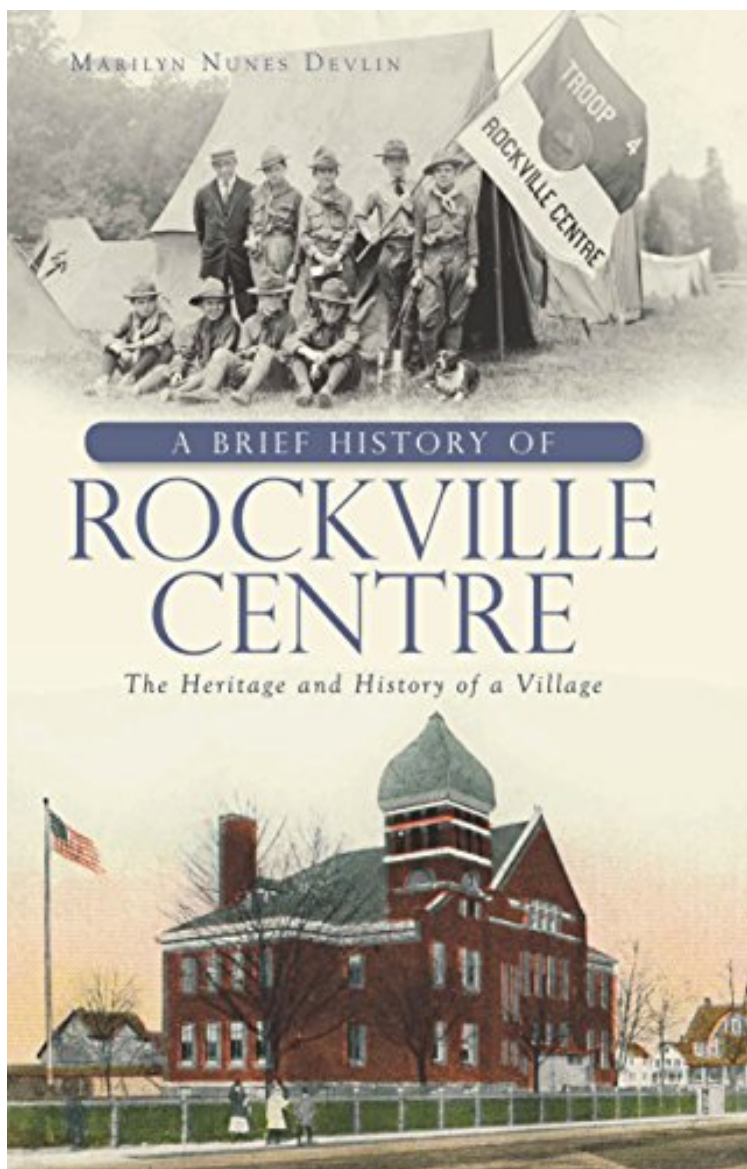


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The village of Rockville Centre is a suburban haven on Long Island. Beginning in the eighteenth century with families like the DeMotts, this small farming community quickly grew. Ship captains left their families here while they sailed, and the arrival of the South Shore Railroad brought the wealthy from New York City. Residents established churches, schools, restaurants, newspapers, hotels and shops. Some of these, like the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity and the Fortnightly Women's Club, are still part of Rockville Centre's vibrant community. As the village continues to grow, the legacy of its past preserves its tight knit atmosphere. Local author Marilyn Devlin presents Rockville Centre's unique history in these pages.

About the Author Marilyn Nunes Devlin was a trustee and is currently a volunteer archivist at the Museum of Rockville Centre, where she has been active in designing exhibits, fundraising, making policy and working as a docent for many years. She has resided in Rockville Centre for thirty-five years, during which time she has been active in community service and a member of the Fortnightly Club, a women's organization founded in 1898. She has also worked as the editor of the Friends of the Rockville Centre Library's newsletter and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Rockville Centre Library for ten years.