

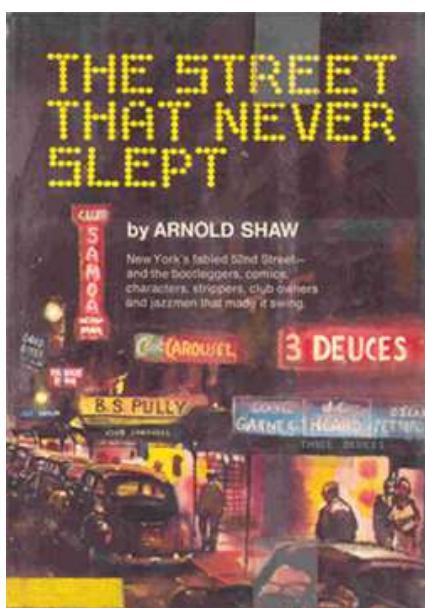


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**CITY HALL LIBRARY NOTES, MAY 2005**

**SPOTLIGHT ON: NEW YORK CITY STREET NAMES**

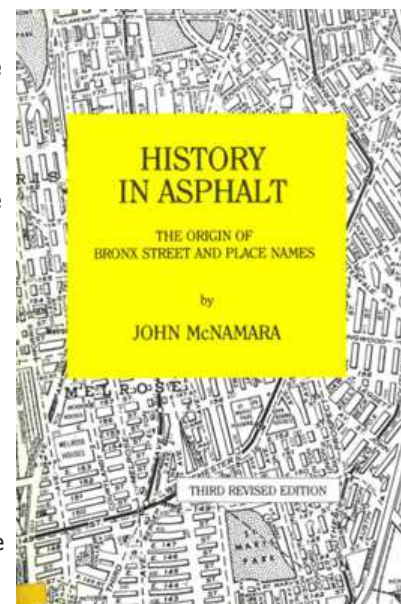


Street names in New York City often have varied and fascinating origins. The City Hall Library collection offers a number of resources for anyone interested in researching this topic.

The Street and Place Name index is a comprehensive card file listing of streets in the five boroughs, both named and numbered, as well as places such as parks, squares, triangles, etc. Organized alphabetically by street or place name, cards list former name(s) if any, date name was changed, law or resolution designating name change and who or what the street was named after. Any sources consulted such as City Council Proceedings or historical books are cited for further reference.

*The Street Book: Encyclopedia of Manhattan's Street Names and Their Origins* by Henry Moscow, features maps, photos and drawings, presents short histories of various Manhattan street names. *History in Asphalt: the Origin of Bronx Street and Place Names* by John McNamara is a guide to that borough, though not illustrated.

Fifth Avenue, the street that divides the East and West sides, is profiled in *On Fifth Avenue: Then and Now* by Ronda Wist and *Fifth Avenue* by Theodore James, Jr. The first book includes descriptive history of Fifth Avenue from the early 19th century until 1992 with photos and drawings. The book by Theodore James, Jr. is mainly a pictorial history of the avenue. Visit the home of St. Patrick's Cathedral and Saks Fifth Avenue and appreciate



the marvels of this street.

*The Street that Never Slept* by Arnold Shaw tells the story of 52nd Street or Swing Street, once the center of the entertainment scene, now home to mostly office buildings. Interviews and photos highlight the story of speakeasies, debutantes, jazz musicians and other assorted places and characters that were part of the street from the 1920s to the 1950s.

Broadway, possibly the longest street in the world, the Great White Way, is the subject of *On Broadway: a Journey Uptown over Time* by David W. Dunlap. It includes a history of the street by area, starting with downtown Manhattan and ending in Washington Heights/Marble Hill. A wealth of photos and descriptions of buildings and other sites complement the text. Incidentally, according to the *Encyclopedia of New York City*, the moniker "Great White Way," comes from the large number of electric signs, used for advertising mainly in the theatre district.

Also, the vertical files include articles on street name history and individual streets. So be sure to take advantage of these great resources.

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