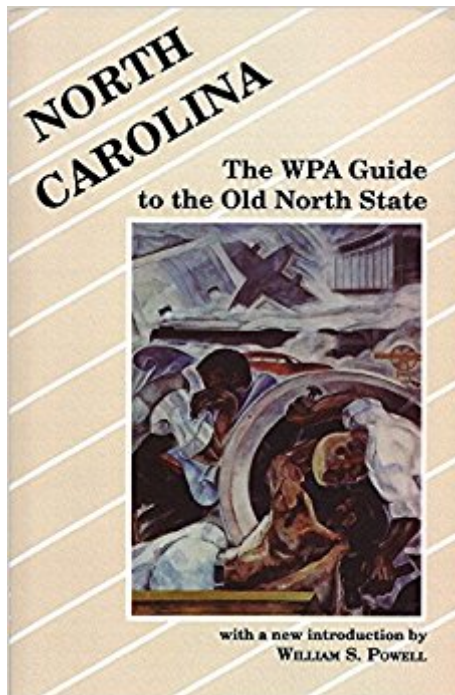




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I bought this book after seeing a PBS program on the WPA. I am from NC so the guide was fun to look over and see how much has changed in the state in the past 70 years. It was a time before freeways and interstates, and it gives you a guide to touring over state highways. All those roads went through towns instead of around, so it give you the notable sites in each town as you go.

Nice historical reference to have if you're interested in this state.

This book was compiled in the depression years to give work to writers. It is part of a series that

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