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Chicago Then And Now™



Synopsis

The evocative photos on these pages reflect the many faces of Chicago's heritage. Sites include: Grant Park, Lincoln Park, Wabash Avenue, Lake Street, Marshall Field's, State Street, Palmer House, Reliance Building, the Chicago Theatre, Majestic Theatre and Biograph Theater, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Cultural Center, South Michigan Avenue, North Michigan Avenue, Board of Trade Building, The Rookery, Old Colony Building, Dearborn Street Station, Chicago and North Western Terminal, Illinois Central Railyards, State Street Bridge, Michigan Avenue Bridge, Wacker Drive, Chicago River from the Wrigley Building, Water Tower, Lake Shore Drive, Navy Pier, Oak Street Beach, Merchandise Mart, Wrigley Field, Comiskey Park, the Union Stockyards, and much more. A detailed map lists major downtown sites featured in the book.

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Customer Reviews

Kathleen Maguire is the author of Cool Chicago. She has lived in Chicago her entire life.

I visited Chicago and had a wonderful time. I saw this book in many of the hotels there. It's a great book. I would definitely recommend buying this one.

Purchased as a gift for my inlaws who went to college and lived in Chicago many years ago. They loved seeing the old places they remembered and reminiscing about their time spent there. This is a great book with wonderful images of then and now.

Very nice book. It is in superb condition as advertised. The text, not surprisingly, is dry. Nonetheless, the period photographs are superb especially when placed in juxtaposition of the current day views of the same scene. It was definitely a worthwhile purchase.

Nice then and now photos for comparison.

An interesting look at Chicago as it appeared in the past, compared to now. More than just a picture book, it also gives some historical perspective for each location. If you're a Chicagoan, this is a must have. There are two problems that keep this from getting a top ranking. First, the focus of a "then and now" book should be to compare and contrast, so we can see how much has changed. There's several locations shown here that haven't really changed, and you wonder why they were included. Also, the "then" and "now" pictures should be shot from roughly the same location, showing the same perspective. That's not always the case here, and you may have to spend some time figuring out how to get things lined up. Still, it's a good way to see how the city used to look, and a rare look at some of the now-missing architectural treasures.

Great book. I gave out 10 copies last Christmas and have a stash that I give as hostess gifts. So interesting to see the transformation in our city. Photography is great.

I just moved to Chicago, all though I've known and loved the town for many years. This book is a great coffee table intro and a very reasonable price.

I bought this book for my mother, who has been away from Chicago for many years. She loved the book. Many photos reminded her of her youth, and she was able to see the old church where she and my dad were married. I would recommend it for anyone who lived in Chicago long ago, or for a current resident who is curious about what the city used to look like. I would have given it 5 stars if it had a little more text.

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