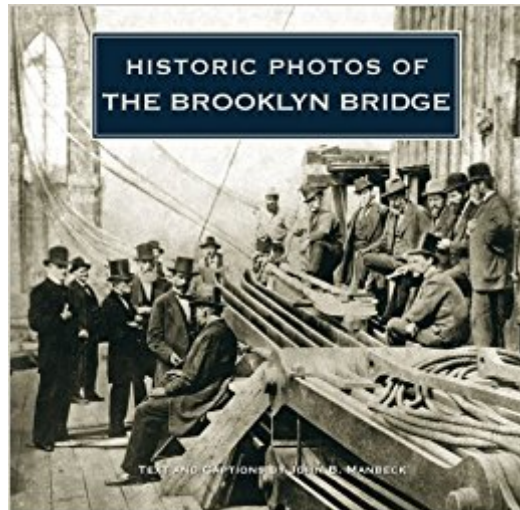




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Synopsis

The Brooklyn Bridge resounds throughout popular culture as an iconic image. Yet its creation was fraught with turmoil. Working with the relatively untested theory of suspension, John Roebling designed a suspension bridge modeled after his Cincinnati-Covington Bridge, but he died before construction even began. His son Washington then accepted the challenge—only to end up paralyzed while working on the bridge. However, with his strong-willed perseverance and help from his wife, he drove the project through to completion. As the only bridge connecting Brooklyn and Manhattan at the time, the Brooklyn Bridge carried half a million people daily. The photographs in Historic Photos of the Brooklyn Bridge illustrate not only those traveling the bridge but also the hurdles that over 1,000 American and immigrant workers endured to build this magnificent symbol. Today, admirers from around the world gather on its historical walkway to gaze, admire, and pay homage to the majesty of the Brooklyn Bridge, the Eighth Wonder of the Modern World. —

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I have been fascinated with the Brooklyn Bridge for as long as I can remember. Having went to college within walking distance of the iconic bridge, I had many opportunities to walk the span and admire the architecture and just imagine how John Roebling's plan in 1869 to build a structure across the east river, became a reality after his death under the supervision of his son Washington.

It was indeed the 8th wonder of the world. No building in the city was higher than the stone towers that supported the structure making it a true majestic masterpiece that now enabled horse and buggy, and pedestrians to gain access to Manhattan Island without the use of a ferry. Opening in 1883, and still going strong today, the bridge remains a must see destination for travelers worldwide. That brings us to this wonderful historical photographic overview, of the Brooklyn Bridge from its very beginnings to present day. Retired CUNY professor John B. Manbeck who is an expert on the history of the borough of Brooklyn New York, has put together photographic history of the bridge second to none. Each stunning photo and illustration is well captioned, and a short written history accompanies the beginning of each chapter. At 206 pages, this book offers photos upon photos that have not been seen before. As stated in a prior review, this is the perfect companion to David McCullough's award winning "The Brooklyn Bridge". This is the type of book that stays on the bookshelf forever. I was at the 100th anniversary celebration of the bridge in 1983, and The Roebling's stated that with proper care, this bridge will service the community for 200 years. The bridge is now 133 years old, and I think that prediction is well on the way to becoming a reality.

Everything was great, thank you.

I bought the book after reading David McCullough's book about the Brooklyn Bridge. I read that on my Kindle so that the few illustrations were not very legible. The photos helped explain some of McCullough's descriptions. A good supplement.

just beautiful to look at. i wish i can travel back in time to watch them build that bridge. also wished they left the subways that ran through it.

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