Sunnyside Yard was built by the Pennsylvania Railroad as part of its massive New York Extension, the centerpiece of which was Pennsylvania Station in the heart of Manhattan. Opened in 1910, it is still the world’s largest railroad passenger car storage yard. At the height of its operation in the 1930s, there were 79 tracks, with a capacity for 1,100 cars. Hell Gate Bridge was a joint venture of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New Haven Railroad to construct a direct rail route for trains between New York City and the New England states. The main span is 1,017 feet between the towers, and it Hell Gate Bridge was a joint venture of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New Haven Railroad to construct a direct rail route for trains between New York City and the New England states. The main span is 1,017 feet between the towers, and it rises more than 300 feet from the East River to the top of the towers. The title of this book implies that two subjects will be covered: the Sunnyside Yard and the Hell Gate Bridge. To understand the significance of both subjects though, the book will start by examining the need for the yard and the bridge—the New York Extension of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The centerpiece of the extension was Pennsylvania Station and its tunnels under the Hudson and East Rivers. Greater Astoria Historical Society, Long Island City Picture: Sunnyside Yards and Hell Gate Bridge Presentation- David Morrison - Check out Tripadvisor members’ candid photos and videos of Greater Astoria Historical Society. Photo: Sunnyside Yards and Hell Gate Bridge Presentation- David Morrison. From Review: Good for lectures on Astoria, but overall GAHS has become unfocused on its primary mission of Greater Astoria Historical Society. Greater Astoria Historical Society. David D. Morrison, Foreword by Stephen F. Quigley. Sunnyside Yard was built by the Pennsylvania Railroad as part of its massive New York Extension, the centerpiece of which was Pennsylvania Station in the heart of Manhattan. Opened in 1910, it is still the world’s largest railroad passenger car storage yard. At the height of its operation in the 1930s, there were 79 tracks, with a capacity for 1,100 cars. Hell Gate Bridge was a joint venture of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New Haven Railroad to construct a direct rail route for trains between New York City and the New England states.