

The Erie Canal

The Erie Canal Book Review: Unveiling the Magic of Language

In an electronic era where connections and knowledge reign supreme, the enchanting power of language has become more apparent than ever. Its ability to stir emotions, provoke thought, and instigate transformation is truly remarkable. This extraordinary book, aptly titled "**The Erie Canal**," written by a highly acclaimed author, immerses readers in a captivating exploration of the significance of language and its profound affect our existence. Throughout this critique, we will delve to the book is central themes, evaluate its unique writing style, and assess its overall influence on its readership.

A Primary Source Investigation of the Erie Canal Lara Sahgal 2015-07-15 Snaking its way through 363 miles of upstate New York, the original Erie Canal was the most massive public works project the United States had seen before the Civil War. Many doubted that such a grand waterway could be constructed, but upon its completion, it almost instantly became an enduring national symbol of American ingenuity. This volume relates the captivating story of the Erie Canal, chronicling how some dedicated political figures and surveyors-turned-engineers helped make one of the earliest American engineering marvels a reality. Primary source documents provide historical context, showing how the Erie Canal transformed the greater American landscape.

Artificial Waterways and Commercial Development Alonzo Barton Hepburn 1909

Bond of Union Gerard Koepfel 2009-03-10 In this elegantly written and far-reaching narrative, acclaimed author Gerard Koepfel tells the astonishing story of the creation of the Erie Canal and the memorable characters who turned a visionary plan into a successful venture. Koepfel's long years of research fill the pages with new findings about the construction of the canal and its enormous impact, providing a unique perspective on America's self perception as an empire destined to expand to the Pacific.

The Erie Canal Reader, 1790-1950 Roger W. Hecht 2003-04-01 The Erie Canal Reader—poems, essays, travelogues, and fiction by major American and British writers—captures the colorful landscape and life along the Erie Canal from its birth in the New York frontier, through its heyday as a passage of culture and commerce, to its present decline into disuse. Part celebration of the men and women who worked its waters and part social observation, these writings by such figures as Basil Hall, Frances Trollope, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mark Twain, and others provide first-hand observations of the canal country and its role in the evolution of American social and economic culture from frontier to industrial prominence. In addition to depictions of canal life, the pieces offer glimpses of early tourist resorts, like Trenton Falls, and observations of religious experiments that made New York's "burned over district" a hotbed of social and political reform. Also included are works by the most prominent Erie Canal writers, Walter D. Edmonds and Samuel Hopkins Adams, whose stories and novels bring a modern sensibility and insight to their reflections on the canal.

The Influence of the Erie Canal Upon the Population Along Its Course Julius Winden 1900

Ohio and Erie Canal Boone Triplett 2014 A fascinating history of the Ohio and Erie Canal, from a national leader in agricultural output to a recreational resource. George Washington first proposed the idea of a canal connecting the Great Lakes to the Ohio-Mississippi River System in 1784. Inspired by the Erie Canal in New York, the State of Ohio began surveying routes in 1822 for its own grand internal improvement project. Completed a decade later, the 309-mile-long Ohio and Erie Canal connected Cleveland, Akron, Massillon, Dover, Roscoe, Newark, Columbus, Circleville, Chillicothe, Waverly, and Portsmouth. Success was immediate, as this vital transportation link provided access to Eastern markets. Within a span of 35 years, canals transformed Ohio from a rural frontier wilderness into the nation's leader in agricultural output and third most populous state by 1860. Railroads marked the end of the canal as an economic engine, but traffic continued to operate until the Great Flood of 1913 destroyed the system as a commercial enterprise. Today, the Ohio and Erie Canal is enjoying a rebirth as a recreational resource.

Five Years on the Erie Canal M. Eaton 1845

Building the Erie Canal Rebecca Steffoff 2017-12-15 The Erie Canal was mocked as a big ditch when it

was started, but by the time it was completed in 1825 it was called an engineering marvel. Readers learn how engineers overcame a rise in elevation of 568 feet between the Hudson River and Lake Erie with locks and aqueducts to create a waterway that changed America.

Stairway to Empire Patrick McGreevy 2009-04-09 The story of the Erie Canal's completion and its place in the larger narrative of American modernity and progress.

