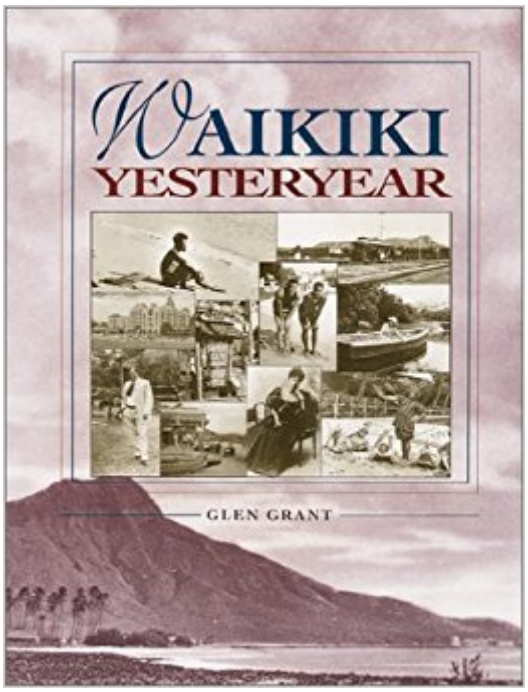
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Synopsis

Return to historic Waikiki, at a time when mule-drawn trolley cars transported tourists and locals into town, and when kamaaina families lived in lush, stately tropical compounds. Witness, through nostalgic photographs, the opening of the now legendary Royal Hawaiian Hotel, the famed luau that Queen Liliuokalani hosted for Robert Louis Stevenson, and Duke Kahanamoku and his beachboys teaching tourists to surf on 20-foot wooden surfboards. Written by noted tour leader and historian Glen Grant, Waikiki Yesteryear presents the stories, history and personages which have made Waikiki renowned. Includes 150 vintage photographs.

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Customer Reviews

Great pictures and history of Oahu, Wish it had more pictures of the 50s-70s.

Luv the book

Great book with plenty of pictures to go along with the text. Folks don’t realize what great history there is in Waikiki.

Waikiki Yesteryear focuses on the physical, biological, social, and cultural changes to the "Waikiki" area of O’ahu over the past 200 years. It’s hard to believe that the current collection of high-rise buildings and the concrete and asphalt-covered landscape was once a quiet agricultural area, with coconut plantations and bubbling springs. But American Studies professor Glen Grant puts together

the text to accompany over 150 vintage photographs. It seems like Diamond Head is in about 25% of them, giving you a visual reference to the locations. You'll also see the transformation itself, with the development of edifices like the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, and noting the rich and the famous that made Waikiki a household word.This is a very nice reference. And what about the future? Grant writes "As Waikiki readies itself for the 21st century, many Island residents have attempted to peer into the future, to envision a Waikiki in 2020 AD. Some seers portray a Waikiki of shaded sidewalks and broad promenades laced once again by 10,000 coconut trees, where high-density hotels are graced with huge open spaces and lush gardens. Some visionaries have even predicted off-shore, floating, man-made islands encapsulated in weather-controlled bubbles to accommodate the expanding population of O'ahu" (p. 88). I do expect the Ali Wai golf course to eventually turn into such a promenade, and there is at least one businessperson attempting to place a floating "party platform" off Waikiki.Expect change to continue into the future.

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