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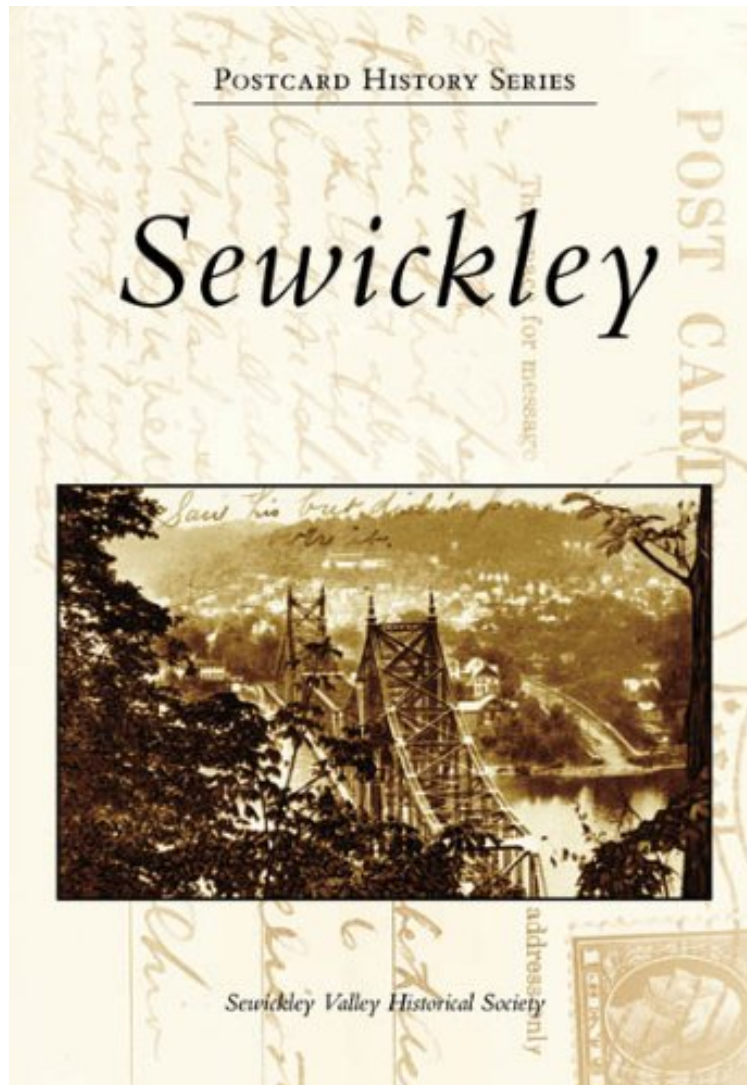
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## **Sewickley (PA) (Postcard History Series)**

**Sewickley Valley Historical Society : Sewickley (PA) (Postcard History Series)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sewickley (PA) (Postcard History Series):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Pittsburgh's Very Social SuburbBy John B. ArchibaldThe whole series of Arcadia books is fascinating to begin with. Where else can you find portfolios of views of places familiar to you? And this book on Sewickley, Pennsylvania is no exception. Founded originally as a haven for industrial tycoons from nearby Pittsburgh, Sewickley has long had a reputation for higher-end socialites, whose massive homes dotted the hills above the town. As such, the book is a fascinating look at an era which was actually long-gone even in the lifetimes of many who began it, as many of the houses built by the moneyed class in the early 20th century were unwieldy and abandoned as recently as 25 years later. Though I could have wished for more views of the town itself,

and less of individual residences, this book is still a worthy record of a way of life that had its day and is now mostly dissolved into our era of condos and upsizing. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice historic photos and narrative. By Pa Tomcat As a Sewickley native, born and bred, It interested me and I have been well pleased with the photos and the narratives. I learned a lot and enjoyed the fond memories recalled by the photos. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great source for history and geneological research By Gerald T. Cecil This book was a great source on a recent trip to Sewickley. We were doing some family research and general touring so this collection of postcards, historic photos, and narrative was quite helpful. Kudos to the local historical society for their efforts.

With its prime location along the Ohio River downstream from Pittsburgh, Sewickley was destined to become a great American town. In 1753, a young George Washington traveled through the area on his way to inform the French that the British crown would not tolerate French trespass in the Ohio Valley. Meriwether Lewis mentioned the obstacle presented by its waterfront eddies in his 1803 journal. Eventually the area became home to river men, including the captains of steamers that plied the Ohio. After the arrival of the railroad, many of the railroad brass made their homes in Sewickley. With the automobile came the industrial barons of Pittsburgh, who erected their palatial summer "cottages" on Sewickley Heights. The town learned quickly to adjust to celebrities, taking in stride the likes of iron pioneers Henry Oliver and Benjamin Franklin Jones, author Mary Roberts Rinehart, composer Ethelbert Nevin, and Capt. Frederick Way Jr. Using historic postcards, Sewickley illustrates the history of this community, which maintains its status as the queen of Pittsburgh suburbs.

About the Author Betty G. Y. Shields, Susan C. Holton, and Harton S. Semple Jr., staff of the Sewickley Valley Historical Society, have drawn on their command of and enthusiasm for local history to produce this survey.