Questions and Answers About the Erie Canal Sammi Jameson 2018-07-15 The building of the Erie Canal was a watershed moment in the modernization of the United States. Often considered a waste of time, "Clinton's Ditch" eventually proved to everyone that more efficient transportation was sure to revolutionize industry and the country itself. In this volume, readers are presented with numerous primary sources, including portraits, maps, paintings, and engineering diagrams. These primary sources help readers gain a better understanding of the era and building project. They also strengthen readers' ability to analyze and discuss important sources from the past. Sidebars encourage readers to ask and answer questions about the primary sources as they learn why the Erie Canal was a major turning point in U.S. history.

The Erie Canal Martha E. Kendall 2008 The story of the Erie Canal, which connected Albany, New York, to Buffalo, New York, and was completed in 1825.

Lockport Kathleen L. Riley 2005 From its beginnings in the early 19th century at the site where "art triumphed over nature," when the Erie Canal's Flight of Five locks was one of the wonders of the world, Lockport burst almost overnight into a thriving community that eventually outgrew the canal that gave it life. After many years of challenge and change, the city now looks to its glorious past to ensure its future. *The Erie Canal* Dr. Hex Kleinmartin 2015-12-15 Completed in 1825, the Erie Canal provided a waterway across New York State, from Lake Erie to the Hudson River. Discover the circumstances and effects of the canal, including its impact on New York City, in *The Erie Canal*.

Wedding of the Waters: The Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation Peter L. Bernstein 2010-08-16 "One corner of the great American panorama enlarged to highlight starry-eyed visionaries, political machinations, indefatigable ingenuity, and cockeyed optimism." —Kirkus Reviews The building of the Erie Canal, like the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Panama Canal, is one of the greatest and most riveting stories of American ingenuity. Best-selling author Peter Bernstein presents the story of the canal's construction against the larger tableau of America in the first quarter-century of the 1800s. Examining the social, political, and economic ramifications of this mammoth project, Bernstein demonstrates how the canal's creation helped prevent the dismemberment of the American empire and knit the sinews of the American industrial revolution. Featuring a rich cast of characters, including not only political visionaries like Washington, Jefferson, van Buren, and the architect's most powerful champion, Governor DeWitt Clinton, but also a huge platoon of Irish diggers as well as the canal's first travelers, *Wedding of the Waters* reveals that the twenty-first-century themes of urbanization, economic growth, and globalization can all be traced to the first great macroengineering venture of American history.

Cycling the Erie Canal, Fifth Edition Parks & Trails New York 2021-03-01 The Erie Canalway Trail is a cycling destination for riders of all abilities. Following one of the world's most famous manmade waterways, it spans New York State between Albany and Buffalo. Whether enjoying a leisurely ride from one village to another, or spending a week completing the entire 360 miles, the Erie Canalway Trail offers endless adventures exploring the charming towns, living history, scenic beauty, and cultural attractions of New York State. The trail route follows both active and historic sections of the Erie Canal. For several decades

now, state and local governments have been transforming the old towpath and abandoned rail corridor into a 360-mile multi-use pathway. The guidebook is designed primarily for use by bicyclists, but it is also useful for those planning to enjoy the trail on foot, travelling the canal system by boat, or visiting the Canal corridor's many sites by car. The fifth edition includes information on the statewide 750-mile Empire State Trail, which the Erie Canalway Trail is now part of; updated maps, trail routing, and surface conditions; and an updated, comprehensive listing of attractions, historic sites, visitor centers, public transportation options, easily accessible lodging, bike shops, parking, and other services. This guide is an indispensable resource for dedicated cyclists planning to bike across the state or the casual rider looking to take the family out for a couple of hours.

Building The Erie Canal Linda Thompson 2018-11-30 Young learners will be introduced to an important stage in history when they read Building The Erie Canal. This book is filled with photographs, interesting facts, discussion questions, and more, to effectively engage young learners in such a significant re-telling of events. Each 48-page title in The History Of America Collection delves into complex narratives in history. Concise, but comprehensive, these titles are very approachable for transitioning readers and learners beginning to recognize detail orientation and how to analyze text. Each book in this series features photographs, timelines, discussion questions, and more, to fully engage transitioning readers. The History Of America Collection engages students in major historical events with fascinating facts, photographs, and more. Readers are able to gauge their own understanding with before-reading questions that help build background knowledge and end-of-book comprehension and extension activities.

