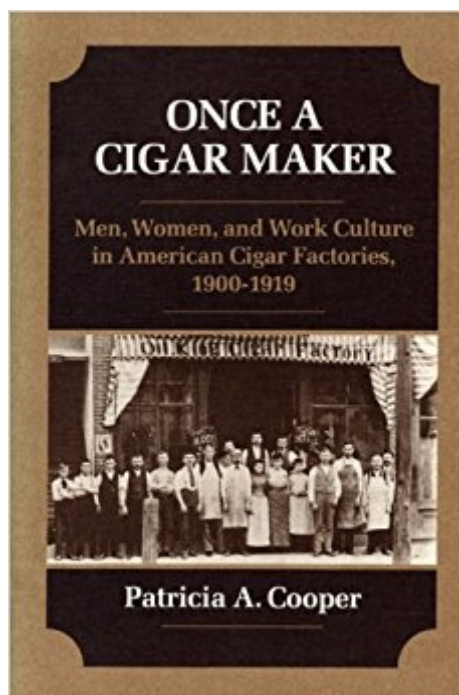


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# ONCE A CIGAR MAKER: Men, Women, And Work Culture In American Cigar Factories, 1900-1919 (Working Class In American History)



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