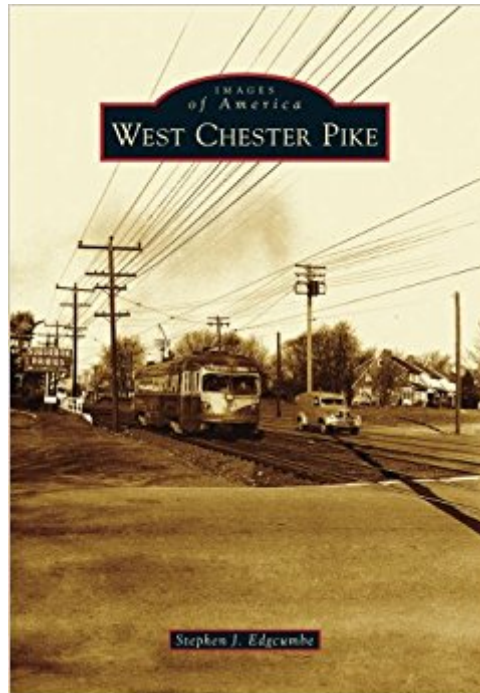




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Spanning 20 miles, West Chester Pike, part of Pennsylvania Route 3, connects Philadelphia with the borough of West Chester. From east to west, it passes through suburban communities in Delaware and Chester Counties, namely Millbourne, Upper Darby, Haverford, Marple, Newtown, Edgmont, Willistown, Westtown, East Goshen, and West Goshen. Known early on as the West Chester Road, the route began as a dirt road used to meet the needs of area settlers, mainly Quakers, farmers, and mill owners. In the mid-1800s, formal requests for the construction of a more reliable and easy-to-navigate state roadway came from farmers and mill owners west of Philadelphia who were seeking easier access to markets in the city. West Chester Pike looks at the history of the roadway as it transformed from a simple, rural, dirt road to the bustling four-lane, suburban highway and mostly commercial corridor used today by thousands of area residents, commuters, and commercial workers.

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Customer Reviews

Journalist Stephen J. Edgcumbe was born and raised in Upper Darby at the eastern end of West Chester Pike. Today, he lives in East Goshen, near its western end. The images in West Chester Pike come from the collections of historical societies and museums, municipalities, local historians, and longtime area businesses and residents.

Great book on the road which cuts through the communities where I grew up, worked while going through college and also had a rail transportation history. Considering the page, photo & narrative size limitations, the book is a pleasant surprise and should be in every bookcase in every community from Upper Darby to West Chester. And the photos showing how the "Pike" was at one time road on one side; trolleys on the other are priceless.

Having grown up in the area I remember many of the buildings and the trolley line which ran down the center of West Chester Pike. The photographs are nostalgic, bringing back fond remembrances of days gone by. Still living in the area, it is interesting to see how the area has evolved. Some early 1900's buildings (before my time) are still standing. Steve Edgcumbe has done a great job editing and writing about the history of West Chester Pike.

The book was interesting as it showed how West Chester Pike evolved over the years. I enjoyed it very much.

Great old photographs of West Chester Pike and the buildings that used to adjoin it. This book is from the popular Arcadia "Images of America" series, and is a must for history buffs or just those with a curiosity for how things used to be.

This was a great book for all who grew up along West Chester Pike. The old pictures and history of our town were very interesting. I have passed this book to several friends who also enjoyed the book.

Brought back many memories of my youth. Always lived off the West Chester pike and it was wonderful to see the Pike as I remembered it.

This book is filled with photographs that will remind you of all that was and now is along this iconic transportation route.

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