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Nashville Then And Now®



Synopsis

Originally known as Nashborough, Nashville was named as the capital of Tennessee in 1843. The city's economic recovery after the Civil War was slow, hampered by two major cholera epidemics. However, the Centennial Exposition of 1897, for which a reproduction of the Greek Parthenon was built, led to the city's gradual establishment as one of the finest cities in the South. Although Nashville was known as the home of the Maxwell House Coffee empire in the early 20th century, it was the Grand Ole Opry, established in 1925, that turned the city into a major country music venue. Using some extraordinary images from the city's past, paired with the same views today, this book shows how the city has evolved into a bright, modern city that is synonymous with country music. Locations include State Capitol, Hotel Hermitage, Maxwell House Hotel, Ryman Auditorium, Union Street, James K. Polk Home, Germantown, Watson House, Woodland Street Bridge, Broad Street, Union Street, Market Street, Customs House, Union Station, Fisk University, Country Music Hall of Fame, the Parthenon, Tennessee Centennial, Vanderbilt University, Hillsboro Turnpike, Fort Negley, and East Bank.

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I have purchased the "Now and Then" books from most of the cities I've visited and this one meets my expectations of great pictures and interesting facts. I was only disappointed that this one doesn't come in paperback.

Working in an historical location drew me to this book. Picking up Nashville Then and Now from our coffee table one of our senior customers recalled a story of his childhood in Nashville and found the page that he spoke of. Watching his face as he reminisced was the highlight of that day for me! Our CEO had taken a long moment to "flip through" the copy in our Atrium. He sighed, "Good book!" and I knew he had begun to think of his early years growing up in Nashville as well. I just had to purchase a second book for him. What I especially enjoyed about Nashville Then and Now was the meticulous care this photographer took to shoot the modern day historical landmark from the same vantage point as the vintage photo. The photos' storylines are told with simple and engaging accuracy. If all history books were laid out this way I would have received a high grade in Social Studies!

Gave this as a gift to my sister-in-law, who is a Nashville native. She has enjoyed it quite a bit.

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Great pictures and text. Highly recommended.

We used this book for guests to sign at my daughter's wedding. Not only is it a wonderful representation of Nashville in the past and present, but guests loved going through the pages before signing.

This is a great coffee-table photo book for those who love Nashville. Great "then & now" photographs of all the places we know and love. Made the perfect Christmas gift for our friends and neighbors. Thanks!

Book was in good condition and was happy to read with my children. Thanks!

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