

The Book Corner

Subject Area: English / Social Studies **Grades** 6-12

Subject Area Language Arts

New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy

Standard 1: Students will read, write, listen, and speak for information and understanding.

Standard 2: Students will read, write, listen, and speak for literary response and expression.

Standard 3: Students will read, write, listen, and speak for critical analysis and evaluation.

Standard 4: Students will read, write, listen, and speak for social interaction.

Subject Area: Social Studies

New York State Social Studies Learning Standards

Standard 1

History of the United States and New York

Students will:

- Use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in the history of the United States and New York.
- Distinguish between near and distant past and interpret simple timelines,
- Investigate key turning points in New York State and United States history and explain why these events or developments are significant.\
- Gather and organize information about the important achievements and contributions of individuals and groups living in New York State and the United States,
- Prepare essays and oral reports about the important social, political, economic, scientific, technological, and cultural developments, issues, and events from New York State and United States history.

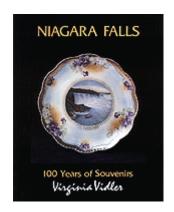
Overview

Oldest, largest independent bookstore in Western New York, The Book Corner has been a Niagara Falls institution since 1927. Established by Marie Fleming, The Book Corner was first located on First Street in Niagara Falls. The store has moved and ended over the years until now it encompasses three floors and 10,000 square feet on Main Street. The Book Corner's history has been one of tradition and change. Parke "Pete" Morrow Jr. bought the store from Mrs. Fleming in 1962. He still owns and runs it today along with his son, Jeffrey, who has been in the business for twenty years. In 1970, the construction of a convention center forced the store to move from Third Street to 1909 Main Street. In 1982, after that building was sold, Pete, his family and six friends moved the entire store one block south, to 1801 Main Street, in 36 hours, closing Saturday evening and reopening for business Monday morning. Fifteen years later, Pete and Jeff had the opportunity to buy 1801 and despite the few retail businesses left on Main Street decided that the location was right for them. Since the purchase, the Morrows have taken on an ambitious renovation project, opening up half of the second floor as a community performance venue and massive used book room. A colorful, quirky and comfortable space, the renovation utilized help from Maine to Seattle, with furnishings donated by customers and artwork loaned by local artists.

The Book Corner is open six days a week from 9 am to 5:30 pm and until 7 pm on Thursdays. It is able to stock new and used books on a wide range of subjects, classics in every field as well as the latest bestsellers. The staff research both in print and out-of-print titles, order from all publishers, no matter what size, and ship orders promptly. Often books can be delivered within the same week as ordered. Requests for pricing and availability are always welcome. The collection of literature about and from Niagara Falls and Western New York is especially extensive with some titles that are unavailable elsewhere.

Activity

Students will read one of the following books from the Book Corner's collection of books on the local region.



Book Title

100 Years of Souvenirs

Author: Virginia Vidler

Publisher: North Country Books

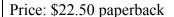
Price: \$14.95 paperback. Limited signed and numbered editions available for \$34.95.

Description: This book traces the souvenirs of Niagara Falls over a 150 year period. These souvenirs provide glimpses into human nature, and recall significant past events as well as transitions in lifestyles. Many black and white photographs with some in color

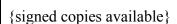


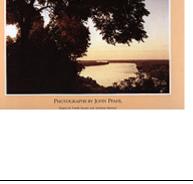
ISBN # 0-8263-1071-0 Photographer: John Pfahl

Publisher: University of New Mexico Press



Description: The artist's exquisite color photographs are complemented by Amos Sangster's 19th century etchings of the Niagara River & Falls from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. The most beautiful profile of the river & gorge available-a collector's edition.





