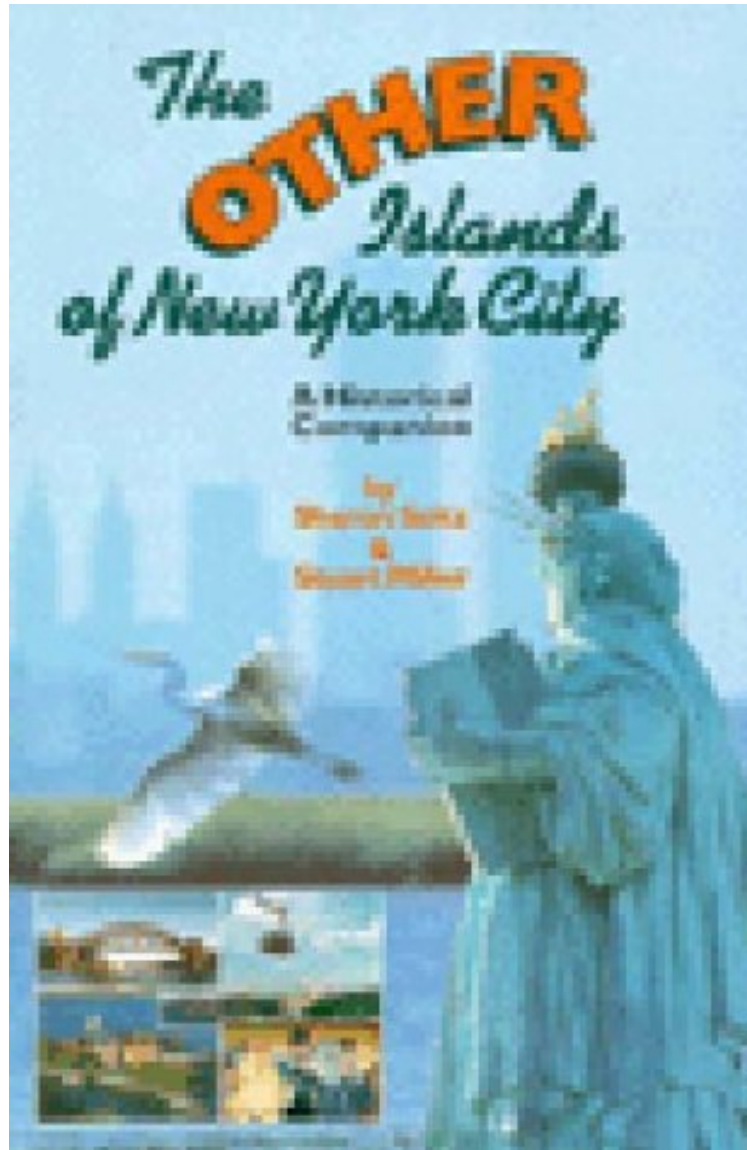


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the mainland. The location of "POTTER'S FIELD" where, then as now the unclaimed dead are buried. Many islands that you can see in the distance, but for various reasons are prohibited from visiting. FASCINATING !5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Educational and InformativeBy KRI read this book due to my interest in Hoffman and Swinburne Islands. I have noticed them for years during my walks on the South Beach boardwalk in Staten Island, and I wanted to find out more about them. This book is probably one of the few books to actually have an entire chapter devoted to these two islands. But I got more than I bargained for by reading this book because I learned a lot about many other islands of NYC. I have lived in NYC my entire life (which means 35 years) and this book made me feel like a total stranger to my home state. But I mean that as a compliment to the book, because I now have an interest in visiting the islands mentioned in the book in order to continue to enhance the knowledge that the book gave me. My main criticism is the lack of photos. For example, the chapter on Hoffman and Swinburne has one photo, and this photo merely shows two shacks sitting on a tiny part of an island. The photo doesn't explain that the shacks are on Swinburne, and there is not one photo of Hoffman at all. All chapters are like this. It's hard to appreciate the layout/size of the islands without photos. Other than that, I would recommend this book to readers.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So much great information about the islands around New York CityBy LeslieRSo much great information about the islands around New York City! Pretty much exactly what I hoped this book would be - lots of history old and new, with practical information about visiting these islands. I think this would be a good book for anyone interested in New York City history, maybe someone new to NYC, or someone like me who just likes islands.

Within the boundaries of New York City are dozens of islands with colourful and lurid pasts - some famous, such as Ellis, some infamous, such as Rikers, and others not so well-known, such as North Brother. This guide and history offers a sense of how the city's politics, population and landscape have evolved over the last two centuries. Presenting offbeat stories and little-known facts and legends, the book aims to provide an entertaining account of the history of New York from an unusual perspective.

From Library JournalJournalists and New York City natives Seitz and Miller have written an entertaining history of and travel guide to 40 of the human-made and natural islands that dot the waters around New York City. From famous tourist destinations such as Liberty and Ellis islands, to the infamous Rikers Island Penitentiary and the little-known North Brother Island, where Typhoid Mary spent nearly 30 years in confinement, the islands of New York City have a vivid and intriguing story to tell. Armchair travelers and regular visitors to the city alike will find this an enjoyable book. The authors indicate which islands can be visited, whether you can get there by car, bus, subway, or ferry, and, in a few cases, where you can eat. Recommended for public libraries.?Linda M. Kaufmann, Freel Lib., North Adams State Coll., Mass.Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. "a book that explores, in depth, those parts of New York City almost always left out of the usual books." -- The Island Current"a well-written and comprehensive tale...a lively history of the people and events that forged modern day New York City" -- The Urban Audubon"an encyclopedia of the archipelago that is New York." -- New York Post"only occasionally does something new come along that I deem an important work. This book falls into this category." -- Bronx Times Reporter"rescues for readers the history and legend that lie in the soil or rock of these oft-forgotten strands" -- New York ChronicleThis is definitely a book I want for my shelf. -- Mario Cuomo, former governor of New York StateAbout the AuthorSharon Seitz is a native New Yorker and alumnus of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. She has written for New York Magazine, the New York Daily News, and Newsday. She lives in Brooklyn.Stuart Miller is a native New Yorker and alumnus of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He has written for New York Magazine, the New York Daily News, and Newsday. He lives in Brooklyn.