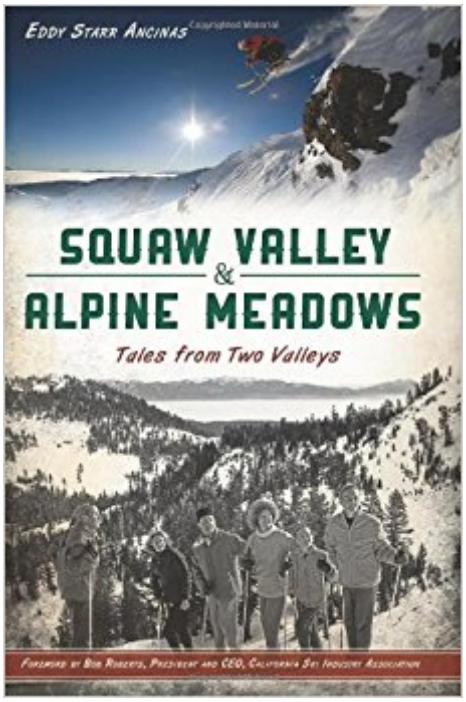
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Squaw Valley & Alpine Meadows: Tales From Two Valleys (Sports)



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Synopsis

Nestled amidst California's High Sierra peaks, two valleys have captured the imaginations of skiers and mountain explorers year after year. In this account, local author and longtime skier Eddy Starr Ancinas shares the histories of Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows as they've never been told before, including the stories of John Reily, Wayne Poulsen and Alex Cushing, the visionaries whose dreams and determination forever transformed North Lake Tahoe. Squaw made a name for itself on the world stage thanks to its surprise nomination as host of the 1960 Winter Olympics. Meanwhile, just one mountain apart, Alpine was built with the support of local skiers and Bay Area families. Today, a new chapter unfolds as the distinct philosophies behind Squaw and Alpine unite under common ownership.

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Eddy Starr Ancinas is a world-travelled writer and longtime skier. She has written for various publications, including Fodor's. With deep roots in the Tahoe area, Ancinas serves as a board member of the Lake Tahoe Ski Club Foundation, Squaw Valley Community of Writers, and Squaw Valley Olympic Museum and Western Ski Heritage Center. Bob Roberts is the President and CEO of the California Ski Industry Association.

Eddy Ancinas is herself a senior champion skiier, in the US, so she knows what she writes about.

She has lived in the region of the valleys for most of her life, has watched and been part of their development for much of the time, and captures with her writing the mountains' majesty, danger, and beauty. Her writing also shines from her own talent as a writer, as well as from her years working with the Squaw Valley Community of Writers. For anyone who loves the mountains, the snow, skiing and mountain sports, and especially the Lake Tahoe region, I recommend this book.

Interesting background to Squaw Valley & Alpine Meadows. No happening covered in terrible detail. Some happenings were covered in a few scant sentences. More recent issues such as merger and further development (or the historical context around these) within the valleys not touched upon. Important characters touched upon, but I didn't feel that I got a full sense of their drives and motivations. I was hoping for more background and historical context regarding relationships with forest service, community, etc.

My husband lived in Squaw Valley during some of this time and we know several of the people and their families in this book. Although much good happened because of the movers and shakers of the time, Alex Cushing was more interested in having control and power over everyone than what was in the region's best interest. Those who had the heart and love of the area didn't always have the power to fight against him. You always need people with the drive and resources, but I think things would have been better in the long run without his ego in the mix.

Have enjoyed reading about the players and events that were involved in the discovery and development of Squaw and Alpine. Some I knew of, but a lot I did not. A little more focused on Alpine than Squaw, but there are still some interesting stories about Squaw's development. A quick read and worth it for the back stories.

After having spent over four seasons working at Squaw, in the late 1980's, I'm learning more of the history of the area. Educational and memorable.

Fascinating stories from the early years (and some recent times) at Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows! Eddy Ancinas tells the stories of the people who built, operated and enjoyed two of America's pioneer ski resorts.

Well researched. Gives the reader a good insight into the personalities of the two mountains. A must

for any Resident or frequent visitor of "Squaw".

Husband, John, worked for the Forest Service before either valley was a ski resort. He was watchful as both valleys became a ski area; he was pleased with the development.

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