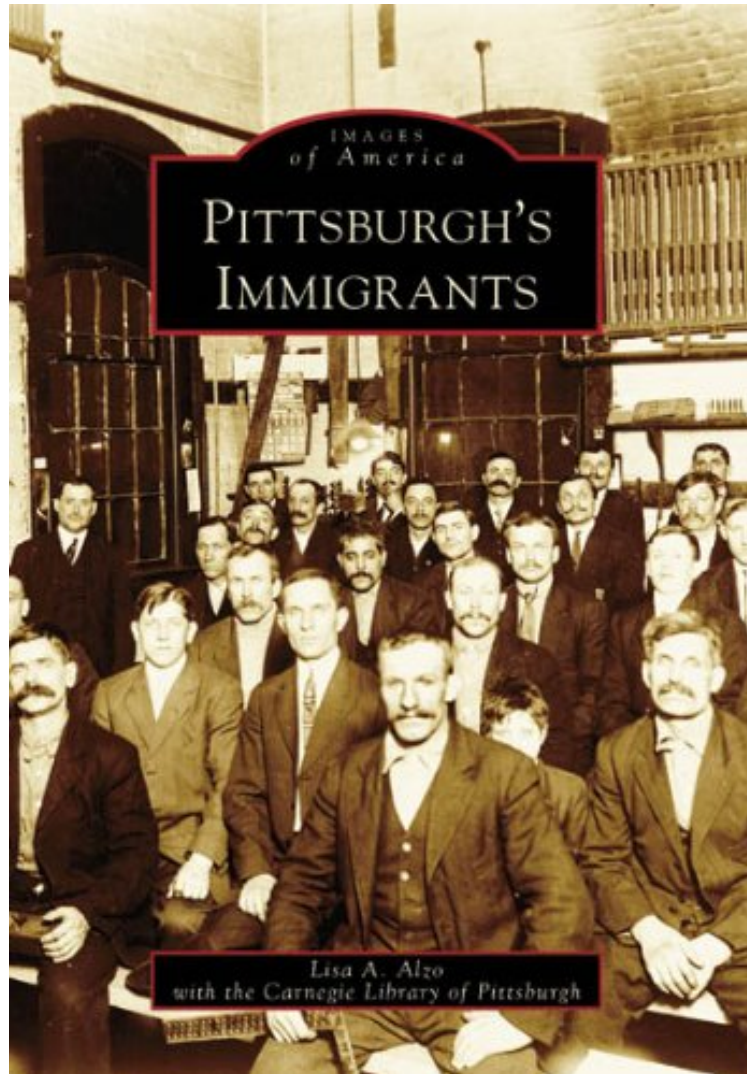


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Lisa A. Alzo, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh : Pittsburgh's Immigrants (PA) (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pittsburgh's Immigrants (PA) (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good coffee table book By Kimberly Rees This is advertised, a history of the immigrants to Pittsburgh through images. There is not a lot of detail here but wonderful pictures. 8 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Some nice photographs but does not live up to promise of title By a reader Although containing some splendid historical photographs, this book does not live up to the promise of its title. There is very little elaboration on the specific details of the many immigrant groups in Pittsburgh. Notably absent are

detailed explanations of the phases of immigrant settlement, the intricacies and nuances of each ethnic group, and personal family stories behind the immigration experience. Further, many of the images are of places, not people, which further de-humanizes the human topic of immigration. Perhaps most importantly, the author has left out quite a number of immigrant groups that have made an important mark on Pittsburgh. One might argue that a book with a title as broad as "Pittsburgh's Immigrants" should make the effort to include photographs of as many ethnic groups as possible in its pages. This book does not. Much more time and energy could have gone into compiling images from the community in order to produce a much more inclusive photographic volume on immigrant history. This is not to say that the book does not have some value. For those interested in having access to some of the great images in the collection of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, this book has merit. However, the promise of the title -- a book about Pittsburgh immigrants -- is left unfulfilled. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Read By Max Hunter A must not miss for anyone interested in their heritage or family history. Pittsburgh's Immigrants brings to life the journeys and struggles of those who settled the region and built a place for their families and their future.

Since the mid-1700s, Pittsburgh has welcomed generations of immigrants. This region in southwestern Pennsylvania was once a magnet for European immigrants who carved out livings in steel, iron, glass, and other factories along its famous three rivers. Those immigrants built the city's ethnic neighborhoods: the Irish North Side, the Polish South Side, the Italian Bloomfield, as well as other immigrant enclaves in smaller cities and towns in the surrounding areas. The diversity of Pittsburgh's neighborhoods symbolizes a city truly rich in history and culture. Many notable Pittsburghers in business, the arts and entertainment, and sports were either immigrants themselves or children of immigrants. Pittsburgh's Immigrants pays tribute to the hardworking men and women who made significant contributions to the growth and development of western Pennsylvania and left a legacy of rich and vibrant ethnic culture that endures to the present day.

About the Author Lisa A. Alzo, a native of Pittsburgh, is a freelance writer, instructor, and lecturer. She is also a published author of books and magazine articles related to immigrant history. For Pittsburgh's Immigrants, Alzo partnered with the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, which serves the dynamic and diverse needs of people living in western Pennsylvania.