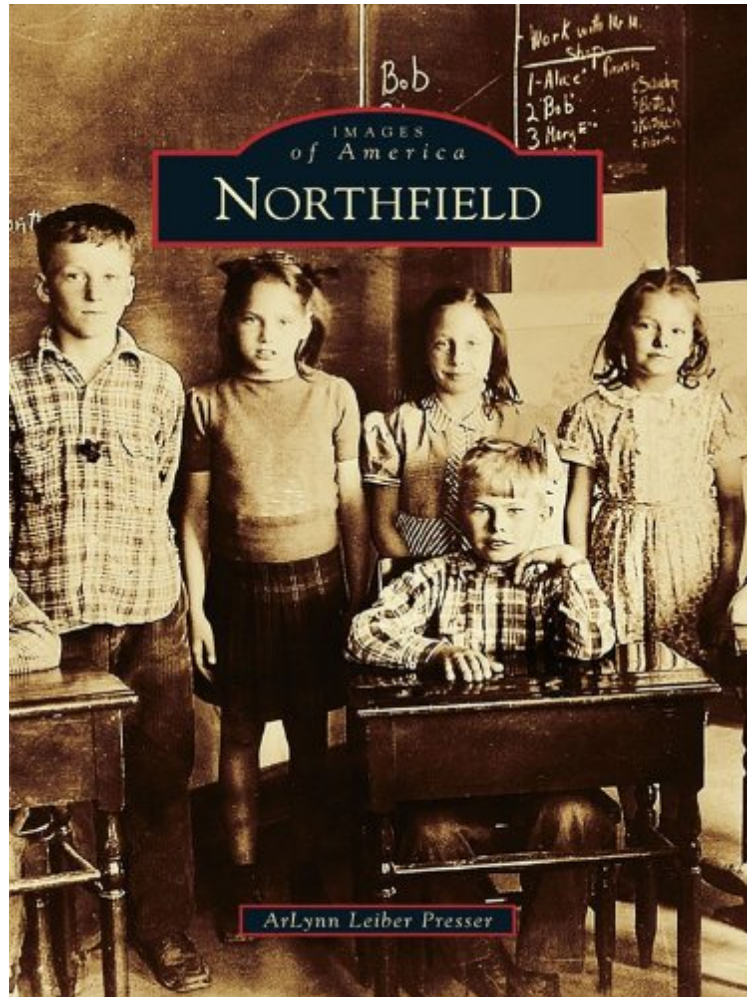


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Images of Northfield (Illinois) By R. F. Kearney For years efforts have been made to preserve the history of Northfield, Illinois, and in a very short time, with a lot of help, ArLynn Presser has given us a wonderful picture-and-text story of Northfield from its early days to the present with a great emphasis on the people involved--from the German farmers to Samuel Insull, religious orders both male and female thru the people of Kraft and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists! There are lots of kids, lots of action (horse and buggies, a train wreck, religious processions, etc.) and a vivid overview of a pleasant little town north of Chicago. ArLynn should be the poster girl for Arcadia Publishing's most welcome and far reaching series, Images of America, of which this is a part.

In 1926, railroad and electric power tycoon Samuel Insull held a contest to name a station on the Skokie Valley Electric Line that the locals already called the Skokie Swamp. The winning name? Wau Bun, a Potawatomi word meaning dawn and also the name of a noted Potawatomi chief from the late 1700s. But the residents of Skokie Swamp hated the name and plotted their revenge. Three years later, as Insull was on a train pulling into the station, he was horrified to discover that vandals had taken it upon themselves to rename the station Hot Bun. Insull and the locals compromised, and the more neutral moniker of Northfield was adopted. The Skokie Valley Electric Line has long since been closed, and popular legend holds that Insull died penniless and alone in Paris. But the town of Northfield has survived and thrived. Once a loose affiliation of farms, Northfield is now a quiet suburb that has enviable schools, beautiful homes, and gorgeous landscapes.

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