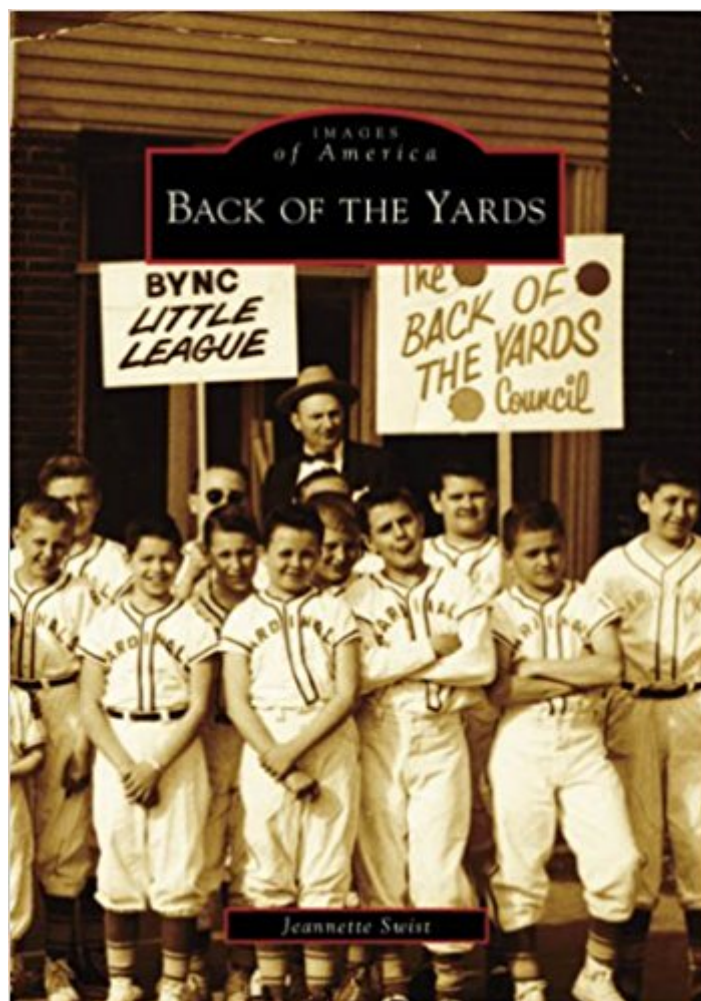


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Synopsis

The Back of the Yards neighborhood, located in back of the Union Stockyards and composed of Packingtown, Town of Lake, and New City, was the setting of Upton Sinclair's classic 1906 novel, *The Jungle*. Permeated by an unforgettable smell, Back of the Yards was a melting pot of immigrants, many who worked in the stockyards. In 1894, Mary McDowell started the University of Chicago Settlement House in Back of the Yards. She improved living conditions and in 1905 helped create Davis Square Park. The Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council was founded in 1939 by Joseph Meegan, Saul Alinsky, and Bishop Bernard Sheil and is America's oldest not-for-profit community-based organization. It consisted of 185 delegate organizations involving residents, business owners, churches, parks, schools, and social clubs that worked to advocate improvements. The council motto continues on as "We the people will work out our own destiny." Relive the bustling activity and the lives of the people in the neighborhood through the historic images in *Back of the Yards*.

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Jeannette Swist is the founder and principal of Applied Resource Management with over 20 years of experience in management, human resources, adult learning, and organizational behavior/development. Swist's Lithuanian ancestors immigrated to Back of the Yards before 1910.

I spent two summers (1968 and 1969) working on the Southwest side of Chicago as a community

organizer. The Southwest side is actually south and west of the Back of the Yards neighborhood. However, descendants of the early immigrants that settled in the Back of the Yards tended to move to the nearby Southwest side. Consequently, when I lived on the Southwest side, the composition of the neighborhood was largely third and fourth generation Lithuanian-American citizens. Thus this book brought back memories to me of my experiences in Chicago in the 1960s.

The book was informative and covered much remembered information from my childhood. However, I was disappointed that there was no mention and/or picture of my grade school picture (Holy Cross, Class 1960). Alexandra Maka

Very good read....Took me back to that time to relive many HAPPY MEMORIES.GOOD WORK
Jeannette !

Another great book from the Images of America series.

Very nice coffee book. Many familiar areas from my youth. I only wish there had been more stories.

I really enjoyed the pictures because they brought back so many memories! Even though I lived in the neighborhood for fifteen years, this book taught so much history about the Back of the Yards. Thanks for the book!

The book was a cost effective and nostalgic visit to my old neighborhood. I wish that there was more info and material from additional areas in the Back of the Yards. But all things being equal it was a good buy.

Here is a nice little book of nostalgia of one of Chicago's most solid neighborhoods. The gritty stuff is glossed over, but it's fun to remember the fun events.

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