

## Lake Erie History and Views



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## Lake Erie History and Views A book by Tom Langmyer

*From the dust cover: Thirteen million people live within just a few miles of Lake Erie. From an historical perspective, it is the lake that brought them here in the first place. Lake Erie is sometimes ignored or forgotten. **Lake Erie: History and Views** brings this natural wonder to center stage, for she is the center of the region.*

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## Buffalo native returns to area for two book signings Tom Langmyer at Borders on Dec. 26

DECEMBER 17, 2009 -- Buffalo native and author Tom Langmyer will sign copies of his new book at two Christmas weekend appearances at Borders stores in the Buffalo area. Langmyer will sign "Lake Erie: History and Views" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Cheektowaga Borders, 2015 Walden Avenue, and from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Orchard Park Borders, 3480 Amelia Drive.

"Lake Erie: History and Views" combines flowing narration, factual summaries, historic images, maps and antique postcards from Langmyer's extensive collection, as well as the author's striking photography, to tell the story of this vast inland sea. Starting with the creation of Lake Erie during the Ice Age, the story describes the lake's discovery by Europeans, the battles for its control, how people settled and developed the region around the lake, and how the population grew along its shores.

A large portion of the book explores the cities and towns tucked around Lake Erie, including the Buffalo area. The reader is also taken behind the scenes aboard a 1,000-foot lakeboat, the *Walter J. McCarthy Jr.*, on a journey up the Great Lakes.

Langmyer was born in Buffalo, N.Y., and has been fascinated with the Great Lakes from an early age. He has read about the lakes, traveled around them and spent much of his life near them. He earned a bachelor's degree from Grove City College in Pennsylvania, and has worked in broadcasting for more than 25 years. Langmyer began his broadcasting career in Buffalo and was known as "Captain Tom" when he was an airborne traffic reporter for WGR Radio. He is currently vice president and general manager of WGN Radio in Chicago and serves on the board of directors of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and several other organizations. Langmyer is also a member of the Buffalo Broadcasters Association.

Langmyer enjoys history, travel, reading, photography, cycling, kayaking and playing ice hockey. He is also a private pilot. He lives in the Chicago area with his wife and two children, and makes frequent trips back to the shores of Lake Erie.

"Lake Erie: History and Views" is published by the Blue Water Group, LLC, a Missouri corporation, and printed by Evangel Press, Nanapee, Ind. The 312-page hardcover book sells for \$45 and is available at [www.lakeerhistory.com](http://www.lakeerhistory.com) and [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com).