



So You Think You Know the First State?

**A Story of
Delaware Told
In 100 Buildings**

If those walls could talk...this is what they would say. A story of Delaware.

Swedish souvenirs...Blue Hen football...the “Penman of the Revolution” ...iron horses...kissing bridges...illustrious illustrators...cast iron architecture...steamers...the CCC...sweet potatoes...horse racing... kit houses...the golden age of motoring...broilers...early aviation... the rise of suburbia... peaches...the story of Delaware is written in the lighthouses and bridges and mills and mansions that define the First State.

Imagine a group of settlers arriving in an undeveloped location. First come shelters in which to live and then structures in which to work and shop. There are buildings for worship and education. As the community grows government buildings are required. With prosperity comes places in which to spend leisure time. And each construction choice crafts a story unique to Delaware, a story told in 100 buildings.

This picture book looks at 100 pieces of the built world that have shaped Delaware from her beginnings. Places and spaces could be famous for their architecture or distinguished by the people associated with them. Some stand out for their engineering. Others are famous just for being famous. All have contributed to the tapestry of the great Delaware story.