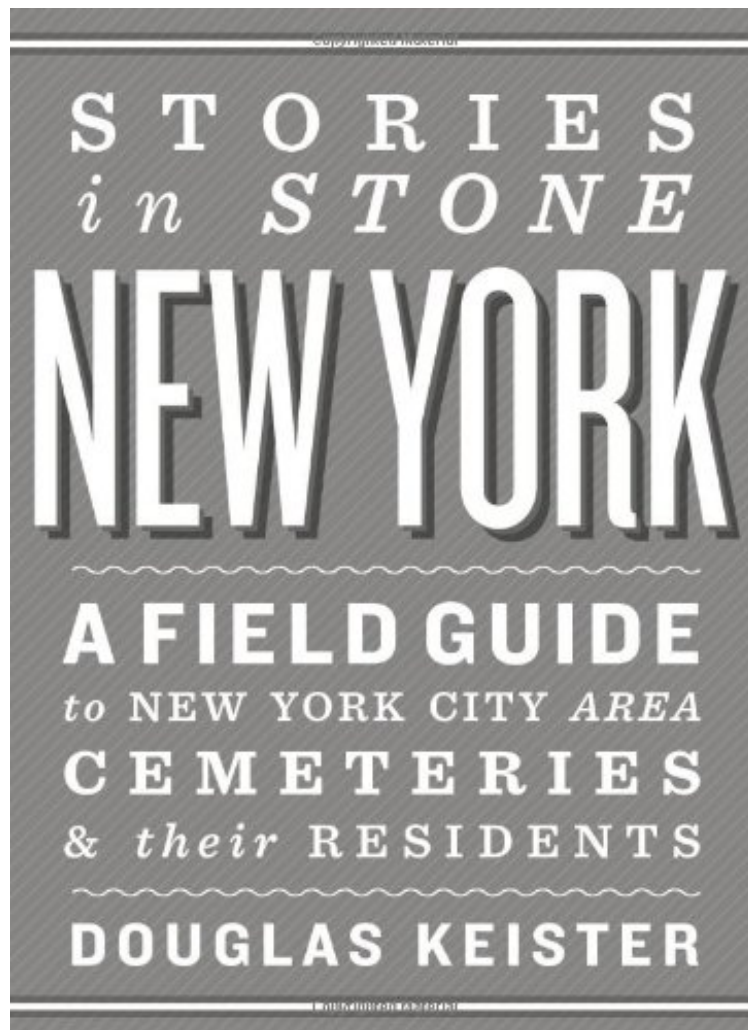


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Poetic Monuments in GraniteBy R PRIUSTo view any book by Douglas Keister is to fall in love. If we were inclined to attempt to imitate his work, we'd be doomed to failure. His research is impeccable and his knowledge of both society and architecture and symbolism as applied to cemetery art is impressive. Above and beyond those attributes, his photography is incredible and speaks to the heart as well as to the

