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Crossing Cheshire Bridge: Photographs By Teri Darnell



Synopsis

Crossing Cheshire Bridge is an alluring look into the intimate relationship between the people who work, live and play on Cheshire Bridge Road and the places they traverse. These photographs trace a decade of unlikely connections bridged together by this infamous one-mile road. At first glance, the photographs might seem like an exploration of otherness within a seedy place that is censured by the surrounding affluent residential community and suburbs, but it is quite the opposite. The photographs reveal deep personal connections that provide a glimpse into their lives. Their untold stories open a door to countless insights of human behavior. Cheshire Bridge Road pre-dates the city of Atlanta. Cheshire Bridge Road was originally a farming corridor that attracted settlers in the early 1800s. It remained agricultural until the early 20th century, when suburban development and commerce moved into the area. By the 1970s, the more affluent residents began moving further from Atlanta, creating opportunities for low rent businesses. This iconic road is famous for having many adult entertainment establishments. Many of these places are known as Atlanta's Red Light District. Recently rediscovered, the road is an attractive infill location between Atlanta's two largest employment areas, Buckhead and Midtown. Businesses, where the same people have worked for decades, are being destroyed to make way for high-end apartments and mixed-use properties. Sadly, Cheshire Bridge Road is on the way to becoming gentrified.

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The images in this book are amazing! Teri has truly captured the essence of one of the more interesting but least photographed areas of Atlanta. That she was given access for some of these

images is astonishing in itself. I highly recommend this book not only for the quality images but to get a behind the scenes glimpse of the people and establishments of Cheshire Bridge!

Your book came in the mail yesterday, and I could not put it down until I had carefully looked at every photo. You are certainly a master (mistress) of your art. It is a wonderful story in photos. Each one is more interesting than the last. I know this was a monumental feat, choosing from so many pictures. You did a fabulous job and really honored a community soon to be lost. Keep up the good work. I am anxious to see what your new project will be! Ellen

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