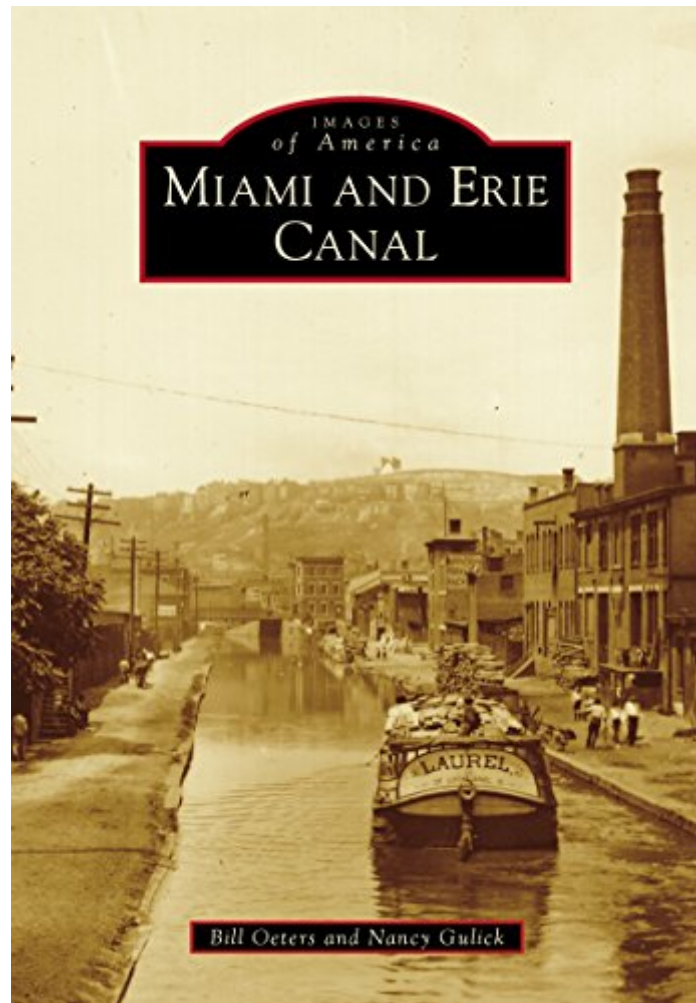




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There is more below your four tires than you think. For 35 years I traveled the general route of the

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Excellent book! Couldn't put it down. Very interesting stuff. I definitely recommend it.

Happy to have this one re the NW Ohio canals; my family has history connected to the canals. Donated one as well to my small county Historical Society.

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This was a very enjoyable read, much more than a history of the canals. It was filled with wonderful anecdotes.

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