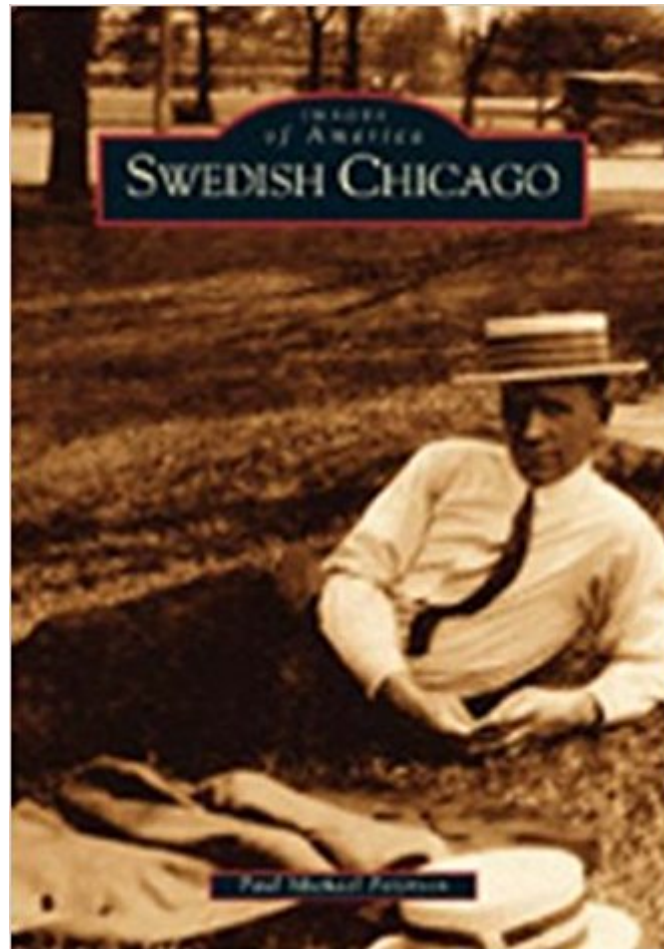




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Swedish Chicago (IL) (Images Of America)



Synopsis

At the turn of the 20th century, Chicago was home to the largest Swedish population of any city in the world outside of Stockholm. In the 1920s, Sweden experienced an economic depression and population growth that sparked another rush of Swedish immigration to America and Chicago, where they settled in large numbers in Andersonville and North Park. Chicago has been home to many famous and influential Swedes, including writers Carl Sandburg and Nelson Algren, and builder and developer Andrew Lanquist, who gave us both Wrigley Field and the Wrigley Building. Tour Chicago's Swedish heritage, from the great waves of migration to the present day, through vintage photographs in Swedish Chicago.

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Customer Reviews

Paul Michael Peterson is an English teacher and lifelong Chicago resident whose grandparents emigrated from Sweden. He continues to celebrate the yearly traditions that his Swedish heritage has given him, including making glogg at Christmas.

Nice background on Swedish Immigrants to Chicagoeasy reading

This is essentially a photo album of some Swedish immigrants to Chixago, beginning at the turn of the century. By that time there was already a substantial Swedish immigrant population in Chixago, as is referenced in the book. I was hoping for more than just blurbs about the individuals in the photos, but more accompanying information about the drivers and earlier Swedish immigrants as

well. These are alluded to, such as population growth in Sweden, but not elaborated upon further. I'd also have liked to have information about the neighborhoods, churches, markets and other community locations known for their significance to the Swedish population in Chicago.

I was hoping to read more about Andersonville where my grandfather first came to. He lost his first wife there giving birth to a baby boy. I would like to find the cemetery around there in the late 1880's where she/they may be buried.

I've long admired Arcadia's "Images of America" series. Despite that the entire book is printed in black and white and there are no color photos, this 128-page coffee table book is a must-have for anyone interested in the history and ephemera associated with Swedish immigration to Chicago at the beginning of the 20th century. Peterson's photographs and images are stunningly crisp and his prose sings as he introduces the chapter openers and informs the reader with the detailed photo captions. The book is not cumulative in the history it presents, but with 128 pages, you get more than your money's worth in this ethnic gem.

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