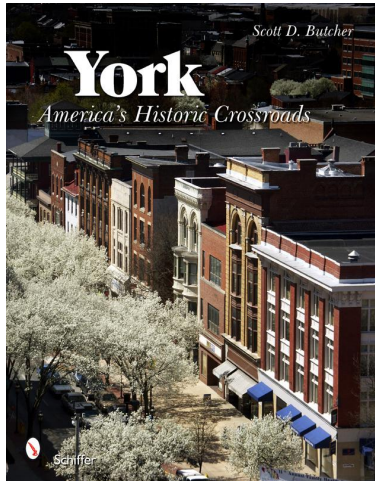


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NEW BOOK SHOWCASES BEAUTY OF YORK

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A new book about York features over 300 full-color photographs that showcase the history and beauty of the city. *York: America's Historic Crossroads* was written and photographed by Scott D. Butcher, a local businessman, writer, and photographer. The book is being published by Atglen, PA-based Schiffer Publishing. This 128-page hardcover book recounts York's history, century by century, through text and 315 vibrant photographs.

While the book features many of York's more prominent historic buildings and places, Butcher also includes many less-known sites. He also includes unique bird's-eye view photographs taken from towers and domes high above the city. Many historic neighborhoods are showcased, as are special events along with a photo essay of York at night.

As it has been over 15 years since the last full-color "coffee table" book about York was released, Butcher is thrilled to be a part of this project. "So much has changed over the past two decades," Butcher states. "The downtown has been revitalized – old buildings have been restored, new office towers have been constructed, and there are now so many places to visit." As a former board director of Main Street York and current board director for Historic York, Butcher feels that the book also helps fulfill the missions of those organizations. "I've already had two people who've seen the book tell me that it really made them want to move to York – one used to live here, one has never even been here!"

He has been taking photographs of York for many years, beginning with a college project in 1990. Since then he has provided photos of York for the *York County Visitors Guide*, *RelocationLink: York County* guide, *Revolutionary York Visitors Guide*, *Pennsylvania Magazine*, *Showcase PA!*, and others, including a special Civil War supplement to *American Heritage* magazine. He also features photographs of York on his www.virtuallyork.com Web site.

Butcher is the author and photographer of several books on York, including *York's Historic Architecture*, *Postcard History Series: York*, *Civil War Walking Tour of York*, *Pennsylvania* and the recently-released *Spooky York, Pennsylvania*, which was published by Schiffer Publishing and co-authored by former York resident Dinah Roseberry. By day, Butcher is the director of business development for Springettsbury Township-based Nutec Group, an architecture, engineering and construction practice. He resides in Windsor Township with his wife and son.

From the publisher:

York has been at the crossroads of American history for over 265 years. The first town west of the Susquehanna River, it was an early gateway for westward migration, played roles in both the American Revolution and Civil War, and contributed greatly to the Industrial Revolution. Take a tour of this historic town from humble eighteenth century buildings withstanding the test of time to the brand new office towers that herald a twenty-first century revitalization. The façades of York tell stories about early settlement, the fight for independence, economic prosperity, decline, and rebirth. The streets are an open-air gallery of architectural achievement, offering a diverse array of styles encompassing portions of four centuries. Beautiful photographs and stories showcase the charm and wonder of a small-town growing into a regional center of historic relevance.

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