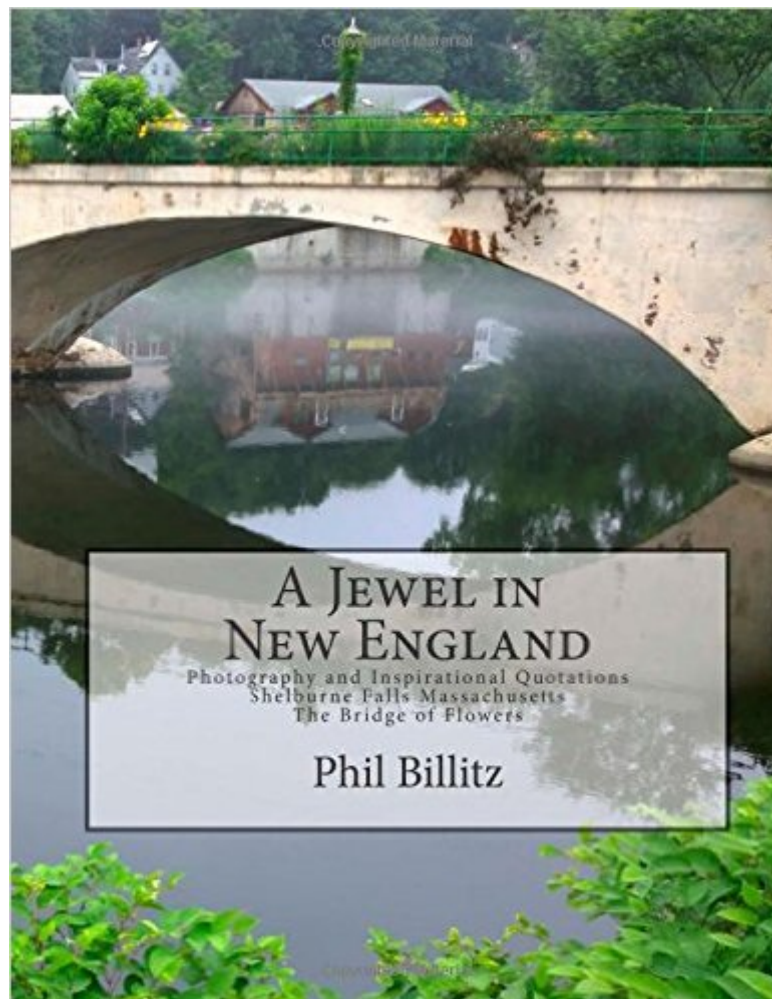


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# A Jewel In New England: Photography & Inspirational Quotations Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts Bridge Of Flowers



## Synopsis

This book is for people who love New England: visitors, residents, and explorers. Because, it doesn't matter whether your relationship with the area is a short term, weekend affair or a lifetime of intimacy and commitment, what matters is that this book provides you a way to remember and relive those special moments that only New England towns can provide. The blend of inspirational quotations and stunning images of Shelburne Falls, MA, makes this a photography book that you will revisit many times, to find that place in your heart where life is simple and beautiful again. As an added Bonus, the book contains a Historical Timeline to give you a glimpse into the rich history of the Shelburne Falls area.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great book that contains many wonderful photographs of Shelburne Falls, MA. This is home to the famous bridge of flowers, among other wonderful sights. The photographer has captured the serenity of small town life in New England, and has coupled the photos with inspiring quotations that just seem to fit. I highly recommend picking up a copy!Pros:-BEAUTIFUL photos-Interesting and fun quotations-Attractive presentationCons:- While the photographs come through clearly despite being printed on standard paper, I wish that the pages were glossy so that I could thumb through without worrying about smudging the white pages.

This is a gem of a book. It is lovely and accessible, with photographs on every page -- images that

are full of heart and soul that capture an experience of living in this village referred to often as "Brigadoon". The light, colors, landscape, and architecture showcased are underpinnings to who we are and how we evolved as a small rural village. It is a treat that Phil Billitz decided to feature the village in this beautiful book. Favorite things about the book beyond the gorgeous photos, are that there is a three-page snapshot of town facts, that the author tells us that he took the images with his phone camera, and the inclusion of diverse, pithy quotes. I also love that it is easy to pick up and bring home with you, whether living in Shelburne Falls or just passing through. (You will probably be back!) I have always been from here, and decided that I needed a copy too!

Phil Billitz moved to Shelburne Falls at just about the same time that I did. His new book, *The Jewel in New England*, shows in radiant picture and inspirational word, the world that he and I have grown to know and to love. Billitz uses a simple phone camera and produces visions, true to color and form, of our small town at its best. When you enter the book, because it is not just a book but a place hidden between the covers, you will feel like you have stepped into a living and breathing work of art. The quotations Phil chose to match up with the photographs do not distract from the photographs but complement the art. Here is one of my favorites quotes. It speaks to Phil's own imagination and to this dear and beautiful village. "I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be." ~ Douglas Adams

I just purchased "A Jewel in New England" and have found it to indeed be a jewel of a book. Through superb photography and well chosen quotations the author has crafted a very pleasing portrait of Small Town New England. There are no bustling Boston street scenes here...the message is quiet tranquility and simple beauty. I've never been to the American Northeast, but this publication makes me want to visit!

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