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Lost San Francisco



Synopsis

Looks at how a city used to run—the old transport systems, former city halls, stores, theaters and cinemas, gas stations and car showrooms, restaurants, and people on the sidewalk—Aspects of lost San Francisco that are examined here include the Victorian Alcatraz, Cliff House Hotel before it burned down, the early Embarcadero, the devastation of the 1906 earthquake, horse-drawn streetcars, the grandeur of the Sutro Baths—both outside and in, the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition buildings, the changes made to combat a possible Japanese invasion during—World War II,—and some of the key hippie stores on Haight-Ashbury before the area became more upscale.

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Customer Reviews

the best thing about this book, apart from the really reasonable price, is it's editorial content. it's not just lots of glossy pix--it has fabulous before and after pix for the SF buff, but has lots of history to accompany it, so you get a real sense of the many faces of SF. it's a wonderful visual history lesson, but painlessly delivered.

I bought this as a gift for my mother in law's birthday and was surprised to not only see great pics of old SF but to learn some great facts about our city. I was surprised to learn that the Buffalo Soldiers would stop in San Francisco on their way to being deployed or returning to the US. Lots of great stories and facts in this book.

If you are a fan of San Francisco and its history, here's where you see what was once there and is now no longer. You see old landmarks and ones that disappeared as well. I went back to The City after reading it and saw so much more!

I love this book, especially since my dad is in it! I recommend it to history buffs. Thanx, Happy reader

Very nice. I bought it for my 88 year old father who is originally from San Francisco and it allowed him to take a great trip down memory lane. We have thoroughly enjoyed it.

This series of books are a great find for any arm chair historian. We don't realize how many changes occur during our lifetime until we see the archives. The architecture lost and preserved in these photos are priceless with the added bonus of the history of the edifices. Without the photos this architecture would simply be forgotten.

My Grandfather traveled from Tennessee to California and San Francisco in the 1880's. This was a youthful "fortune hunting" fact finding trip prior to his marriage and settling down to raise his family. Years later his family always enjoyed the stories about this trip and his visit to Cliff House while in San Francisco. Although he did not choose California as his ultimate home his experiences were broadening and led to various intelligent choices for his life to come. Many of the pictures in this book will reflect the look of San Francisco at the time of my Grandfather's visit to the City.

Been collecting a lot of SF history lately. This book fits right in. I was raised in the east bay and visited SF a number of times. It's amazing that the Victorian Cliff House (the one in the picture on the cover of this book) wasn't damaged by the 1906 earthquake, but burned down a couple of years later-what a loss!!.

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