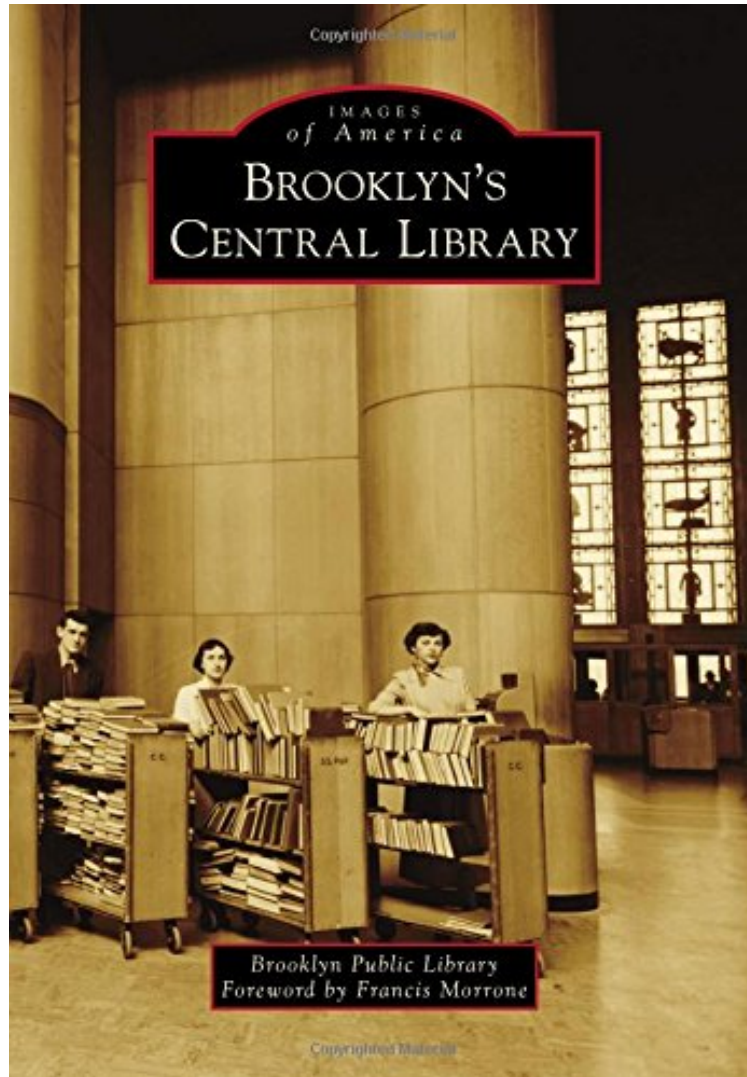


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About the AuthorThe Brooklyn Collection is the local history archive at the Brooklyn Public Library and is the repository for the library's institutional records. Through this extensive photographic collection, the story of the Central Library and the people who have enlivened its corridors is illuminated for all who love learning.