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Lost Chicago



Synopsis

Famous landmarks, much-loved restaurants, sports stadia, movie palaces that really were palaces, pleasure gardens, piers and lake steamers, plus the Union Stock Yards—all make up lost Chicago. Some of Chicago's greatest architectural losses are represented here in this tribute to a bygone city of Chicago—the Stock Exchange Building; Midway Gardens; the Marshall Field Wholesale Store; and buildings from the 1893 Columbian Exposition, the World's Fair that showed Chicago had bounced back from its ruinous fire of 1871. It also pays homage to the meat-packing industry, railcar construction, and mail-order business—industries that once drove the Chicago economy but have since moved on. Listed by date of loss, this collection traces a nostalgic path from the time it was known both as the Windy City and Porkopolis, and presents an astonishing range of vanished Chicago from the lakeshore mansions of the rich and famous, to communities built up by the city's immigrant workforce. It also includes photographic page spreads of Chicago trains, the village of Pullman, White City, Riverview Park, lake steamers, the Illinois Theater, Comiskey Park, Palmer House, the 1871 fire, and Grand Central Station.

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Customer Reviews

Going back through time with architectural collection of Old Chicago. I certainly enjoyed this book of Chicago from another era and wished some of the old buildings were still around to add to the beauty of the city especially around the museum campus

Beautiful pictures of Chicago. My father was born and grew up in the windy city, and I always try to buy him something from home. He may not live there anymore, but I think his heart will always be there. I bought him this book as a Christmas gift, and he loves it. Highly recommended for any Chicago lover.

This was an excellent glimpse into Chicago's past. As a lifelong resident of the city, it's amazing to think the streets I walk on daily used to hold such beautiful architecture. I thoroughly enjoyed this and I'm curious what other beauties Chicago has lost.

This pictorial coffee table book is a great value for gifting. Especially for the 40+ age category and the person who has everything. If they are Chicagoans, or just love the city, spending time with these classic photographs will make anyone smile.

missing home-I have always loved the architecture and history of my home town. This is a decent book. The only recent that I only gave 4 stars is that I found a couple of minor errors in the history. However for the photos it is great. There is an older book of the same title that is better. However this is a good book-better than most.

This is a wonderful book. I learned a great deal about the history of Chicago. The stories are wonderful, as is the incredible collection of photographs. I really enjoyed it and highly recommend it to anyone!

My Dad was born in Chicago & he knows the city in & out. He will remember plenty of these places in this book!!

This is an excellent companion piece to another architectural book on Chicago of almost the same name. If you are interested in architectural history OR if you're a Chicagoan or an ex-Chicagoan, you'll love it.

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