



Spending the Night on the Pike: A Postcard History of Motels Along Us Highway 1 from Richmond to Petersburg 1920-1975

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CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 136 pages. Dimensions: 11.0in. x 8.5in. x 0.3in. Staying here tonight. A beautiful motel as most of them are and there are so many. So wrote a traveler spending a night at a motel between Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia writing home on the motels postcard in 1955. U. S. Highway 1, before the arrival of Interstate 95, was considered Americas Main Street, the most heavily traveled highway on the east coast, running from the Canadian border in Maine to Key West, Florida. In 2010, Highway 1 was designated an Historic Highway. The stretch of highway between Richmond and Petersburg, long known locally as the Richmond-Petersburg Turnpike, or Pike for short, was an important stopover for tourists driving to and from Florida and the number, and variety, of travel accommodations attest to the Pikes popularity. Using over 160 postcards along with over 55 other images including some provided by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the Chesterfield County Historical Society, the book provides a history of motels, tourist courts, tourist camps, etc. that flourished along Historic Highway 1 from 1920 to 1975. But Spending the Night...



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