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Synopsis

Like never before we are aware of the crucial place of bridges in our lives. The spans that warranted little notice are now at the forefront of public and political debate and we are reminded of the rich history-and the uncertain future-of bridging in Minnesota.Ã Â Historian Denis P. Gardner documents and celebrates a wide range of the stateÃ¢â ¬â„¢s rural and urban spans, telling the remarkable stories of their construction and impact on Minnesota life and culture. From Pratt trusses to bowstring arches, Wood, Concrete, Stone, and Steel describes nearly every bridge type found in Minnesota, including railroad spans, and features more than 225 illustrations of historical and extant bridges. Gardner details the development of engineering and construction innovations (complete with a guide to trusses) and traces the fascinating politics and personalities behind the task of creating and maintaining safe, and often beautiful, crossings.Ã Â Through arresting photographs and lively narrative, Gardner makes a compelling argument for the value of preserving our bridges and the cultural heritage they carry and brings to life their importance in MinnesotaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s past, present, and future.Ã Â Denis P. Gardner is an award-winning historian who has documented properties for the National Register of Historic Places and the Historic American Engineering Record. He is the author of Minnesota Treasures: Stories behind the StateÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Historic Places.Ã Â Eric DeLony is former director of the Historic American Engineering Record.

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Denis Gardner has created a masterpiece bridge book. The photographs and historic information

are wonderful and very engaging. The story of bridging Minnesota waters is fascinating to me and Denis did a great job in selecting historic photos and telling wonderful, short stories about many bridges that have come and gone through Minnesota’s history.

this is an interesting book, gives you a new appreciation for getting across water. It was a Christmas present for my husband and he has been enjoying it.

For the engineers in our lives. Without getting us too excited, the author shares his knowledge of a vital contribution to Minnesota`s history and viability.The photographs are interesting and the fine points of bridgework are explained.

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