Explorer's Guide Erie Canal: A Great Destination: Exploring New York's Great Canals Deborah Williams 2009-06-01 The Erie Canal: Great Destinations is the first comprehensive travel guide to New York State Canals and the communities and attractions found along them. Each chapter covers one canal, providing historical background as well as information on wineries, canal museums, restaurants, lodging, canal cruises and bike paths in all the major cities, many of the small towns and villages, and the two biggest Finger Lakes. The guide offers separate sections on Buffalo, Albany, Syracuse, Utica, and Rochester and their outlying areas, as well as a chapter on Niagara Falls. With coverage of three smaller canals in the region (the Oswego, Champlain, and Cayuga-Seneca) this is undoubtedly the most extensive guide to the canalways of the state.

The Erie Canal Peter Spier 2014-05-30 In his intricately detailed and historically accurate illustrations, Spier brings delightful new dimensions to the popular folk song.

The Erie Canal Andrew Santella 2004-07 Discusses the planning and construction of the Erie Canal which, when completed in 1825, linked the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean.

Historic Highways of America: The Great American Canals, The Erie Canal Archer Butler Hulbert

The Erie Canal Ralph K. Andrist 2016-02-26 The Erie Canal was a preposterous idea. Even President Thomas Jefferson, usually ahead of his time, believed that it could not be built for at least a century, and yet, the Erie Canal came to be just as its planners had thought it would. For the first time in the history of the United States, a cheap, fast route ran through the Appalachians, the mountains that had so effectively divided the West from the East of early America. With the canal, the country's fertile interior became accessible and its great inland lakes were linked to all the seas of the world. Here, from award-winning historian Ralph K. Andrist, is the canal's dramatic and little-told story.

Origin of the Erie Canal Benjamin Hall Wright 1870

The Erie Canal Craig A. Doherty 1996 Discusses the history of this man-made waterway as well as basic engineering, architecture, and mechanical procedures involved in its construction.

The Artificial River Carol Sheriff 1997-06-12 This book reveals the human dimension of the story of the Erie Canal. The author's extensive, innovative archival research shows the varied responses of ordinary people - farmers, businessmen, government officials, tourists, workers - to this major environmental, social, and cultural transformation in the early life of the Republic.

The Erie Canal R. Conrad Stein 2004 Describes how the opening of the Erie Canal helped open America to further westward expansion, the construction of the canal, and the canal today.

The Erie Canal Walter LaPlante 2016-07-15 During the early 1800s, it was difficult and expensive to transport goods from the East Coast to the Great Lakes region. The Erie Canal connected these two areas,

causing a population boom in western New York and encouraging settlement around the Great Lakes.

Readers learn the history of this important canal through the main content and fun fact boxes, and also discover the many ways travelers can use and enjoy the canal today. Full-color photographs introduce cool destinations near the canal and showcase the locks and other canal structures still in existence.

Erie Canal Andrew P. Kitzmann 2009 The Erie Canal was completed in 1825 and became the backbone of an economic and cultural explosion that defined the image of New York. The canal's development spurred successful industry and a booming economy, sparking massive urban growth in an area that was previously virtually unexplored wilderness. People poured west into this new space, drawn by the ability to ship goods along the canal to the Hudson River, New York City, and the world beyond. Erie Canal is a compilation of 200 vintage images from the Erie Canal Museum's documentary collection of New York's canal system. Vintage postcards depict life and industry along the canal, including not only the Erie itself but also the lateral and feeder canals that completed the state-wide system.

Description of a Direct Route for the Erie Canal, at Its Eastern Termination, with Estimates of Its Expense, and Comparative Advantages John Randel 1836

The Story of the Erie Canal R. Conrad Stein 1985 An account of the early nineteenth-century construction of the 363-mile canal connecting Albany and Buffalo.

The Erie Canal Linda Thompson 2004-08-01 Discusses The History And Events That Made The Erie Canal Possible.

Low Bridge! Lionel D. Wyld 1962-05-28 Those who built and used the Erie Canal were a bizarre society, proud pioneers on the waterway known in song and story as "the Horse Ocean," "the Roaring Giddap," or "the Raging Erie." Their considerable influence on American life and literature is the basis of this book. Canallers were colorful characters, from the "hoggee" on the towpath to the "shipshape macaroni" with stovepipe hat and badge of service taking command of a packet with the pride of an admiral, even though he was restricted by law to a speed of four miles per hour! Games and diversions were rough-and-tumble, fighting being as natural as breathing to the canallers. Stories about heroes like Sam Patch and Paddy Ryan, or the big fish that could haul a canal boat, or the big pumpkin that drained the canal—these were logical products of this "frontier" atmosphere. So were the songs—carefree, bawdy, or sad, inspired by the canal and sung throughout the land. Photographs and drawings, music and words to folk songs, maps, notes, and index are included in this first paperback edition.

