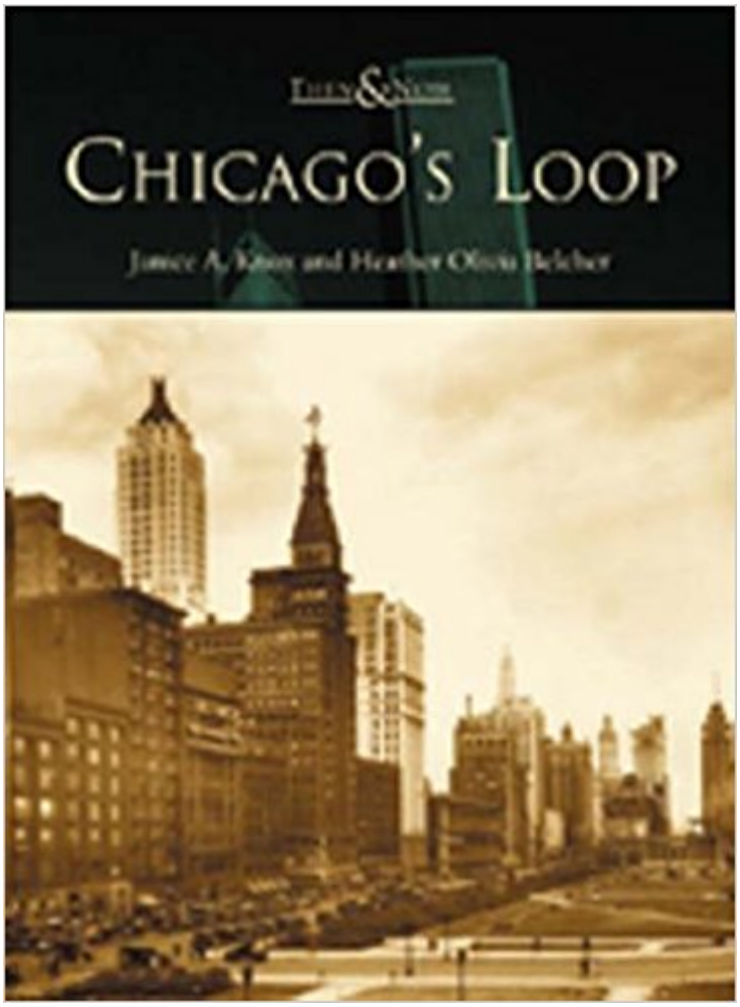
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I spent the first 40 years of my life in Chicago, so I’m always interested in books like this, with pictures of how the city used to be. There are a lot of wonderful photos in here from various archives, going back 50-100 years, along with commentary about when and by whom they were built (although some of these captions get bogged down in detail, or are laid out in awkward ways on the page). Many of them are not exactly "in the Loop," such as the Planetarium, Field Museum, Post Office, etc., but we’ll cut them some slack.The big problem with the book is the "now" aspect. The current photos (taken a decade ago at this writing) were done by a high school photographer, the daughter of the author. They are characterized by murky lighting, poor composition, and horrible lens choices. The photographer would have done well to study the OLD photos to see why they look so good, before snapping her own. I got the impression that she just ran from place to place, snapping away, without much thought. So hooray for the old, and "meh" for the new. If it’s old photos you want, there are other volumes containing more than this book.

I purchased this book for my Mom who grew up in the Chicago Loop. This brought back many great memories and more stories to share with us. Excellent book that has a lot of the ’then’ pictures. Very pleased and shipped very quickly.

This is small format book! Simply put, this is not a then and now picture book considering that photos were taken at various distances from different angles. For those who love Chicago, an outstanding book is "Chicago at the Turn of the Century in Photographs", A large format book with great clear photos!

I just found this book at my local bookstore and was excited about reading it cover to cover. I just loved how informative this book was and it is a great tribute to a great mid-western city. Having lived here for the past 20 years, there are many facts that I didn’t know until I read this book. I just loved

the selection of photographs contained in this book. Thank you for several enjoyable afternoons reading this book.

THE ESSENCE OF CHICAGO !As a former resident of Chicago, I found this book to capture the real essence of the city. Not only did it show the usual tourist attractions, but it clearly illustrated the business and commerce culture of this great city. The photography was excellent - it really made the book. The authors apparently did a lot of research to get information about Chicago THEN. It was really informative.

This is truly an enjoyable book with a good collection of old and new photographs that documents the Loop area. This is a "must-have" book for every library. Also, accompanying the photographs is a great collection of interesting text, many with little know facts about the business district. I lived in Chicago once and I can’t wait to visit it again with my book.

I recently moved here and my co-workers gave me this great book which I read cover to cover over the week-end. I really enjoyed looking at the photograps and the interesting facts contained in this book. Now on my lunch breaks, I take this book around the Loop area and it has been fun to discover what has remained the same and what has change.

I just finished reading the reviews so I couldn’t wait to purchase this book. As a long-time resident of Chicago, it was delightful to find interesting facts that I didn’t know. The photographs are fabulous. I especially loved the Chicago Board of Trade photographs and the street scenes around the Loop area. I highly recommend getting this great book.

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