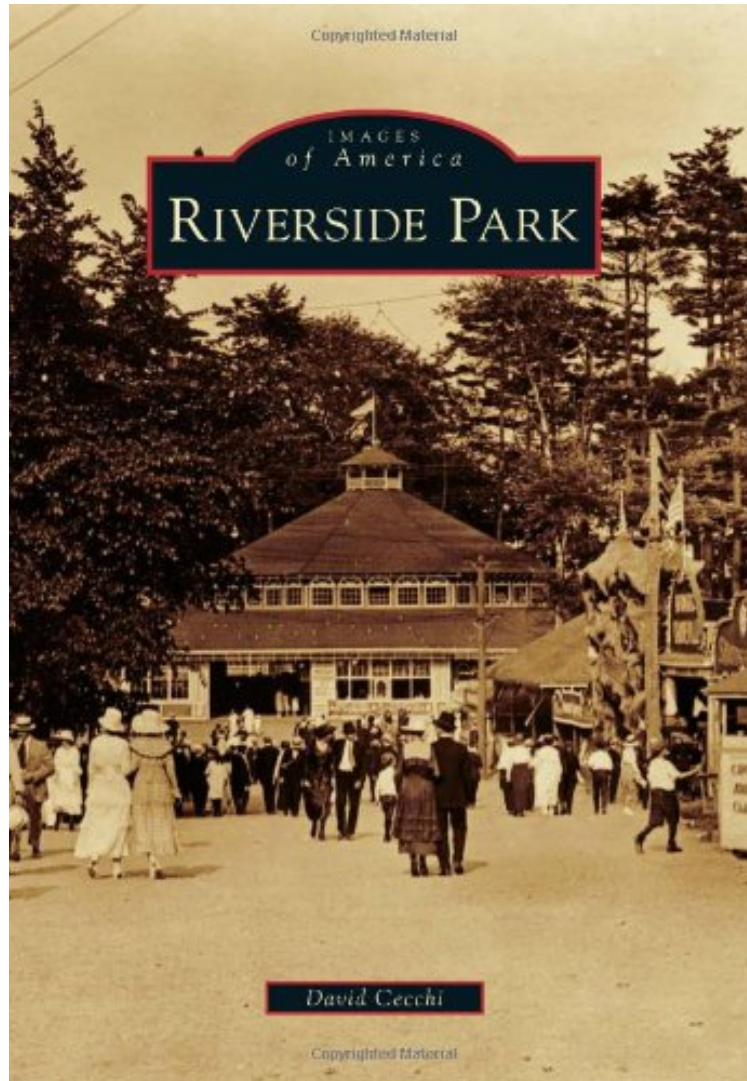


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looking at the pictures and reminiscing about his young years.

From its earliest days as a picnic grove to its subsequent evolution into a major amusement park, Riverside Park was synonymous with summer for generations of New Englanders. Situated on the banks of the Connecticut River at Agawam, Massachusetts, Riverside was enjoyed by area residents for more than a century. Thousands swam in Lake Takadip, danced to the most popular musical groups of the day in Cooks Dancing Pavilion, spent Saturday nights at the Riverside Park Speedway, roller skated at the Rollaway, and thrilled to the Cyclone roller coaster and countless other attractions. Riversides status as the epicenter of summer recreation in the Northeast continues to this day with the parks current identity as Six Flags New England.

About the Author David Cecchi, longtime chairman of the Agawam Historical Commission and member of the Agawam Historical Association, draws from his extensive personal collection and family photographs from area residents to illustrate the growth of Riverside Park from popular picnic spot to New Englands largest amusement park.