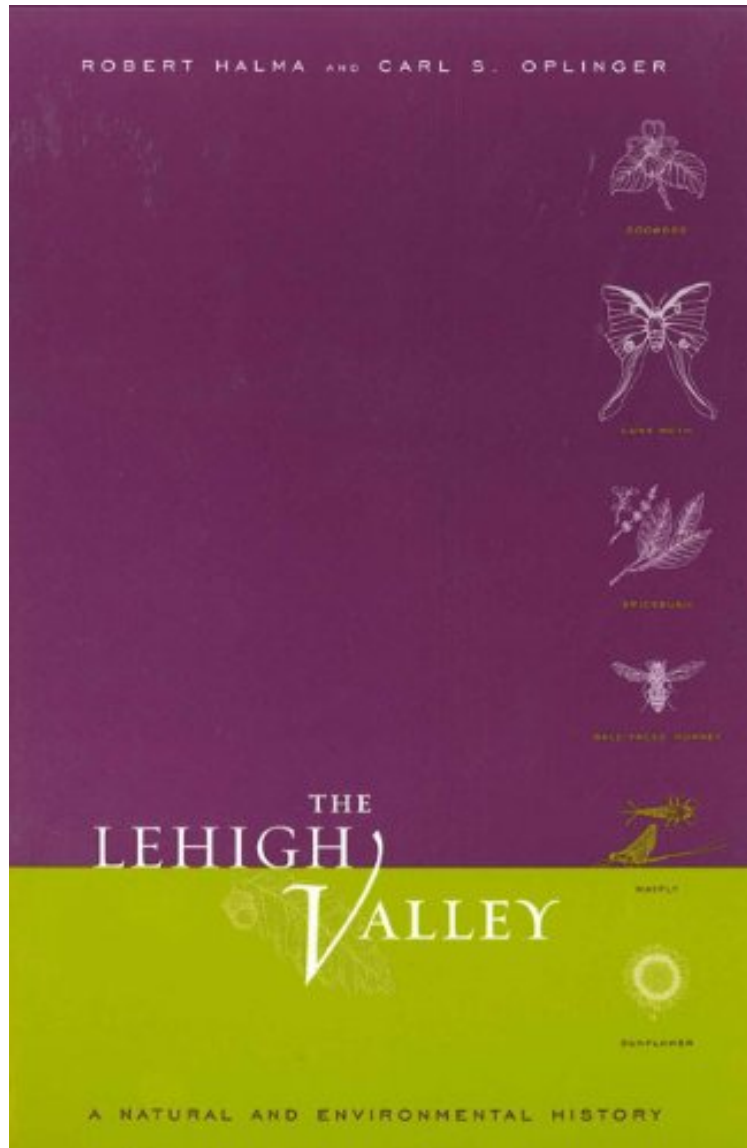


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well researched, thorough, incitefull read for those interested in the Lehigh Valley. The illustrations, Cameo appearances and data tables all flow nicely and fully enhance the standard text. The narrative is complete but not complex and easy to follow for even the non science types. The history section was interesting and complete. I recommend this book to all interested parties.

Comprising approximately 730 square miles and over half a million residents, the Lehigh Valley is the third largest metropolitan area in Pennsylvania, encompassing the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton. Much is known about the industrial history of the valley (home to Bethlehem Steel, Mack Trucks, and Crayola crayons). But few have discovered the valleys natural history: the "endless" Blue Mountain, the spectacular raptor migrations, the wetlands and watercourses. The Lehigh Valley explores the land and the natural forces and human history that have altered it. From boulder fields to water gaps, from sinkholes to limestone caves, the valley has long had a powerful influence on the lives of its residents and the people have had a similarly powerful effect on the valley; the text features brief profiles of some of the people who have shaped the environmental history of the area. The authors also include directions to historical and natural sites, and the books illustrations aid visitors and naturalists in identifying the regions abundance of flora and fauna. The Lehigh Valley is a unique combination of narrative natural history, identification handbook, and travel and hiking guide. Mountain laurel, red-tailed hawks, dusky salamanders: The Lehigh Valley not only shows us what resides in this beautiful and bountiful valley, but also explains why. This illustrated guide surveys the valleys ecology, geology, history, and agriculture and is complemented by maps and drawings of the areas plant and animal life. The Lehigh Valley will appeal to area residents, amateur naturalists, and Pennsylvania visitors with an interest in natural history.

The book is easily the most complete and most up-to-date book on the environmental history of the Lehigh Valley. Tim Blangger, Allentown Morning Call When scholars from the natural and social sciences search for a model for writing a comprehensive natural and environmental history of a locale, region, or biome, they need look no further than Halmas and Oplingers Lehigh Valley. The book is an ecological treasure trove of important concepts and conclusions, significant natural and environmental historical details and findings, and thoroughly innovative textual features that capture the readers attention. Pennsylvania History About the Author Robert Halma is Professor of Biology at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA. Carl S. Oplinger is Professor of Biology at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA.