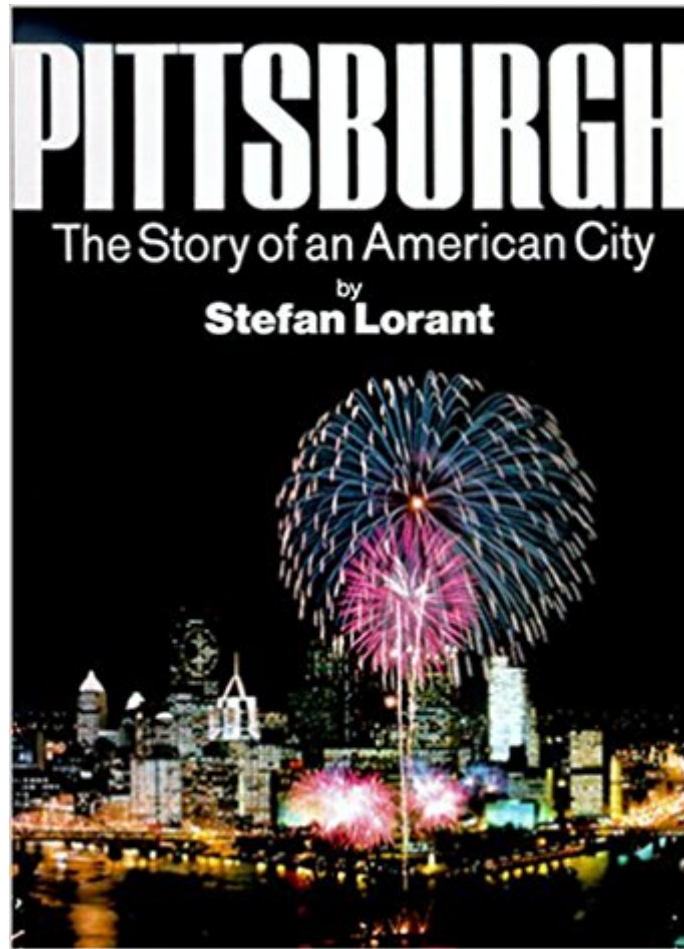




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Stefan Lorant was the author of more than a dozen books on American history. He edited magazines in three languages – English, German, and his native Hungarian. He has been acknowledged as the creator of modern photo-journalism by Life magazine, The New York Times, and The London Times. In 1991 The London Times included him as one of the "1000 Makers of the Twentieth Century" for the development of photo-journalism.

If you live in Western Pennsylvania, and/or have an interest in history, this is the book for you. Pittsburgh: The Story of an American City I would buy it again in a heartbeat! Here's why: Not only is this book organized chronologically, and its writing superbly composed, but the rare photos,

paintings, and sketches chosen are described so that historic events REALLY are understandable. If only the schoolbooks of my youth presented history like this, I wouldn't have had such a time.

I enjoyed the book about my 'near' hometown (I'm from McKeesport - across the river), but it did lack some things that I would have liked. I was researching orphanages in Pittsburgh, and there is no mention of them in this book. The book focuses on mainly the rise of the industrialization of steel, and gives details of the problems with unions versus owners, and the violence that erupted when workers had finally had their fill of abuse. The book is printed on very nice shiny paper, and will be in my library for years without worrying about yellowing.

A beautiful book for our Pittsburgh collection. This vibrant city is so full of history and was instrumental in the building of America. It has wonderful sites, food and neighborhoods to explore. We will enjoy finding out more about our new home.

Great book. Preparing for a trip to Pittsburgh to revisit places I saw when I lived here. I found many wonderful pictures and information about the city I never knew.

Bought to replace one lost in a recent move. Book well documents this great city. Lived there most of my life. Delivery on time, Well protected in transit. Great service .

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I got it for my husband and he loves it. It goes back to the beginning, so if you like history it is for you. It also has lots of pictures within its over 700 pages.

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