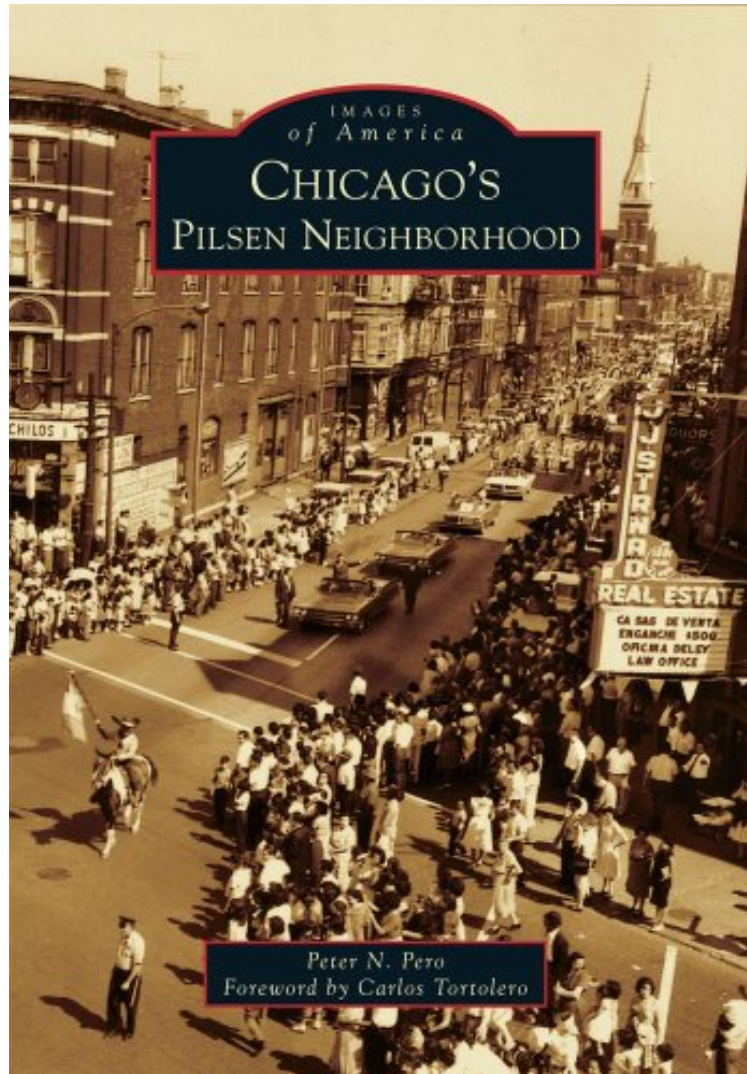


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Peter N. Pero : Chicago's Pilsen Neighborhood (Images of America Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chicago's Pilsen Neighborhood (Images of America Series):

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deep read....more like someone's commentary than an in depth understanding of the history of the place. Did the author interview any older folks that may have been around back then? It has nice old pictures that are interesting and some current history on the people living there that might interest contemporaries more than folks wanting an historical account and a longer read.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. and books like this and the people who care enough to remember ...By Customerin 1966 when I grew up, people had self-respect that didn't rely on labels or politics because they didn't exist. There was pride and we, and I still don't need more than my conviction of what is right and who is wrong. Much more can be said, and books like this and the people who care enough to remember them help fill in the gaps taken by time. Thanks Dave near Chicago8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expectedBy CustomerMy grandmother lived in this area in the 1940's. I purchased this assuming I would find photos and information on the places I remember seeing as a child. An old movie theatre, beer gardens lit up with Christmas lights at night, with young and old German men drinking from steins, ,some photos of the old flats like where grandma lived, where 4 households shared one small bathroom under the front stairs in the hallway, maybe old Maxwell street, numerous memories. Instead I found little reference to the early settlers of this area of Chicago. It seemed to concentrate on the Hispanic population that moved into the area after grandma b died. A nice history of the area, but too recent in my opinion, An expensive dissapointment sitting on my bookshelf.

For nearly 150 years, Pilsen has been a port of entry for thousands of immigrants. Mexicans, Czechs, Poles, Lithuanians, Croatians, and Germans are some of the ethnic groups who passed through this Ellis Island on Chicagos Near Westside. Early generations came searching for work and found plenty of jobs in the lumber mills, breweries, family-run shops and large factories that took root here. Today most jobs exist outside of Pilsen, but the neighborhood is still home to a loyal population. Pilsen is compact but abounds with close-knit families, elaborate churches, mom-and-pop stores, and sturdy brick homes. Nearly 200 photographs from libraries, personal scrapbooks, and museums provide the evidence. Some notable people who walked the streets of Pilsen include Anton Cermak, Amalia Mendoza, George Halas, Cesar Chavez, Judy Barr Topinka, and Stuart Dybek. Today the Pilsen schools are nurturing another generation of artists, athletes, and activists. Many Chicagoans and tourists from outside the city are rediscovering this colorful and historic neighborhood. Let this history book serve as their guide.

Title: New Book on Pilsen publishedPublisher: Gazette Chicago Date: 6/30/2011Peter N. Pero, who has worked as a teacher in the Pilsen community for more than ten years, has published Chicagos Pilsen Neighborhood in Arcadia Publishings Images of America series. The book tells the history of Pilsen and presents more than 200 photographs and drawings, both vintage and contemporary.Peros book is about a piece of ground less than two square miles in size, but out of this compact community came poignant experiences related to work, worship, family unity, community pride, artistic expression, continuity, and change, he said.It is no easy task to tackle the history of Pilsen, but author Peter Pero has done an admirable job in putting together this book, said Carlos Tortolero, president of the National Museum of Mexican Art.The book costs \$21.99 and is available at area bookstores and online retailers or through Arcadia at www.arcadiapublishing.com or (888) 313-2665.About the AuthorPeter Nicholas Pero is a teacher and writer whose interest is in urban studies. He has written about neighborhoods in Tokyo, Venice, Cuenavaca, Dublin, Hong Kong, and Buenos Aires. In Chicago, Pero has been a teacher in the Pilsen neighborhood for more than 10 years. This book grew out of his experiences.