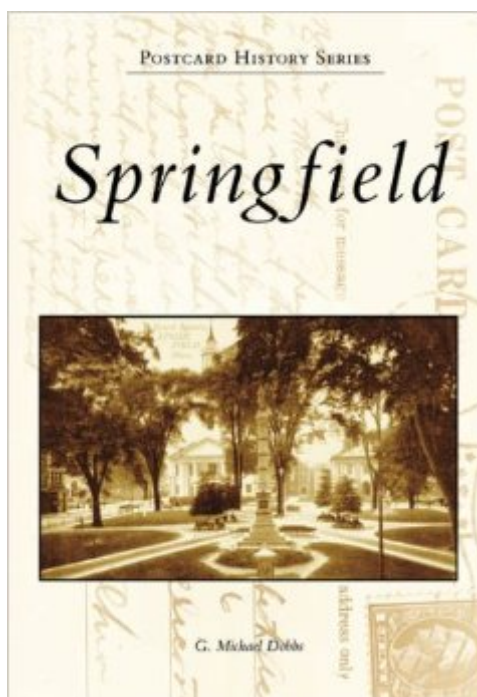


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not known for its postcards. Presumably, this is not Arcadia's fault since they are merely reproducing the material with which they had to work, but this is a dull book. The captions are really good and I enjoyed reading them. The pictures, however, are muddy, busy and not super interesting. Overall, based on this presentation, SPRINGFIELD doesn't look like it was a fun place despite its storied history.

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