Report of the Erie Canal Centennial Commission on Plans for a Proper Celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Opening of the Original Erie Canal New York (State). Erie Canal Centennial Commission 1925

The Erie Canal 1970 The tale of a trip along the Erie Canal in the early 1850's from Albany to Buffalo, U.S.A. -through crowded, narrow locks, under bridges so low you have to duck your head, past romantic canal towns and barges brimming with produce.

The Erie Canal Sings Bill Hullfish 2019-06-17 Life working along the banks of the Erie Canal is preserved in the songs of America's rich musical history. Thomas Allen's "Low Bridge, Everybody Down" has achieved iconic status in the American songbook, but its true story has never been told until now. Erie songs such as "The E-ri-e Is a-Risin'" would transform into "The C&O Is a-Risin'" as the song culture spread among a network of other canals, including the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Pennsylvania Main Line. As motors replaced mules and railroads emerged, the canal song tradition continued on Broadway stages and in folk music recordings. Author Bill Hullfish takes readers on a musical journey along New York's historic Erie Canal.

An Essay on the Enlargement of the Erie Canal, Jesse Hawley 1840

The Erie Canal Jeanne Nagle 2017-12-15 Following the American Revolutionary War, distance and difficult terrain made the western frontier of the newly formed United States seem like a world apart from the thirteen Atlantic-seaboard colonies. To better preserve the union, as well as advance the country's fledgling independent economy, a group of statesmen proposed building a canal that would connect these unified yet disparate locations. At first considered a "folly," the Erie Canal wound up achieving those lofty goals and more. Readers uncover the reasons and strategies behind the building of the canal, and the ways in which this crucial waterway facilitated U.S. westward expansion.

Erie Water West Ronald E. Shaw 2013-07-24 The construction of the Erie Canal may truly be described as a major event in the growth of the young United States. At a time when the internal links among the states were scanty, the canal's planners boldly projected a system of transportation that would strike from the eastern seaboard, penetrate the frontier, and forge a bond between the East and the growing settlements of the West. In this comprehensive history, Ronald E. Shaw portrays the development of the canal as viewed by its contemporaries, who rightly saw it as an engineering marvel and an achievement of great economic and social significance not only for New York but also for the nation.

The Erie Canal Samuel Hopkins Adams 1953

The Erie Canal Lisa Bullard 2017-08-01 Have you ever heard of a road that was built for boats? That's what the Erie Canal is. In the 1800s, people dug a canal that was 363 miles long. It helped link the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes. Can you guess how long it took to build the canal? Or why the canal was important? Read this book to find out! Learn all about some remarkable sites in the Famous Places series - part of the Lightning Bolt Books™ collection. With high-energy designs, exciting illustrations, and fun text, Lightning Bolt Books™ bring nonfiction topics to life!

Enterprising Waters Brad L. Utter 2020-03-01 Chronicles the story of the Erie Canal from its inception to today. One of the largest public works projects in American history, the Erie Canal inspired a nationwide transportation revolution and directed the course of New York and American history. When completed in 1825, the engineering marvel unlocked the Western interior for trade and settlement, boomtowns sprang up along the canal's path, and New York City grew to be the nation's most powerful center of international trade. Millions of people poured into New York (and some through it) to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities provided by the canal, influencing settlement and the social, political, and commercial landscapes of America. Produced in honor of the bicentennial of the beginning of construction of the canal, *Enterprising Waters*—a companion catalog to the New York State Museum's exhibition of the same name—includes reproductions of objects and images from the collections of more than thirty-five different institutions and individual lenders. It also contains reproductions of fifty-nine works of art used in the companion exhibition "Art of the Erie Canal." Themes of politics, engineering, commerce, life on the canal, and more are paired with full color images of artifacts, documents, and images to bring this unique American story to life, from its inception to today. "Enterprising Waters is, like the Erie Canal itself, an ambitious achievement. Its spectacular visual images vividly portray the waterway's material world as well as its artistic legacy, while the accompanying text concisely covers two centuries of Erie Canal history. No matter how much, or how little, readers know already about New York's artificial waterways, they can learn from (and enjoy!) this beautiful catalog." — Carol Sheriff, author of *The Artificial River: The Erie Canal and the Paradox of Progress, 1817-1862* "A fine presentation in words and images of the great project that inspired New York and the nation." — Gerard Koepfel, author of *Bond of Union: Building the Erie Canal and the American Empire*

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