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Beyond the Falls

ISBN # 0-9632815-8-5

Author: Lisa Aug

Illustrator: Thomas L. Sullivan Publisher: Niagara Books

Price: \$14.95

Description: A modern history of the lower Niagara River. Very readable history with personal anecdotes from local historians, environmentalists, fishermen & others



Bridges Over The Niagara Gorge Rainbow Bridge 50 Years 1941-1991

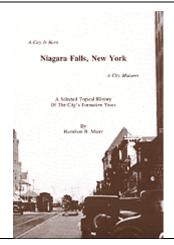
Bridges Over the Niagara Gorge

ISBN # 0-9695125-0-3 Author: George A. Seibel

Publisher: NF Bridge Commission

Price: \$\$39.95

Description: This book, written to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Rainbow Bridge, recounts the history through words and photos of all the bridges to span the gorge including the buildings and equipment surrounding them. Many b/w & color photos of the ice jams & construction of the bridges.



City is Born Niagara Falls, NY

ISBN # NONE

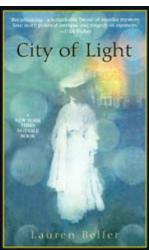
Author: Hamilton B. Mizer

Publisher: Niagara County Historical Society

Price: \$12.95

Description: A selected topical history of the

city's formative years.

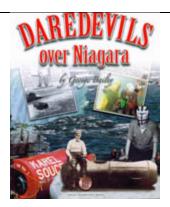


City of Light

ISBN # 0-385337647 Author: Lauren Belfer Publisher: Dial Press

Price: \$12.95

Description: This novel of the massive hydroelectric development at nearby Niagara Falls & the grand Pan-American Exposition.



Daredevils Over Niagara

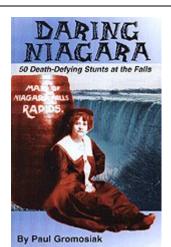
ISBN # 0-9682959-5-9 Author: George Bailey

Publisher: Royal Specialty Sales

Price: \$7.95

Description: Between October 24, 1901 and October 20, 2003 16 different people, including 2 women, have intentionally tried to "beat" Niagara by plunging over the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. Here now are the stories of

those Niagara Daredevils,



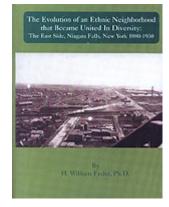
Daring Niagara

ISBN # 1-879201-23-2 Author: Paul Gromosiak Publisher: WNY Wares Inc.

Price: \$ 6.95

Description: 50 death-defying stunts at the Falls. Details of those who barreled boated and even

bicycled to fame.



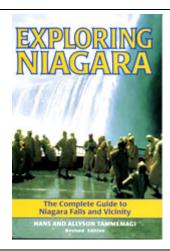
Evolution of an Ethnic Neighborhood that became United in Diversity: The East Side, Niagara Falls, New York 1880-1930

Author: William Feder Publisher: BMP Inc.

Price: \$35.00

Description: William Feder's historical and folkloric account of a neighborhood emerging during the dawn of the age of electricity. During this time Niagara Falls became known for having the highest percentage of immigrants of any city in New York State outside of New York City. This dissertation explains the development of an ethnic neighborhood of Niagara Falls which became known as the East Side.

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Exploring Niagara

ISBN # 978-1-55041-833-0

Author: Hans & Allyson Tammemagi Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd.

Price: \$14.25

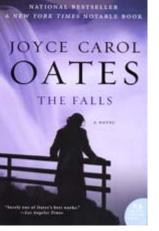
Description: Reveals the treasures of Niagara Falls and surrounding area, including both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. Offering more than 50 tours and daytrips taken by car, bicycle or foot, detailing the historical, cultural, and geographical highlights of the region

Falls

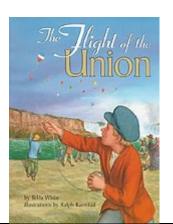
ISBN # 0060722290 Author: Joyce Carol Oates

Publisher: Harper

Price: \$14.95



Description: It is 1950 and, after a disastrous honeymoon night, Arial Erskine's young husband throws himself into the roaring waters of Niagara Falls. Arial, "the Widow Bride of the Falls," begins a relentless seven-day vigil in the mist, waiting for his body to be found. At her side is confirmed bachelor and pillar of the community Dirk Burnaby, who is unexpectedly drawn to her. What follow is a passionate love affair, marriage, and family. Tragedy soon takes over their lives, poisoning their halcyon years with distrust, greed, and murder.

