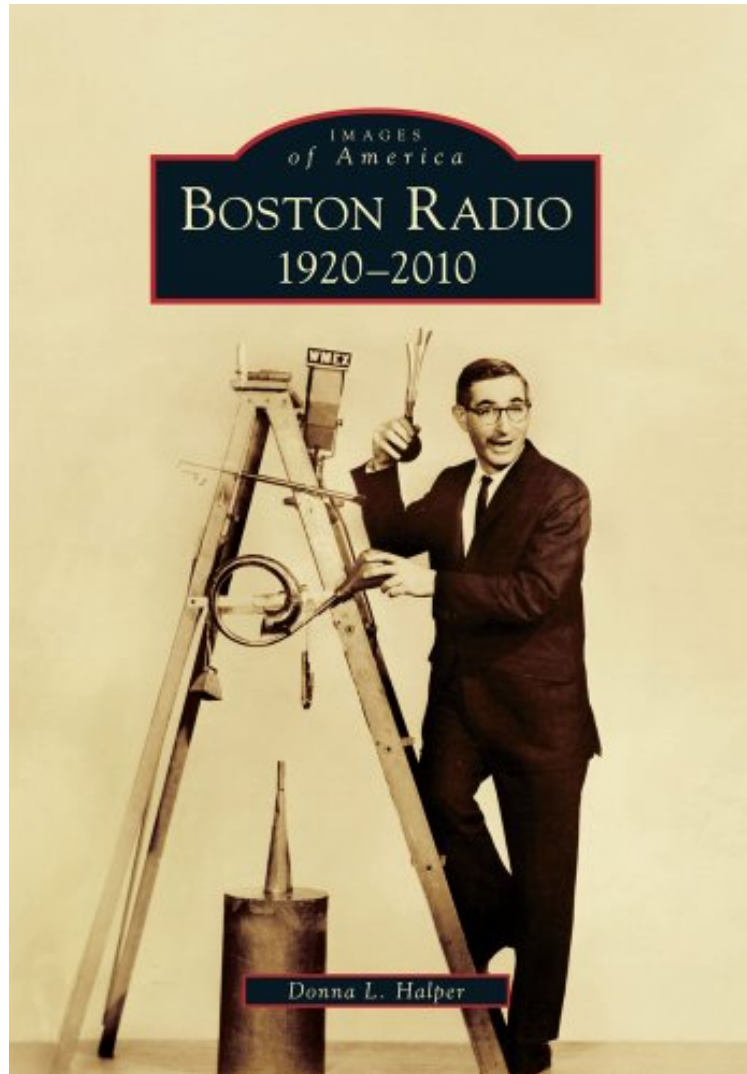


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About the Author Donna L. Halper is a Boston-based author, professor, and media historian with expertise in the history of broadcasting. Using rare photographs from her own collection and from some of Boston's best-known air personalities, she tells the story of the stations and announcers Bostonians have loved for decades.