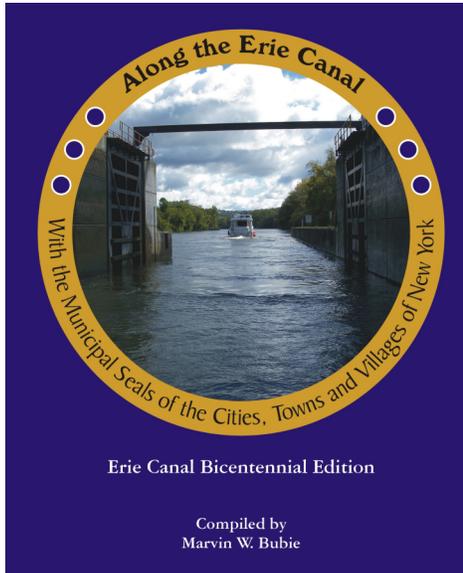




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Every picture tells a story and so do many of the official seals of the municipalities along the Erie Canal. Their symbolism tells the story of the canal itself from the perspective of those who were directly affected. Generations of people derived their livelihood from the canal, cities and towns prospered and grew, and their seals reveal the source of their prosperity. In them we find canal boats being towed by mules, we see great aqueducts crossing over rivers and swamps, we see canal locks and the numerous businesses that flourished alongside the canal. In their seals we also find modern pleasure craft symbolizing the recreational aspect of the canal today.

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