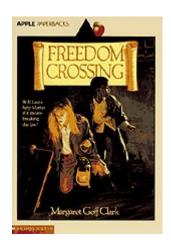


Flight of the Union

ISBN # 1-5750-5300-4 Author: Tekla White Illustrator: Ralph Ramstad

Publisher: Lerner Pub. Group - Price: \$ 5.95

Description: In 1847, only a kite flown with great skill could get a line across the river to begin building a bridge to join Niagara Falls, NY with Canada. This is the story, based on real events; of young Homan Walsh's historymaking effort with the kite he called "Union". Full color illustrations. Recommended ages 5-9.



Freedom Crossing

ISBN # 0-5904-4569-3 Author: Margaret Goff Clark

Publisher: Scholastic

Price: \$ 4.50

Description: Laura believes that anyone helping a fugitive slave is breaking the law. Then she meets Martin Paige, a 12 yr. old runaway slave who would rather die than be sent back to the South. Laura discovers that her brother & father are helping runaway slaves escape into Canada. Her house is a stopover on the Underground railroad. Recommended ages 9-13.



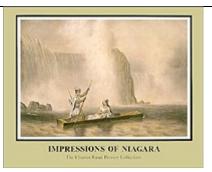
Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message

ISBN # 1-880000-54-7 Author: Chief Jake Swamp Illustrator: Erwin Printup, Jr. Publisher: Lee &Low Books, Inc.

Price: \$ 5.95

Description: The words in this book are based on the Thanksgiving Address, an ancient message of peace and appreciation of Mother Earth and all her inhabitants. These words of thanks come to us from the Native people known as the Six Nations - Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora. The

Goat Island Niagara's Scenic Retreat	people of the Six Nations are from Upstate NY and Canada. Full color illustrations. Recommended ages 5-9. Goat Island: Niagara's Scenic Retreat Author: Paul Gromosiak Publisher: Western New York Wares, Inc.
Paul Gromosiak	Price: \$9.95 Description: Explore the picturesque islands above Niagara Falls. This delightful book introduces readers to everything from the historic hermit of Goat Island to the Cave of the Winds
GOLD FORT NIAGARA ENTTON THE GOLD-LACED COAT d Sury of Old Niagare OLD PORT NIAGARA ASSOCIATION	Gold-Laced Coat ISBN # 0-941967-07-7 Author: Helen Fuller Orton Publisher: Old Fort Niagara Assoc. Price: \$ 5.95 Description: Historical, fictional story for children 10+ which takes place in Old Fort Niagara during the French & Indian War.
LATAR COUNTY. TEW YORK TO THE TO TH	History of Niagara County, New York Author: Kostoff Robert Publisher: Edwin Mellen Press Price: \$19.95 Description: With an extensive range of subjects, there's something for everyone. From the often ignored War of 1812 and the Lockport links to unsavory characters like Jesse James and Billy the Kid to the Underground Railroad.



Impressions of Niagara

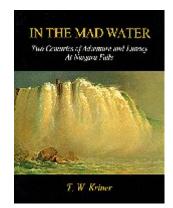
ISBN # 0-9636914-1-0

Author: Christopher W. Lane

Publisher: The Philadelphia Print Shop, Ltd.

Price: \$29.50

Description: The Charles Rand Penney Collection of prints of N.F. and the Niagara River from the 16th to the early 20th Century. This unsurpassed collection is detailed with b/w photos & descriptions.



