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Lost Washington, D.C.



Synopsis

A nostalgic look at the important buildings lost in the capital city, following the changing transport of the city from horse-drawn streetcars to electric trolleys and steam trains crossing Maryland Avenue. Sites represented here include Hoover Airport, the Washington Arsenal, Fox Theater, Center Market, Matthew Brady's studio, the Old Navy Building, the Ebbitt House Hotel, and General Noble Redwood Treehouse which stood on the Mall from 1894 to 1932. Lost buildings include the Washington Arsenal and Washington Penitentiary where the Lincoln conspirators were hanged and the distinctive Center Market building which was razed along with Arcade, Liberty, and Dutch Markets. Many theaters have gone and are represented here, including the Victorian (Albaugh's Opera House) and Art Deco (Translux), but the grandiose Fox entrance remains to front a modern office block. Other sites include commerce on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, Baltimore and Portomac Railroad Station, faux castles such as Henderson's and Stewart's, the Corcoran School of Art, and many Victorian vistas of Washington from the top of the Capitol and Washington Monument.

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Customer Reviews

I found this book to be a great collection of the history of Washington DC, that we may never know about because, these buildings are lost forever. Many books like this are just a collection of hastily tossed together photographs, not this one, excellent photos, with well written commentary and factual history that gives the reader a real sense of what was happening when these buildings were

around. Mr. Williams does a great job of keeping it interesting without getting too academic. I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in Washington DC History.

Very happy with the quality of paper, hard cover, and the fact that most of these pictures and stories have never been published before! Also nice that it includes significant African-American sites often overlooked in other books, and resources large and small within neighborhoods off the Mall, well outside the downtown core. Didn't know Alexander Graham Bell lived within steps of Dupont Circle, a very cool speakeasy suspended on decks in a tree house was located near Logan Circle, and the protests of *Gone With the Wind* on U Streets in the 1930s!

IF ONE IS AT ALL FAMILIAR WITH AMERICA'S CAPITOL CITY - THEN COMMON SENSE WOULD DICTATE THAT TAKING A LOOK BACK AT WHAT OUR FOREFATHER'S SAW WHEN THEY VISITED OR LIVED NEAR IT - WELL, A FASCINATING LOOK INTO THE PAST D.C. OF AMERICA IS INDEED INTERESTING - R.D.A.

I received a preview copy and immediately bought several for Christmas presents! Great book for anyone interested in Washington, DC past and present! Jan 28, 2013 update....my Mother-in-law loved the book..it reminded her of growing up in Washington, DC in the 1930's.

Lost Washington DC contains so many images and entries that are not included in similar history books. Even as a history buff myself and someone who lives close to DC, I learned so much by reading this book. The author goes beyond the obvious and well-documented points in DC's unique history to explore lesser-covered history, including African-American and gay history. This is a must-read for anyone who's interested in DC history.

I recently picked up a bargain copy of this book. The photographs in the book are great. The text, however, is badly flawed. Virtually every page shows signs that the text was never proofed. For instance, on page 23's description of the "Carroll Row" houses formerly on Capitol Hill, we learn that "Future President John Quincy rented rooms" there. Somehow the editor failed to insert the name of "Adams". Reading through the book, and enjoying the photos, I played a game of trying to find a problem on virtually every page. Most weren't as severe as the "Adams" example, but they were there. I'm speculating that this edition went quickly to remainder status due to such problems. Perhaps the publisher will come out with a revised edition with the text significantly

improved.

This book provided wonderfully detailed historical perspective on so many of the significant buildings in our nation's capital! The pictures were absolutely fascinating and I would highly recommend this to anyone who would like to know a few insider secrets about the buildings and history of Washington, D.C.

I bought this book for my sister as a coffee table book. It's a great conversation piece for visitors who are new to our nation's capital.

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