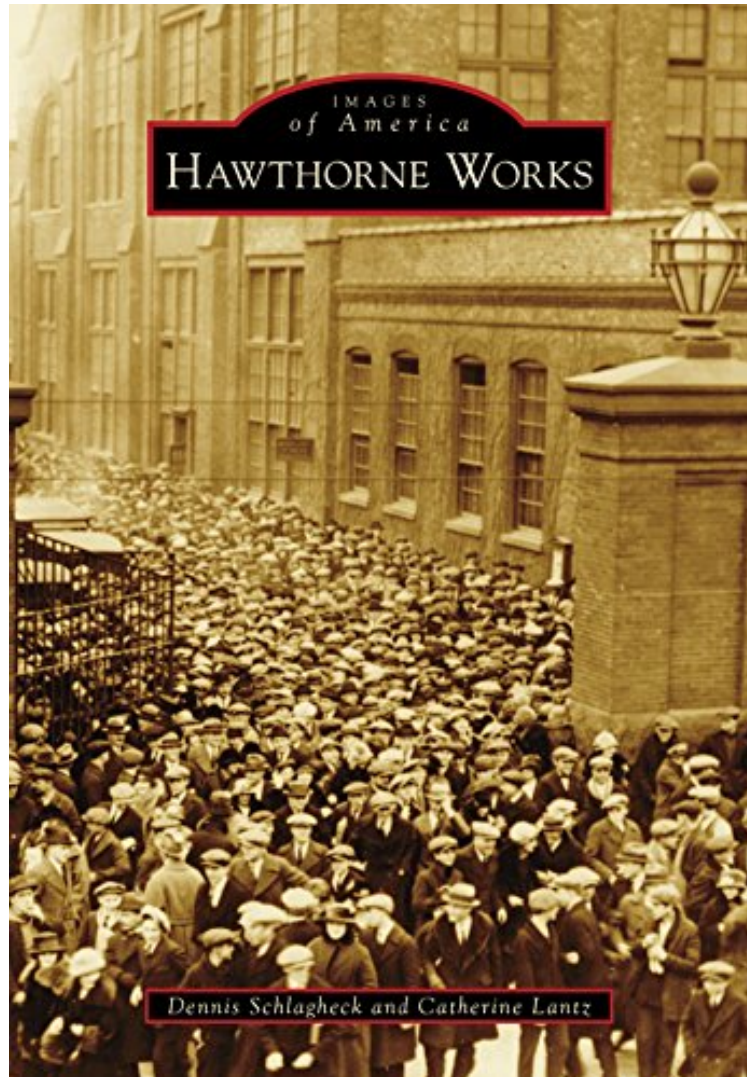


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Dennis Schlagheck, Catherine Lantz : Hawthorne Works (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hawthorne Works (Images of America):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This is where I worked - where I grew up -By History junkieI started working at Hawthorne Works after college in the early 1970's as a management trainee. Not a day passed when the history of the plant, the past decisions, the innovation of those who came before did not exist in your conscience and impact your decision making. This book provides a sense of what was and its impact on people and community. Thank you to the authors for their in depth coverage of a historic facility. Thank you for preserving the sense of history. I do miss walking into Gate 1 and gazing at the tower as I came to work from the Cicero "El" station. I think this book brought back those good feelings. Anyone who worked in American Manufacturing, lived in Cicero or Berwyn or had

family members who brought up their children with the proceeds from their hard work at Hawthorne must have this book to pass on to their grandchildren. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great history of a vital manufacturer of telephones and Electronics By paperback writer Western was a part of our family life. My dad worked there around the time he married my mom, was laid off during the peak years of the Depression, and finally was rehired when the war in Europe started. During his 40 years with Western Electric, he worked on the switching systems that allowed for automatic phone dialing, and he even worked on a secret project that helped the U.S. win WWII. Schlagheck told the history of Western Electric's Hawthorn plant which was well covered by photos from the building of the first plant structures to the final years of operation. It was fun to see the places my dad worked and understand how the Hawthorn Plant contributed to American manufacturing prowess during the war years. I am glad that the author finally collected this information into one book. I recommend the book to anyone who wants to remember the kind of company that made up a big part of the history of Chicago. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. "Hawthorne Works" - also know as Western Electric By Jacqueline A. Crucil My husband worked at Western Electric (Hawthorne Works) in Cicero, IL for over forty years and he loved this book. It brought back many memories for him.

A burgeoning town on the fringes of Chicago rose and fell with the successes of the Western Electric Company. For almost 90 years, the Hawthorne Works plant employed, educated, entertained, and defined the township of Cicero. As the manufacturing arm of Western Electric, Hawthorne contributed greatly to the prosperity and national defense of the United States. As the site of the controversial Hawthorne Studies of workplace motivation and behavior, the plant reconfigured business and social science models. A community within a community, Hawthorne had its own sports teams, social clubs, hospital, railroad yards, and savings and loan. At its peak, the works was the largest single-site employer in Illinois and one of the biggest manufacturing establishments in the country, second only to the Ford plant in Detroit. Hawthorne typifies the era when American industrial giants dominated the global economy and generations of blue-collar workers strived for a fair share of the "American Dream."

About the Author Catherine Lantz and Dennis Schlagheck, both reference librarians at Morton College, regularly assist tour groups and researchers at the Hawthorne Works Museum on campus. The images in this book come from the Hawthorne Works Museum Collection, the ATT Archives and History Center in Warren, New Jersey, and the collections of retired Hawthorne employees.