In the Mad Water

ISBN # 0-9657245-1-4 Author: T.W. Kriner Publisher: J&J Publishing

Price: \$17.95

Description: Two centuries of adventure & lunacy at Niagara Falls. Signed copies available of this book dealing with the exploits of many who dared the Falls

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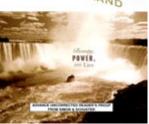


Inventing Niagara

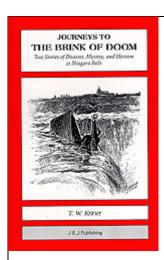
ISBN # 1-415646561 Author: Ginger Strand

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Price: \$25.00



Description: Seamlessly weaving science, history, aesthetics, and personal observation into an absorbing narrative, tracing the Falls' journey from natural wonder to marvel of engineering to camp spectacle. Along the way she shows us underwater dams, freaks of nature, mythical maidens and Niagara's 280,000 radioactive mice



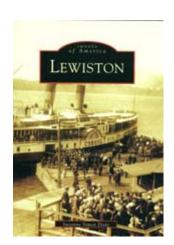
Journeys to the Brink of Doom

ISBN # 0-9657245-0-6 Author: T.W. Kriner Publisher: J&J Publishing

Price: \$14.95

Description: True stories of disaster, mystery, & heroism at Niagara Falls. Signed copies available of this essential guide to the dark history behind the mists of Niagara. Read this book. Whether you're a traveler or an armchair tourist, you'll never think about NF in the same way.

{signed copies available}



Lewiston

ISBN # 0-7385-4461-8

Author: Suzanne Simon Dietz Publisher: Arcadia Publishing

Price: \$21.99

Description: Lewiston captures the wealth of history of one of the most historic areas in the country. The 211 images and historical commentary about the village and town including the Tuscarora Nation, the Power Authority, the hamlet of Sanborn, and more are a keepsake!



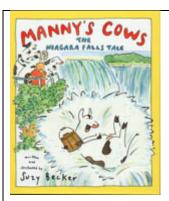
Maiden of the Mist

ISBN # 0-7737-6208-7 Author: Veronika Charles

Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside

Price: \$6.95

Description: Down, down she fell into the boiling waters below. Yet there was no panic or even fear in her. Lelawala felt peaceful and safe, almost like she was being carried in someone's gentle arms.

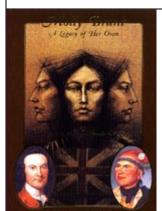


Manny's Cows: The Niagara Falls Tale

ISBN # 0060541520 Author: Suzy Becker Publisher: Harper Collins

Price: \$15.99

Description: A suggestion from his teacher inspires the boy to herd all 500 bovines (a surprisingly talkative, opinionated bunch) onto buses and head for Niagara Falls. A story full of fun and laced with amusing visual and verbal details.



Molly Brant: A Legacy of Her Own

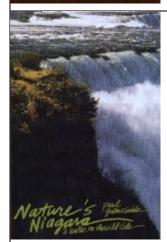
ISBN # 0-941967-18-2 Author: Lois M. Huey

Publisher: Old Fort Niagara Assoc.

Price: \$11.95

Description: A biography of this important and influential Mohawk Indian woman of the 18th

century



Nature's Niagara: A Walk on the Wild Side

ISBN # 1-879201-31-3 Author: Paul Gromosiak Publisher: WNY Wares, Inc.

Price: \$ 8.95

Description: Learn how glaciers left their mark on the landscape & find out why NF has moved 7 miles since the last ice age. Photos, charts & maps showcase the power & beauty of the mighty Niagara.

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Navy Island: Historic Treasure of the Niagara

ISBN # 0-941967-21-2 Author: Roland L. Nafus

Publisher: Old Fort Niagara Assoc.

