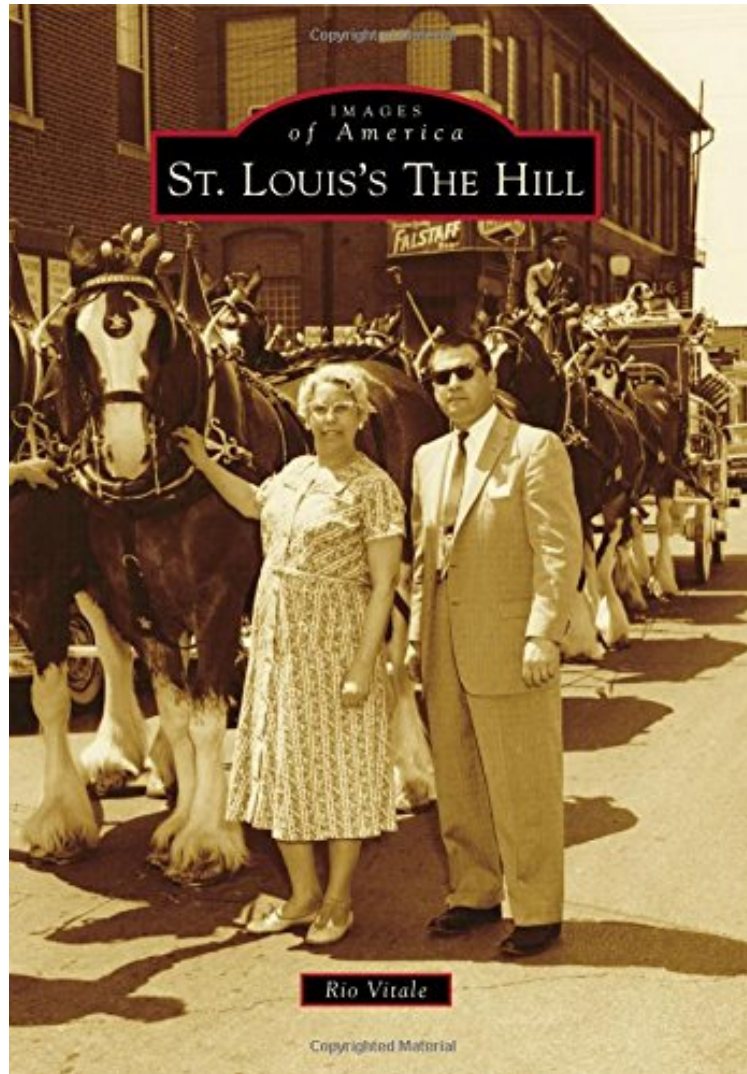


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Rio Vitale : St. Louis's The Hill (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised St. Louis's The Hill (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful historical book for those who have lived or experienced St. Louis's Hill area with a rich Italian heritage By Roberta L. Deming I got this for my brother-in-law for Christmas. He is a multi-generational Italian-Sicilian from the Hill Area in St. Louis, MO. It is a very close-knit Italian neighborhood that is well main-tained and dotted with popular Italian restaurants, shops, groceries, and (he and my sister have 2 very good restaurants on the Hill), and has lived there most of his life. When he opened this book, he started reading it immediately. There were lots of pictures and stories of various historic places and people from the

hill. Some relatively famous and some just interesting. You would have thought I had bought him the most interesting thing he had ever read. It was his favorite gift this year. He is recommending this book to a lot of his friends and I'm a very relieved sister-in-law to have gotten him something he will cherish.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great GiftBy robynGift for someone who grew up on the Hill; he loved it.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Tim V.Great book, great pics of some of the finest people of the hill

The Hill was named for its proximity to the highest point in St. Louis. Italians, mainly from Northern Italy, immigrated to the area starting in the late 1800s; however, by 1910, Sicilians were also immigrating to the Hill. Agencies in Italy were employed by mining companies and other industries to help Italian citizens gather all the required documentation for immigration. Italians came to the Hill because of its proximity to the factory and the mines and because it was a district that allowed them to purchase land and build a home. The Parish of St. Ambrose was founded 1903. After the original church was destroyed by fire, the new church was completed in 1926. The Hill has been home to some of St. Louis nationally known residents, including baseball heroes Joe Garagiola and Lawrence Yogi Berra.

About the AuthorRio Vitale has selected the best images from a collection of longtime residents and called upon the most knowledgeable members of the community to narrate this visual voyage. It begins as a modest mining neighborhood made up of Italian immigrants from Northern Italy and grows into one of the largest Italian American neighborhoods in the United States today.