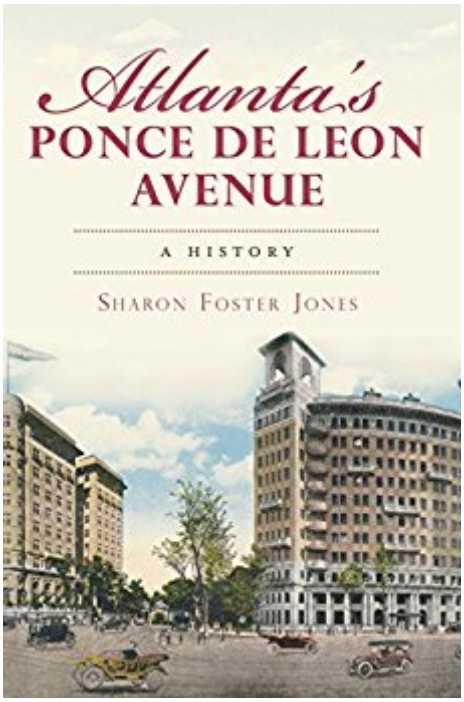
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Named for the famous Spanish explorer who was said to have discovered the Fountain of Youth, AtlantaÃ Â¿Â s Ponce de Leon Avenue began as a simple country road that conveyed visitors to the healing springs that once bubbled along it. Now, few motorists realize that the avenue, one of AtlantaÃ Â¿Â s major commuter thoroughfares, was a prestigious residential street in Victorian Atlanta, home to mayors and millionaires. An economic turn in the twentieth century transformed the avenue into a crime-ridden commercial corridor, but in recent years, Atlantans have rediscovered the streetÃ Â¿Â s venerable architecture and storied history. Join local historian Sharon Foster Jones on a vivid tour of the avenueÃ Â¿Â from picnics by the springs in hoopskirts and Atlanta Crackers baseball to the Fox Theatre and the days when Vivien Leigh, Clark Gable and Al Capone lodged in the esteemed hotels lining this magnificent avenue.

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Customer Reviews

This particular book has delighted me. I grew up in this neighborhood and the author has researched her subject well and presents the information in a very interesting way. This particular neighborhood of Atlanta Georgia is experiencing a rapid transformation with exciting new projects such as the beltline for walkers and bikers that goes completely around Atlanta and passes the revitalization of the old Sear's building into shops, a restaurant court and apartments. The book provides a fascinating well documented history of this area of the city of Atlanta that rises again like the Phoenix bird that is its symbol. It makes a good read even for those not familiar with the city itself.

Wonderful book for a native Atlantan. If you have family history here or have lived in the city for a long time, this is a perfect book to add to your collection of Atlanta books. It has a great history of a small (but important) area of the city. I enjoyed reading it.

Sharon Foster Jones has taken a fresh approach to the history and developmemt of a street. A street that became a Grand Avenue that is a living history of the development of the east side of Atlanta in particular and the city as a whole in general. She really brings alive the charactors of the early leaders, settlers, developers, visionaries, and families. She does not shy away from describing the seemy underbelly either. I highly recommend this book.

Another well researched book, wish I could have walked down the street during the days of Ponce De Leon Springs.

It was a great gift for a client of mine who purchased a condo in The Ponce.

I received the book Atlanta's Ponce de Leon Avenue: A History (Georgia) from a friend from high school, coming to me here in Greensboro, NC. I was so thrilled with it that I sent 2 more books to different people that were originally from Atlanta, GA. I found that by going with they were sent quickly and directly to my friends.

I was raised on E. Ponce de Leon and it brought back a lot of memories. Going to Glenwood School, walking to downtown Decatur...Riding the bus to downtown Atlanta...In my era we walked almost everywhere we went. This book was beautifully done.

Most of the buildings on Ponce could be a book in themselves, but this book gave an accurate and interesting overview of the development and history of a very colorful Atlanta street.

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