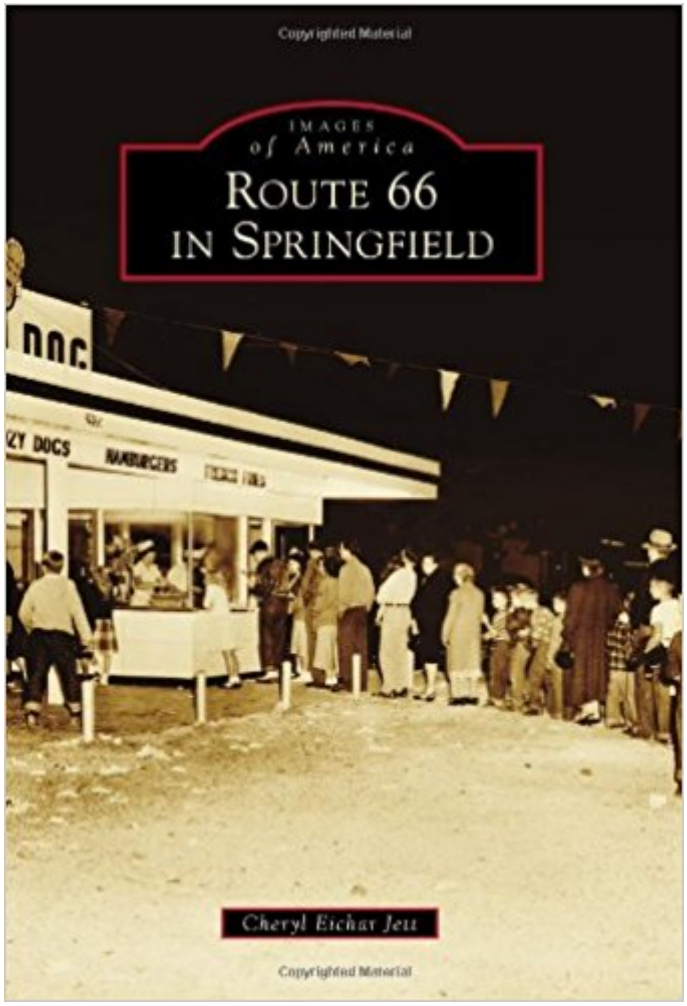
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From 1926 through 1977, Route 66 carried millions of travelers from the shores of Lake Michigan to the Pacific Coast. Americans fell in love with the automobile and made a family tradition of the road trip. On its three different alignments through the capital city of Springfield, Route 66 took motorists around the Illinois State Fairgrounds, past the state capitol, and through Abraham LincolnÃ¢â ¬â„¢s neighborhood. Mom-and-pop motels, gas stations, and eateries opened along the highway and became familiar landmarks to travelers in the Ã¢â ¬Å“Land of Lincoln.Ã¢â ¬Â• In Springfield, the Ã¢â ¬Å“horseshoeÃ¢â ¬Â• and the Ã¢â ¬Å“cozy dogÃ¢â ¬Â• became popular local foods, and one of the first drive-up window restaurants opened. A man spent 40 years on Route 66 operating his gas station before transforming it into an internationally known museum. Meet the proprietors of these businesses, witness the growth of the highway, and enjoy a generous dose of nostalgia.

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Cheryl Eichar Jett, a freelance writer and historian, is a lifelong resident of Illinois. She is also the author of Alton and Edwardsville. The images in this book, gathered from libraries, museums, and private collections, illustrate the importance of Springfield as an integral destination for travelers on the highway known as the Ã¢â ¬Å“Mother Road.Ã¢â ¬Â•

This is an interesting resource for pictorial resources from Springfield, Illinois. Also for Route 66

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