Price: \$14.95

Description: Heritage-Archaeology-Folklore of this historic island between Grand Island and

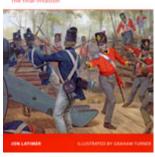
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Niagara 1814

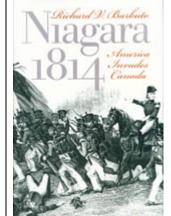
ISBN # 9781846034398 Author: Jon Latimer Publisher: Osprey

Price: \$19.95



Description: In 1814, the Americans launched a last offensive in an attempt to seize Canada. However, due to poor planning, the campaign failed. Latimer presents a new look at an oftforgotten yet crucially important campaign in

North American history



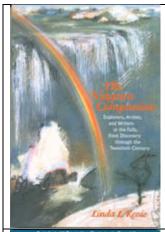
Niagara 1814: America Invades Canada

Author: Robert Barbuto

Publisher: University Press of Kansas

Price: \$39.95

Description: An impressive and important addition to the historical works on the War of 1812. Comprehensive in scope and detailed in its analysis, Barbuto's study is also a sheer pleasure to read and will most certainly become a standard work on the subject



Niagara Companion

Author: Linda Revie

Publisher: Wilfred Laurier University Press

Price: \$19.95

Description: A fascinating and wonderfully readable evocation of how generations have tried to understand the extraordinary phenomenon that is Niagara Falls. It should be in the backpack of every literate tourist.

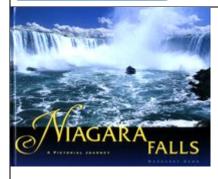


Niagara Daredevils: Thrills and Spills over Niagara Falls

Author: Cheryl MacDonald Publisher: Altitude Publishing

Price: \$7.95

Description: From swimmers to jumpers, to tightrope walkers and barrel riders, Niagara Falls has attracted daredevils for almost 200 years. Their stories are amazing.



Niagara Falls

ISBN # 0-9699126-1-7 Author: Margaret Dunn

Photographer: Michael D. Romanowich-signed

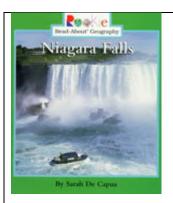
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Publisher: Margaret Dunn

Price: \$24.95

Description: A pictorial journey around the Falls, this masterful combination of concise text & superb illustrations is the finest book available depicting this natural wonder over 3 centuries. Contemporary & historic photos, rare paintings & antique postcards filled with color and b/w photos

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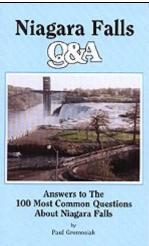


Niagara Falls (Rookie Read About Geography)

ISBN # 0516273922 Author: Sara DeCapua Publisher: Scholastic

Price: \$5.95

Description: Written for ages 4-8 introduces young readers to the American Falls as well as the Bridal Veil and Canadian Falls. Colorful photos and simple text encourage children to read on their own. As they travel into a cave, through a tunnel, on a boat, and to the top of a tower to see those beautiful waterfalls



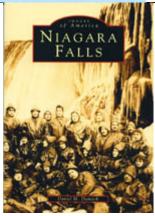
Niagara Falls Q&A

ISBN # 0-9620314-8-8 Author: Paul Gromosiak Publisher: WNY Wares Inc.

Price: \$ 4.50

Description: The author answers 100 of the most common questions about the Falls. Index

& photos



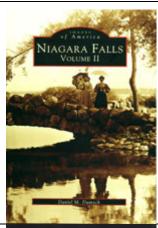
Niagara Falls, Volume 1

ISBN # 0-7524-0432-6 Author: Daniel Dumych Publisher: Arcadia Publishing

Price: \$21.99

Description: Photographs presented contain views of the city of Niagara Falls and trace the community's roots in the villages of Suspension

Bridge, Niagara Falls and LaSalle.



Niagara Falls Volume II

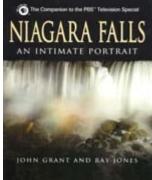
ISBN # 0738557854

Author: Daniel M. Dumych Publisher: Arcadia Publishing

Price: \$21.99

Description: A portrayal of Niagara Falls as it once was between the mid-1800's to the late

1960's.



