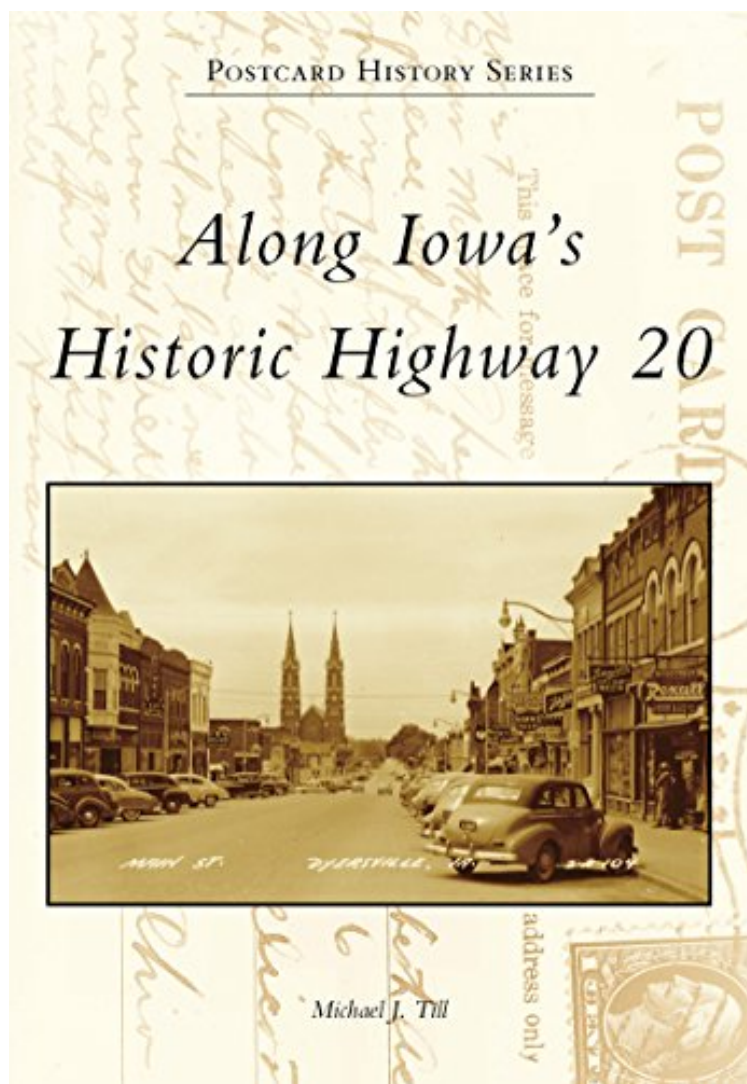


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Along Iowa's Historic Highway 20 celebrates such a trip, illustrated by more than 200 antique postcards that show the personality of the road: town and city scenes, rural vistas, rivers, bridges, and historic sites. Not to be forgotten are the tourist courts, hotels, diners, and gas stations that made travel possible.

About the AuthorMichael J. Till is a retired university professor. He grew up in Independence, Iowa, and has had a lifelong interest in Highway 20. All postcards are from his collection of more than 2,500 vintage Highway 20 postcards. His earlier books are Postcard History Series: Along New York's Route 20, Along Massachusetts Historic Route 20, and Along Ohio's Historic Route 20.