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Good Read

Tahawus Memories, 1941–1963: The Story of a Unique Adirondack Hometown

By Leonard A. Gereau. Saranac Lake, NY: Hungry Bear Publishing, 2014. 312 pages, over 500 photographs. ISBN: 978-0-9857607-5-5.



The Adirondack region has an abundance of many things. Amid the beautiful scenery, fresh air, fantastic trails, and great communities, there's also some great legends and tall tales. This area is so rich with history that it's incredibly easy for some events, people, and places to slip through the cracks in our collective memory. Until the publication of *Tahawus Memories*, this old titanium town seemed as though it was destined to end up in the dustbin of history.

In his book, Leonard Gereau has amassed an amazing collection of photos, stories, and ephemera from the once vibrant mining town of Tahawus. Active for just over two decades, Tahawus was built from nothing and reduced to nothing in the blink of an eye. What was once the world's largest titanium mine was quickly forgotten. Now, Gereau has preserved the memory of Tahawus for us all to enjoy.

If you were to venture to the site of Tahawus today (as I have), you'll find remnants of this community, but nothing that would tell of the buzzing small town that once stood in the High Peaks. *Tahawus Memories* is a time capsule of sorts, combining personal interviews with scenic photos and postcards, all of it beautifully presented.

This is truly a one-of-a-kind book. Packaged in a deluxe, oversized format, *Tahawus Memories* is a great addition to your local history bookshelf. If you have friends, family, or personal memories of the mining towns that once dotted the Adirondacks, this will surely bring back vivid memories of the way it used to be.

—Chris Linendoll
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