Niagara Falls: And Intimate Portrait

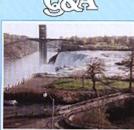
ISBN # 0-7627-4025-6

Author: John Grant and Ray Jones Publisher: Globe Pequot Press

Price: \$24.95

Description: Once a place sacred to the Iroquois, Niagara Falls has been exploited by profiteers, protected by preservationists, harnessed for mechanical power, and reincarnated into the honeymoon capital of the world. Niagara Falls: An Intimate Portrait, the companion to the PBS television program, celebrates the history of the falls and examines human progress -- and human folly -- on a grand scale.

Niagara Falls



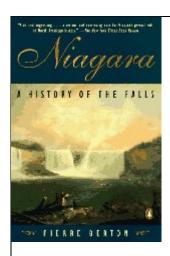
Answers to The 100 Most Common Questions About Niagara Falls by Paul Greenosiak Niagara Falls: Question & Answer Book

ISBN # 0968263518 Author: George Bailey Publisher: Royal Specialty

Price: \$3.95

Description: Color photography on every page. This book answers the twenty-five most asked

questions about this natural wonder.



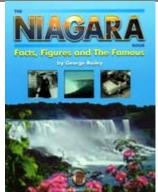
Niagara: A History of the Falls

ISBN # 1-56836-154-8 Author: Pierre Berton Publisher: Kodansha Int.

Price: \$8.99 paperback \$27.00 hardcover

Description: Most authoritative narrative history available today. This book traces the history of the Falls and the exceptional characters drawn

to it.



Niagara: Facts, Figures and the Famous

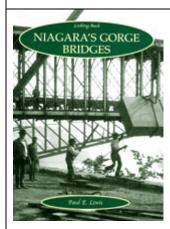
ISBN # 0-9682959-3-2 Author: George Bailey

Publisher: Royal Specialty Sales

Price: \$7.95

Description: Fact filled fully illustrated book about Niagara, the river and falls, power, stunts,

trivia and much more



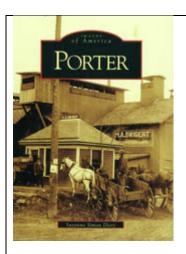
Niagara's Gorge Bridges

ISBN # 978-1-55068-925-9 Author: Paul E. Lewis

Publisher: Vanwell Publishing Ltd.

Price: \$22.95

Description: Tracing over a century of the development and construction of the various bridges that have spanned the river. Over 200 archival photos and engravings are used. Another title in the 'Looking Back' series



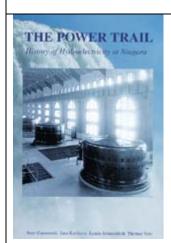
Porter

ISBN # 0-7385-3878-7

Author: Suzanne Simon Dietz Publisher: Arcadia Publishing

Price: \$21.99

Description: Depicts the history of a town that has been shaped by the strategic military position of Fort Niagara. Photographs were selected from private collections as well as museums and libraries. The authors' meticulous research and concern for accuracy bring this delightful history into sharp perspective.



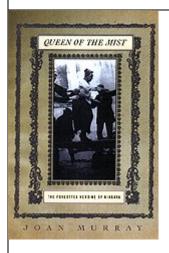
Power Trail: History of Hydroelectricity at Niagara

ISBN # 1879201542

Gawronski, Kasikova, Schnecklothe & Yots Publisher: Western New York Wares

Price: \$9.95

Description: The story of the birth of hydroelectricity. Niagara's history power plants are monuments to an age when the eyes of the world looked upon Niagara as a symbol of the power of human progress and hope for a new world.

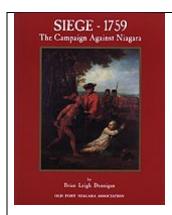


Queen of the Mist

ISBN # 0-8070-6857-8 Author: Joan Murray Publisher: Beacon Press

Price: \$15.00 paperback, \$20 hardcover

Description: In 1901, a barrel plunged over the brink of Niagara Falls. On the outside was painted "Queen of the Mist". Inside was a destitute 63 year old teacher. The story of Annie Taylor tells in poetic narration the story of the first person to go over the Falls and live. Signed hardcover copies available.



