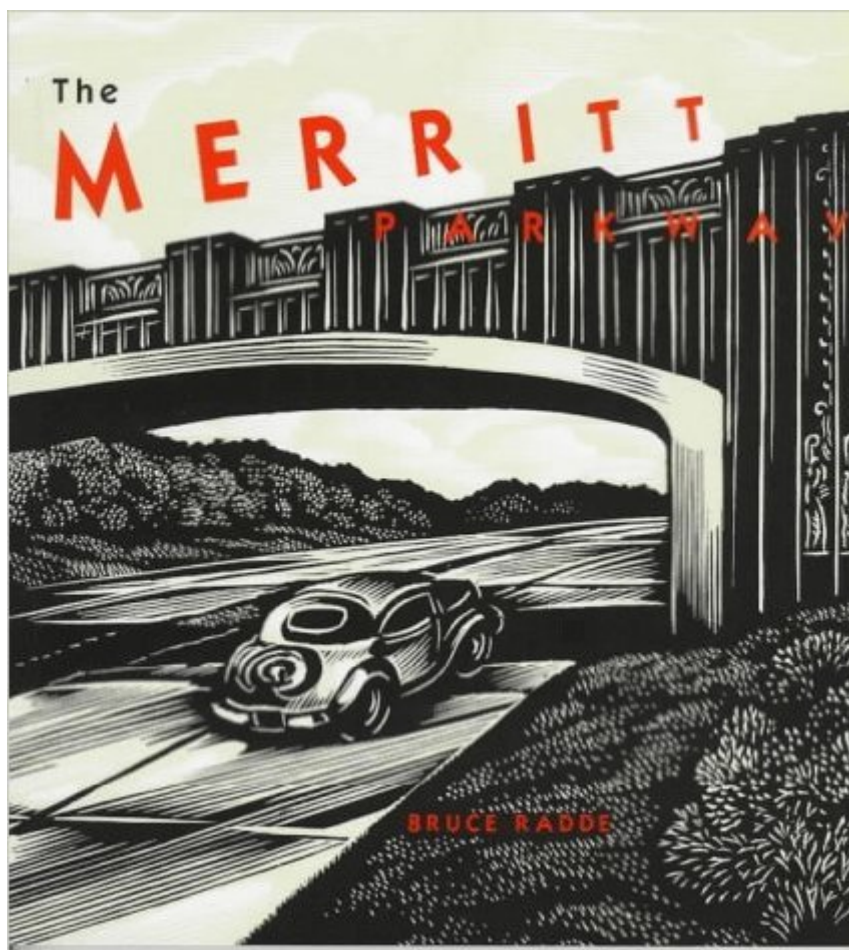


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# The Merritt Parkway



## Synopsis

Traces the history of Merritt Parkway from the proposals for its construction and design in the early-1920s to its completion in 1940. This book provides a tour of this landmark and also an appraisal of its contribution to the built environment. It is on the US National Register of Historic Places.

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I saw this book years & years ago somewhere & regretted not buying it. Architecturally & historically (not to mention aesthetically) The Merritt has a unique beauty in a country that seems so quick to tear things down (Penn Station in NYC, for instance). I was thrilled to locate a copy and am excitedly passing it around the family!

Growing up North of the Parkway meant that the road was always part of my life. Following our move to Middletown,Ct I was finally able to share with my wife and kids the fascinating bridges on the Merritt. This book captures all of them - as well as the politics that went into the development and delivery of the highway. After you've read this book - look into reading about the Boston Post Road - it's a great counter point to more fully understand the driving factors behind the development of the Merritt and Thruway.

If you were ever interested in finding out more about how highways were built before the Interstate system, this is the book for you! The Merritt Parkway and its extension the Wilber Cross Parkway remain marvelous designs to this day and are still enjoyable to travel on during every season. If you are from Connecticut or nearby New York, this book offers a wonderful historical perspective. The photographs are large and clear and the pages of the book are a good weight. In addition to being a good read, this book promoted a lot of family conversation about the history of the road. My great-Grandfather, for example, was the first person to ever drive over the Sikorsky Bridge built to connect the Merritt Parkway to the Boston Post Road in Milford, CT. This made the book seem all the more personal to me knowing that my family had played a part in Connecticut's history. Super, super book! Highly recommended to those that love highways and the history of the American road!

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