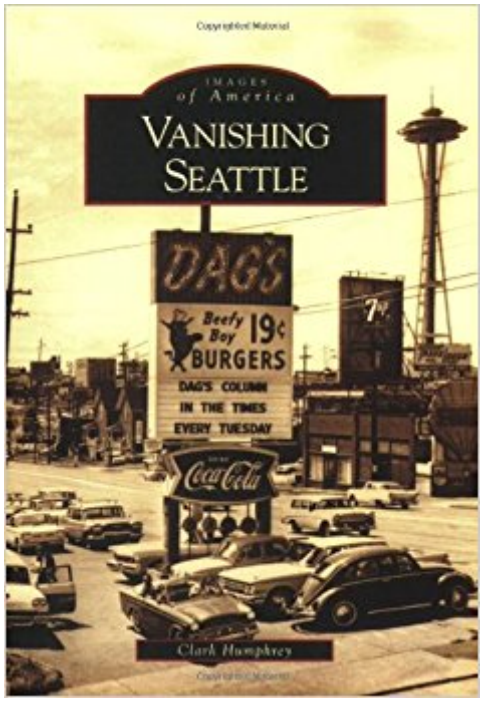
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Synopsis

Though Seattle is still a young city, growing and changing, much of its short past is already lost-but not forgotten. Generations of Seattleites have fond memories of restaurants, local television shows, stores, and other landmarks that evoke a less sophisticated, more informal city. This new book explores Seattle at a time when timber and fish were more lucrative than airplanes and computers, when the city was a place of kitschy architecture and homespun humor and was full of boundless hope for a brighter future. These rare and vintage images hearken back to the marvels of the 1962 World's Fair, shopping trips to Frederick & Nelson and I. Magnin, dinners at Rosellini's, dancing at the Trianon Ballroom, traveling on the ferry Kalakala, rooting for baseball's Rainiers, and local personalities including Stan Boreson, J. P. Patches, and Wunda Wunda.

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Customer Reviews

Author Clark Humphrey is the editor of the Belltown Messenger, a book reviewer for the Seattle Times, a former staff writer with The Stranger and The Comics Journal, and an acknowledged local expert on retro Seattle. Within these pages, he showcases more than 200 images of vanishing Seattle icons gathered from such institutions as the Museum of History and Industry, the University of Washington, and the Seattle Municipal Archives, as well as from various private individuals including the collection of Mary Randlett and the author's own collection.

Great history of Seattle through photos!

Clark Humphrey loves his city. He notices the little things that make it his home, and he writes nicely about the places, things and people that make up his past. They make it mine, too. I drove by the Coon Chicken Inn, ate at the Twin Teepees, watched the Aqua Follies and fireworks at Greenlake, parked with a girlfriend under the Grandma's Cookies sign, and spent a lot of time at Longacres. This book ignites old memories into flames of recognition and insight. It's also a guide to understanding what Seattleites mean when they talk about The Bon, or "Almost Live", or who Ivar really was, or why Rainiers is plural and why Rainiers make people smile. This book will make you smile, with that sort of wistful look in your eyes.

great pictures and text. Brought back so very many memories !! Unless a person was part of Seattle at that time, they could never understand the magic!Made me homesick for those times, my parents, our old 1939 Ford and standing at the lunch counter at Rhodes!Now living near Key West, old Seattle is missed but the memories the book restored are priceless.Many thanks for a super read!

As Seattle disappears in front of our eyes, books like this one fill a needed function.

Got this for my Father-in-Law who is 100yrs old and he just loved it. It was in great shape too! Thanks!

I am fascinated with what my city has been and what may come, this book contains details of hazy memories from my childhood and youth. If you love Seattle like I do, enjoy the read.

Brings back memories of simpler times! Seattle is my home town and it was fun to look at the photos.

My husband grew up in Green Lake area and I grew up in Rainier Beach. We both remember different things. This book was great for turning back the clock and trying to remember all that we miss. What a great trip down memory lane.

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