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Synopsis

For well over a century, the lure of scenic beaches and ocean waves have drawn visitors to the Jersey Shore. Presidents had summer homes where they could escape the pressures of office. Other visitors decided to stay, often building ornate, Victorian mansions that today are as much an intrinsic part of the area’s charm as the lighthouses that guided ships to safe harbors. Historic Photos of Jersey Shore captures both the history and the magic of this unique section of America, utilizing rarely seen, striking, black-and-white photographs selected from local, state and national collections. Relive the days when the boardwalks were new and watch as wondrous seaside attractions rise to provide visitors with a wealth of amusements. Stroll the shaded streets of small towns where year-round residents call the Shore home. Join farm workers as they harvest cranberries and blueberries. Set sail with the oyster fleets. Witness the devastation of Atlantic storms and visit the military installations that protected this cherished shoreline. Experience the excitement and beauty that is the Jersey Shore.

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This book, which is part of Turner Publishing’s "Historic Photos of..." series, is a beautiful, oversized (10"x10") pictorial account of the Jersey Shore, from Asbury (made famous by Bruce Springsteen) to Atlantic City. "The Shore," as it is known by New Jersey natives, has experienced its ups and

downs over the years, and there is a constant struggle with issues such as weather and tourism. This book provides a chronological overview, beginning with the late 1880s, when the first beach patrols appeared, to the late 1970s.Each of the four chapters opens with a brief text overview of that era, but the main body of the book consists of the amazing photos. Just over 200 photographs are included, each one featured on its own page and accompanied by a concise yet detailed description providing further glimpses into that period. The chapters fully capture the zeitgeist of the times, including the impact of both World Wars and various storms. Atlantic City is featured prominently throughout, showcasing how it became famous through increased tourism, the legalization of gambling, and the creation of Monopoly (1933). Finally, the last chapter highlights some of the beautiful Shore homes that have been preserved in the area.Overall, this is an excellent coffee table book, one that you will actually want to pick up and look through again and again. As a South Jersey native, I greatly enjoyed exploring the history of The Shore as presented here.

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