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Seattle's growth from a small lumber town to one of the world's most influential urban centers has been spectacular. Little more than a century ago, the city was made up of dirt roads and timber buildings. The arrival of the Great Northern Railroad in 1893 and the start of the Klondike gold rush in 1897 changed all that. Businesses in Seattle are still booming today, but they are now less dependent on location and more on inspiration. *Seattle Then and Now* presents archival photos along with modern views of the same sites as they appear today, highlighting some of the best-loved places in the city along with striking examples of modern architecture that help make Seattle such a vibrant and innovative city.

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Thanks to Karl Mondon for taking the "now" photographs, and to Seattle's Museum of History & Industry, the Seattle Municipal Archives, the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections Division, the Rainier Valley Historical Society, Corbis and the Library of Congress for providing the historical images, taken by photographers too numerous to mention. Some historical images are new to this edition; copy has been revised or rewritten as necessary to account for the new photographs and for the changes that have taken place in Seattle during the past five years.

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buildings. The arrival of the Great Northern Railroad in 1893 and the start of the Klondike gold rush in 1897 changed all that. By 1914, just twenty-five years after the city suffered a devastating fire that burned the central business district to cinders, Seattle would have been almost unrecognizable to its early inhabitants. Streets had been raised, canals had been dug, and hills had been leveled, with the spoils going to create land out of the Elliott Bay mudflats. And the Smith Tower--the tallest building west of the Mississippi at the time--stood as a symbol of Seattle's new economic confidence.Â Businesses in Seattle are still booming today, but they are now less dependent on location and more on inspiration. The Boeing Company was founded here in 1916 and is still a major regional employer, but it is .com, Starbucks, and a host of software and biotechnology companies that represent the new face of twenty-first-century business. Seattle Then and Now presents archival photos along with modern views of the same sites as they appear today. One can see the city as it looked when Denny Hill still rose above downtown, when the University of Washington occupied a mere city block, when Duwamish canoes still put in at Ballast Island, and when missiles were based in Magnolia and naval aircraft at Sand Point.Â Thanks to the efforts of preservationists, places like Pioneer Square and the Pike Place Market look much as they did a century ago, while structures such as Union Station and the Eagles Auditorium live on with new uses. This book highlights some of the best-loved places in the city along with striking examples of modern architecture that help make Seattle such a vibrant and innovative city. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have lived in Seattle and Greater Seattle area for over 80 years. This is the best pictorial I have ever seen. I know the author thru membership in PBK. I found out I could get this book thru . He is obviously a very observant talented young man. Every one of any age from this area will find many interesting things in the book. I rate this book 5 star but can not get this site to record my rating. I have now found out how to make it 5 Star so have corrected my rating

I think this is even better than James Madison Collins' book of the same name!

This book is the best one of Seattle that I have seen. There are pictures of what it used to look like and what it looks like now, or at least when the book was printed. It has the Greenlake Follies which I have not seen in any book on Seattle. I have given this book to several people as a gift and they all love it. I like the price and the book, and I have one on my coffee table.

Very good historic book . You can see how changed Seattle for last 100-150 years.This book highlights some of the best-loved places in the city.Seattle Then and Now presents archival photos along with modern views of the same sites as they appear today.

my son uses it as a coffee table book and says guests that visit him in Seattle enjoy reading the history of the city

I grew up in southern California and, as a young boy, visited Seattle when an uncle and his family were living there. It was 1962, not long after the Space Needle was built for the World's Fair. I remember thinking of Seattle as a quiet, pleasant, luxuriantly green place. Then, in 2008, my wife and I spent two weeks in Seattle. It had erupted into a metropolis. It was surprising in its size and scope. And it was exhausting to walk. A far cry from the small place I'd visited as a boy.This is precisely the change that Benjamin Lukoff has captured -- a change in history. Seattle went from a small town with lots of aeronautical engineers to a boom town with some of the world's biggest names calling it home.Lukoff has captured the changes by showing us what it was like "then," and what it's like now, in photos and story. My wife and I were hoping for something like this to commemorate our visit to this great and significant modern city. There couldn't be anything more perfect than this. Lukoff's text has also provided one of the best short histories of Seattle we've seen: how it didn't even start as a city until 1851; how Seattle got its name from Chief Si'ahl who apparently met Captain George Vancouver and his crew, the first Europeans to explore the inland waters.This is a fun look at multiple aspects of the city, documenting its growth and change with wonderful photographs of its manifold past and present. And it's a great reminder of Seattle -- as it was and as it is now. Smaller than a coffee table book, and bigger than a tourist guide, "Seattle Then and Now" by Benjamin Lukoff is a perfect reminder for the city's visitors, and wonderful historical touchstone for its citizens.

Great gift, wonderful photographs , informative, recommend.

Anyone who has ever been to Seattle would love having this book!With it's great photos and text, the "Then & Now" makes Seattle come to life.It's more than just a coffee-table book, makes a good read.Better than a crappy T shirt,a wonderful souvenir & tribute to Seattle

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