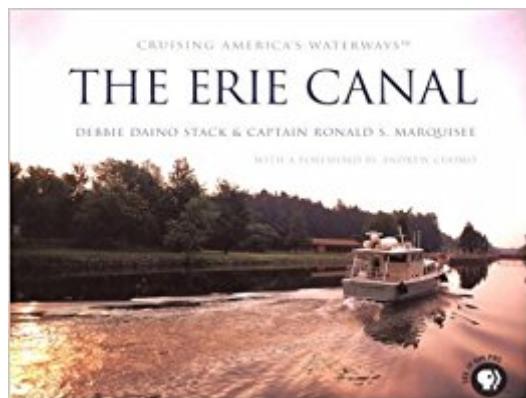


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# Cruising America's Waterways: The Erie Canal



## **Synopsis**

Focusing on the joys of traveling the canals of New York State and the famous Erie Canal, this accessible guide addresses the practical aspects of navigating canals. Featuring 225 color photographs that showcase the waterways in all four seasons accompanied by informative text, it presents the canal system's evolution from an industrial transportation route to an exciting recreational waterway. Addressed are suggestions for taking full advantage of the canals when cruising on them; information on the mechanics of their unique locks, guard gates, and dams; and ideas for enjoying the cultural, recreational, and scenic opportunities along their routes.

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Erie Canal. Captain Ronald S. Marquisee, producer of the Cruising America's Waterways series, was a tenured associate professor at Syracuse University's S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. He is licensed as a United States Coast Guard Merchant Marine Master. They both live in Syracuse, New York.

Though other man-made waterways in New York state are included, book is at its best when talking about the Erie Canal. Lots of neat pix included.

Nice pictures, and a good overview.

Great read.

A companion book to the award-winning PBS series "Cruising American Waterways," The Erie Canal by Debbie Daino Stack (PBS Project Coordinator for the "Cruising American Waterways" television series) and Captain Ronald S. Marquisee (Producer of "Cruising America's Waterways"), is a quality travelogue showcasing the history and beauty of the famous Erie Canal, a still active waterway used for recreation, flood control, irrigation, and power generation. Lavish color photographs of this historic canal fill The Erie Canal from cover to cover, and the insightful text offers a wealth of cultural lore. A superbly gorgeous coffee-table book and enhanced with a foreword by Andrew Cuomo, The Erie Canal is a true pleasure to read and enjoy and highly recommended for armchair travelers and community library American History collections.

This book is filled with color photographs that capture the beauty and historic charm of this waterway. The text is comprehensive -- touching on everything from history to Canal utilization. It let's you see what all of New York's canals have to offer - as a boater, cruise ship tourist, or automotive traveller. The Canals are fully functional and waiting for tourists. This book let's you understand the "New York State Canal System" and all that it has to offer. As the text points out... (rough quote)...if we had not inherited this legacy resource; costs, environmental concerns, and political considerations would not allow its construction today. This is a superior book on the world's most famous canal.

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