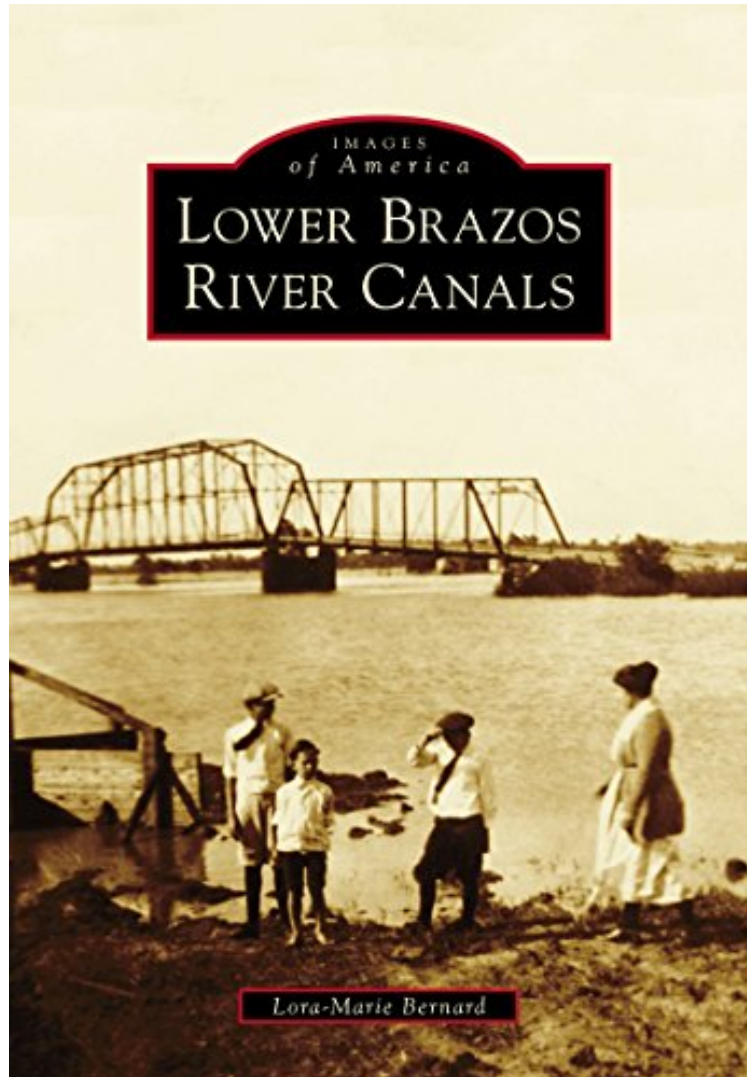


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About the Author Lora-Marie Bernard worked with regional museums, libraries, and water authorities in Brazoria, Galveston, and Fort Bend Counties to compile Lower Brazos River Canals and illustrate the importance the river has had in building the Texas Gulf Coast. She is a national award-winning Texas journalist who has spent decades covering environmental and public affairs topics.