mind and the eye. This time around Keister does some major NYC cemeteries and also goes to Westchester County to tell the story of how metropolitan NY cemeteries have developed and have maintained their own unique character as well as their distinctive styles while drifting through time and changing tastes. While this book offers a wealth of information regarding the graves of the early movers and shakers to the more commonly known celebrities who have made NYC and the surrounding area their last and final destination, it explores the beauty of cemeteries and looks at grave style through some less publicly known monuments. Keister's possesses an inherent talent to reveal things in such a creative way through his photographs that the places you or I may have visited many times before appear unique, different, or in some cases unrecognizable. A cemetery takes on a completely different character when viewed as a long shot with the mountainous buildings of Manhattan and the East River used as a compositional counterpoint. Many people consider themselves ace photographers who know how to capture these cities of stone, but Keister has mastered it. The biographical section is extremely thorough. Since so many historical figures are covered which include titans of industry, robber barons, innovators, and even some scoundrels, there is bound to be something for everyone. I picked up a lot of new information and managed to expand on things I already knew. My only complaint re: this book is that I wanted more. That has been my complaint with each of his books. They are so good that they only make their reader want more. This book and all his other books raise the bar for cemetery art and boneyard touring. It is wonderfully bound like anything of value should be and is very reasonably priced given that it offers so much to its reader. If you have never had the opportunity to visit the cemeteries viewed through Keister's lens, you are going to want to travel to NYC. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Even better than the original 'Stories in Stone' By bkylnmama This book details my local cemeteries in a clear, concise way. Great pictures, history and explanations of the symbology of death. For those technically inclined, he even gives the GPS coordinates of each stone or mausoleum listed. Also try Forever Dixie for a southern version of the same thing. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I wish it had more pages! By annieb This is the second book I've gotten by Douglas Keister, and I love this one just as much as the other, "Stories in Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism and Iconography". My only gripe about this book is that it isn't longer!! The gorgeous photos, interesting histories of these graceful cemeteries and their inhabitants - all combine to a wonderful, informational, treat, to read. If you appreciate architecture, history, and/or cemeteries, this book fulfills all of these. I highly recommend this book!

With *Stories in Stone New York*, the author presents cemetery buffs with stunning photographs, fascinating text, and easy GPS directions for locating gracious architecture, fabulous artwork, and memorable gravesites of famous and not-so-famous area residents residing peacefully in its beautiful cemeteries. Includes *The Big Four*, Manhattan Churchyards Resting Places, *Eternal Excursions* in well-known boroughs, as well as *Humane Remains* at the pet cemetery in Hartsdale. Douglas Keister's critically acclaimed books on cemeteries are standard references for cemetery lovers and genealogists, and have been the subject of numerous magazine, newspaper, Internet articles, and television interviews, including CBS Sunday Morning. He lives in Chico, California.

From the Inside Flap **STORIES in STONE NEW YORK** WRITTEN and PHOTOGRAPHED BY DOUGLAS KEISTER HERE IS A GUIDE for those who call the New York City area home and for those who live vicariously through and have studied the lives of the residents of its beautiful cemeteries. In fascinating stories and images, Douglas Keister provides GPS coordinates for most gravesites and discusses cemetery symbols, funerary architecture, secret societies and clubs, people, and even their dogs. DOUGLAS KEISTER is based in Chico, California, and has authored more than thirty-five critically acclaimed books. He also writes and illustrates magazine articles and contributes photographs and essays to dozens of magazines, newspapers, books, calendars, posters, and greeting cards worldwide. His wealth of books on architecture has earned him the title, "America's most noted photographer of historic architecture." His book on cemetery symbolism, *Stories in the Stone: A Field Guide to Cemetery Symbolism*, has garnered a number of glowing reviews. *Sunset* magazine said, Keister has done for cemetery exploration what Audubon did for birding. Keister has also authored additional cemetery guides titled *Forever Dixie* and *Forever L.A.* You can visit him on the web at www.douglaskeister.com. From the Back Cover **COME ALONG ON A JOURNEY** through time and history that includes GPS coordinates and a comprehensive guide to the cemeteries of the five boroughs of New York City and southern Westchester County. **THE BIG FOUR** Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx Kensico Cemetery, Valhalla Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Sleepy Hollow **MANHATTAN CHURCHYARDS RESTING PLACES** The Holy Trinity St. Marks Church in-the-Bowery St. Patricks Cathedral Crypts Grants Tomb **HUMANE REMAINS** Hartsdale Pet Cemetery, Hartsdale **ETERNAL EXCURSIONS** Calvary Cemetery, Woodside Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island St. Raymonds Old and New Cemeteries, Schuylerville About the Author Douglas Keister's critically acclaimed books on cemeteries are standard references for cemetery lovers and genealogists, and have been the subject of numerous magazine, newspaper, Internet articles, and television interviews, including CBS Sunday Morning. He lives in Chico, California.