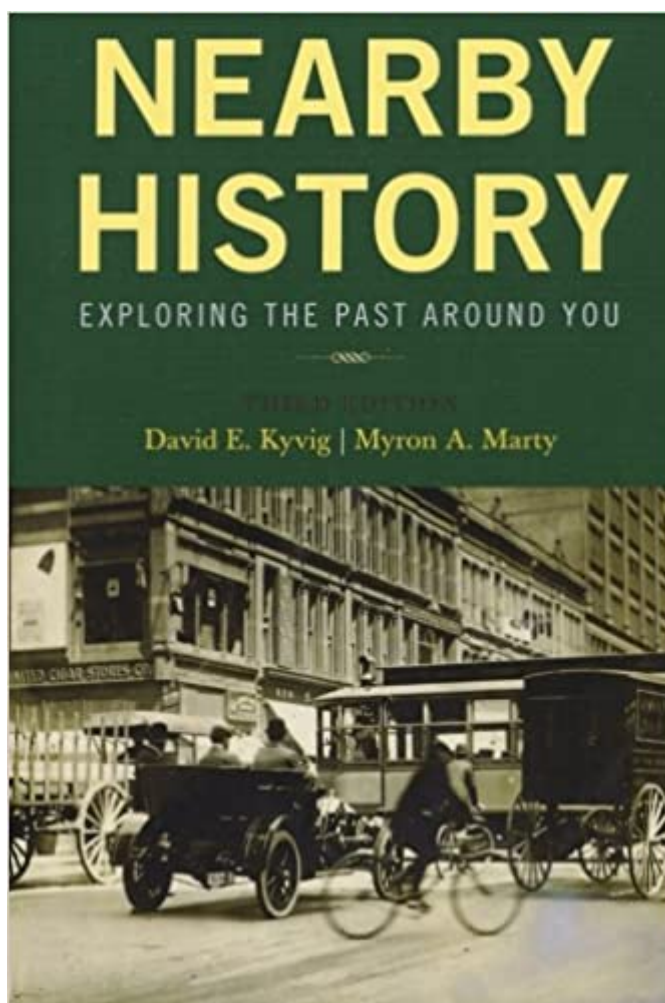


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# Nearby History: Exploring The Past Around You (American Association For State And Local History)



## Synopsis

Acclaimed for nearly thirty years as the most comprehensive introduction to research in North American family and community history, and now thoroughly updated, this book is essential for aspiring and practicing public and local historians.

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Kyvig and Marty have updated their classic work to embrace new technologies and perspectives, while still staying faithful to the principles of historical inquiry and analysis that have made it invaluable for anyone interested in exploring the past of the world nearby. After nearly thirty years, *Nearby History* still does what it has always done best – open up the exploration of history to all. (James B. Gardner, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution) It is a great pleasure to see *Nearby History* in a new edition that brings this public history classic up-to-date with instruction and information on using the internet and other new technologies for research. For more than one generation, Kyvig and Marty's book has served as an invaluable reference work - for amateurs and professionals alike. Now a new generation of students will benefit from their experience and sensible advice. (Arnita A. Jones, executive director, American Historical Association) David E. Kyvig and Myron A. Marty have produced a classic book that only gets better with age and updates. As technological advances allow ordinary individuals to capture images and audio in high-quality digital formats and become their own documentarian, *Nearby History* offers a

how-to guide for anyone interested in high and low technology to document and discover the historical meaning of things under our very noses. (Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian)Genealogists can be greatly helped by the recently released third edition of *Nearby History*, one of a series of technical books published by the American Association for State and Local History.....Originally published in 1982, this third edition notes that changes in technology over the last 30 years means there are new ways to gather and preserve information, making this new edition necessary. With those updates in place, *Nearby History* can be a valuable tool to the 21st century genealogist. (Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly 2011-07-01)*Nearby History* has inspired individuals in college classrooms, local historical societies, libraries, and museums across the United States to promote historical understanding and methods through the use of local history. No doubt the book will continue to do so. Those teaching courses on local history, public history, or research methods would gain the most from *Nearby History* and should give it serious consideration. (Teaching History: A Journal of Methods)

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It can be a little dry and you get the impression that the authors are not as up to date on technology as they could be but it still has valid points for both professional and amateur historians. It can help anyone who is working on history of a particular location or particular house. Great resource

A great book for exploring Public History--I used this for one of my books in my Masters exam.

This is a textbook for one of my graduate history classes. As textbooks go, it's not bad. It's easy to read and contains a lot of information for how to approach local history. if you're planning to write a about a local person, place, or event you'll find the information here helpful. Some of the topics covered are how to evaluate sources, some tips on how to approach and use pictures, the questions you should ask when examining artifacts, and how to evaluate the changing local landscape. I would recommend the book for budding local historians.

A helpfu source for thesis papers:)

This book has practical information. I am keeping it a reference, particularly the information at the beginning of the book.

I purchased this for a class. It was interesting and provides a good introduction to the topic.

I just finished reading *Nearby History* and would recommend this book for any aspiring local historian. This is a great source book, not only thought provoking, but also full of useful references and internet sites.

This book is a great overview of methods for researching local history (and history in general). Approachable and easy to understand, it has invaluable information for the beginner and experienced researcher alike. I highly recommend it.

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