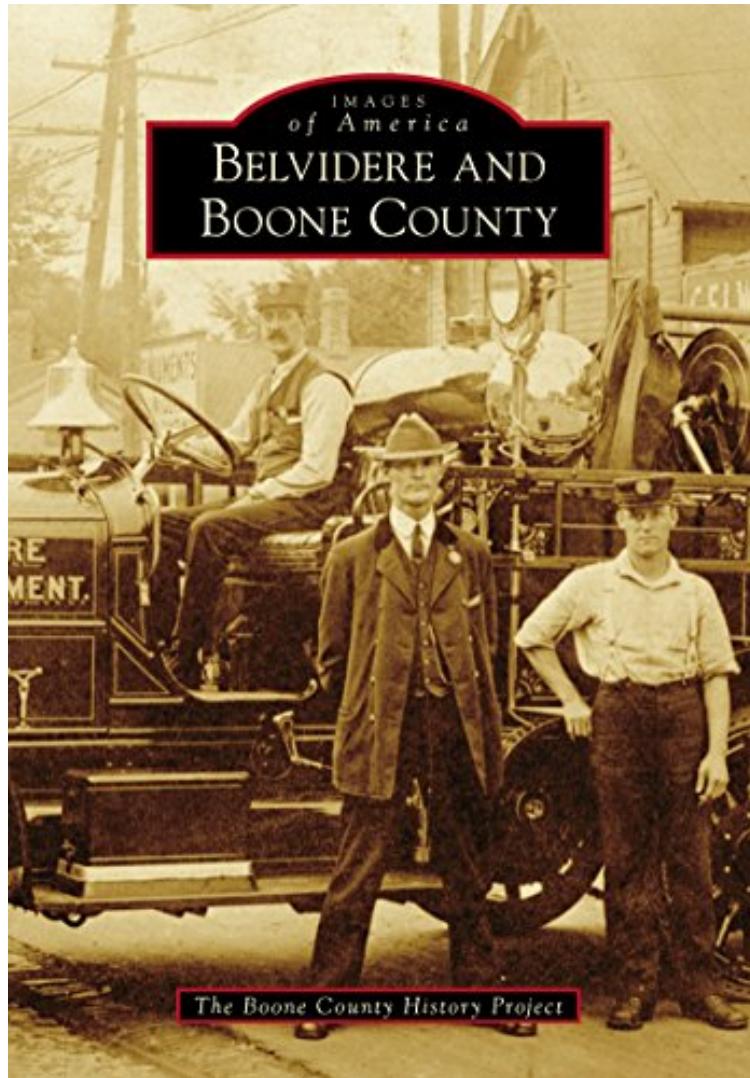


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About the Author The Boone County History Project?made up of a diverse group of residents that includes teachers, librarians, historians, and others?searched local archives for images that best describe the county's past. Using resources from the Boone County Historical Society Museum and the Ida Public Library's Local History Room, *Images of America: Belvidere and Boone County* includes photographs and other visual examples that represent the formative years of Boone County.