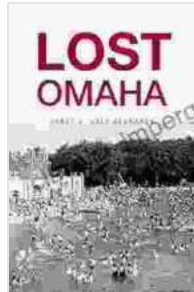


Lost Omaha: Rediscovering the City's Hidden History



Lost Omaha by Janet R. Daly Bednarek

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Nestled along the banks of the Missouri River, Omaha, Nebraska is a city with a rich and storied past. From its humble beginnings as a trading post to its emergence as a major industrial hub and cultural center, Omaha has played a pivotal role in the development of the American Midwest. However, beneath the surface of the modern metropolis, there lies a hidden history waiting to be discovered.

In her captivating book, "Lost Omaha: Rediscovering the City's Hidden History," author Janet Daly Bednarek embarks on a captivating journey through the forgotten corners of Omaha's past. Through meticulous research and extensive interviews, Bednarek uncovers lost landmarks, forgotten stories, and the fascinating characters who shaped the city's destiny.

Lost Landmarks:



Omaha's cityscape has undergone significant transformation over the years, and many of its historic buildings have fallen victim to progress. Bednarek's book shines a light on these lost landmarks, providing glimpses of their former grandeur and the stories they hold within their walls.

- **The Paxton Hotel:** Once the tallest building in Omaha, the Paxton Hotel was a symbol of the city's ambition and prosperity. It hosted presidents, celebrities, and countless travelers during its heyday, but it was eventually demolished in 1959.

- **The Krug Park Amusement Park:** This beloved amusement park was a popular destination for families and thrill-seekers alike. It featured rides, games, and a beautiful lake where visitors could enjoy boating and fishing. Krug Park closed in 1954, and the site is now occupied by a shopping mall.
- **The Omaha Stockyards:** Once the largest stockyards in the world, the Omaha Stockyards played a vital role in the city's economy. It was a bustling hub where cattle were bought, sold, and processed. The stockyards closed in the 1990s, and the area is now being redeveloped.

Forgotten Stories:



Beyond the physical landmarks, "Lost Omaha" also delves into the forgotten stories of the people who lived, worked, and made their mark on the city. Bednarek introduces us to a diverse cast of characters, including:

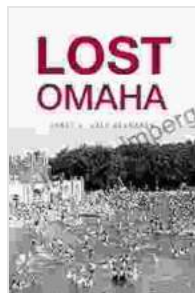
- **The women of World War II:** With many men serving overseas, women played a crucial role in Omaha's workforce. They worked in factories, shipyards, and other industries, contributing to the war effort and keeping the city running.

- **The African American community of North Omaha:** This vibrant community was home to a thriving business district and a rich cultural heritage. However, it also faced challenges such as segregation and economic inequality.
- **The Omaha Indian Reservation:** Located just north of the city, the Omaha Indian Reservation is home to a proud and resilient community. Bednarek explores the history and culture of the Omaha Tribe, and their ongoing efforts to preserve their traditions and way of life.

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Janet Daly Bednarek's "Lost Omaha: Rediscovering the City's Hidden History" is a captivating and illuminating journey through Omaha's forgotten past. By uncovering lost landmarks, forgotten stories, and the people who shaped the city, Bednarek invites us to appreciate the richness and complexity of Omaha's history. This book is a must-read for anyone who loves history, architecture, or simply wants to learn more about the hidden gems of their city.

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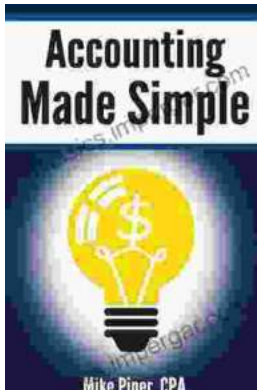
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