Siege - 1759: The Campaign Against Niagara

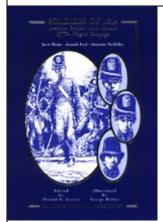
ISBN # 0-941967-15-8

Author: Brian Leigh Dunnigan Publisher: Old Fort Niagara Assoc.

Price: \$ 14.95

Description: A close up look at the Seven Years War as it relates to Fort Niagara and particularly the 19 day siege as the British took over control

from the French



Soldiers of 1814: Amer. Enlisted Men's Memoirs

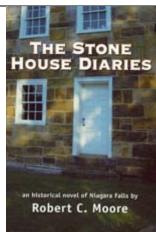
ISBN # 0-941967-16-6 Editor: Donald E. Graves Illustrator: George Balbar

Publisher: Old Fort Niagara Assoc.

Price: \$ 6.50

Description: Memoirs of the Niagara Campaign. Historical accounts providing a colorful picture

of military life.

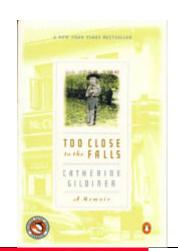


Stone House Diaries

ISBN # 0-9770429-3-6 Author: Robert Moore Publisher: Local History Co.

Price: \$21.95

Description: The Stone House Diaries captures the history of Niagara Falls, NY through the reflections of several generations of residents. The house and those who called it home embody the area: at time beautiful, often conflicted, and occasionally, victims of circumstances beyond their control.



Too Close to the Falls

ISBN # 0-14-200040-x

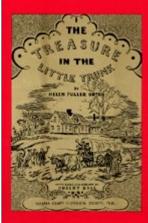
Author: Catherine McClure Gildiner

Publisher: Penguin

Price: \$ 14.00

Description: A memoir of a 1950s childhood spent in Lewiston, NY and Niagara area.

{signed copies available}



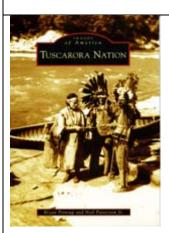
Treasure in the Little Trunk

ISBN # 1-878233-00-9 Author: Helen Fuller Orton

Publisher: Niagara County Historical Society

Price: \$ 5.95

Description: This book, which is required reading in many NYS 4th grade classrooms, follows the adventures of 9 year old Patty Armstrong as her family moves from Vermont to WNY in 1823. The "treasure" she received from her grandmother for her birthday is a part of all the adventures she faces - both scary and rough.



Tuscarora Nation

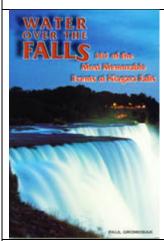
ISBN # 0-7385-4953-3

Author: Bryan Printup and Neil Patterson Jr.

Publisher: Arcadia Publishing

Price: \$21.99

Description: The Tuscarora were the first native people to be dispossessed of their land during the colonization of the United States. With their future at stake they walked north, beginning in 1713. Now almost 300 years later they are prospering. Here are unearthed rarely seen and touching photographs from a variety of sources many coming from family albums making this a truly homegrown story.



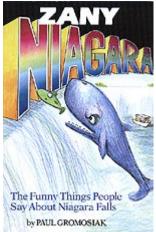
Water over the Falls

ISBN # 1-879201-16-X Author: Paul Gromosiak Publisher: WNY Wares Inc.

Price: \$ 5.95

Description: 101 of the most memorable events at Niagara Falls chronicling the region's rich

history.



Zany Niagara

ISBN # 1-879201-06-2 Author: Paul Gromosiak Illustrator: John Hardiman Publisher: WNY Wares, Inc.

Price: \$ 4.95

Description: The funny things people say about

Niagara Fall

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