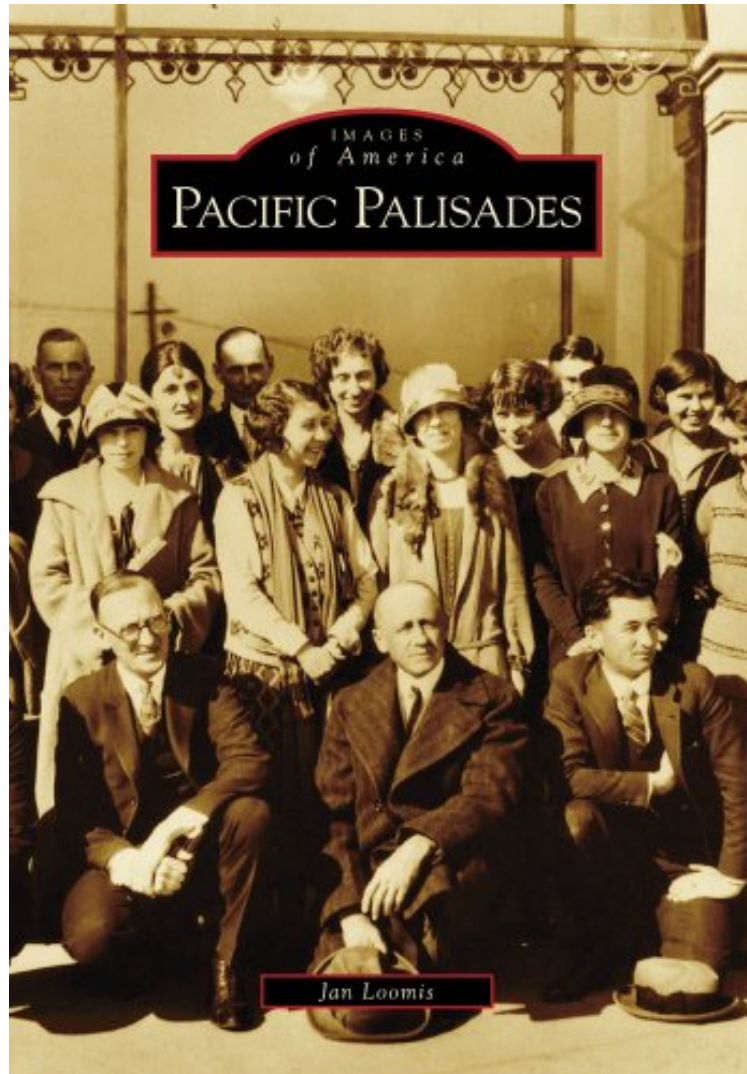


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Jan Loomis : Pacific Palisades (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pacific Palisades (Images of America):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Skimpy photographic collection of the PalisadesBy Able DevildogAs a 70 year resident and collector of anything historical about the Pacific Palisades, I was disappointed by this book. I have access to the same archives that the author had and I looked forward to seeing many of the photographs being published. Unfortunately, too few were published and often the small size of the photos in the pamphlet did not do them justice. To its credit, a reader will find interesting photographs which have not been published previously but not enough of them and more recent history is ignored but that may be due to the fact that the

book is all in black and white so that color photography is ignored, which is one of the problems the Betty Young histories had. But the Young books are far more complete and worth the cost. They are also more accurate. The captions in this book occasionally contain inaccuracies. One example is the Long Pier. There is only one photo of the Long Pier and it is a poor one. No information is included about the Pier in the caption. Yet it is an important part of the history of the Palisades. In summary, the best that can be said about this book is that it is an appendix to the any history of the Palisades. It is what it says it is, Images" Unfortunately, not enough to justify the price of the book. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fun Book - Especially if you're from the Palisades By Mike Pearson I grew up in the Palisades. This book has fantastic photos going way back. It even has a photo of the house I lived in during high school, a Pierpont Davis house, on page 75. It's got pictures of old surfers from the 20s, photos of the construction of the Palisades with the land before houses, snow in 1932, floods in the canyon. I like it because it takes me back to a time before the Palisades got too darn expensive. I wrote a comic memoir about growing up in the Palisades as a teen in the 1980s. "One Step Beyond." Please check it out: One Step Beyond: A Teenage Odyssey in 1980s Los Angeles (Volume 1)

Pacific Palisades owes its name to its geography. The cliffs looming above the beach reminded the early developers of the Hudson River Palisades in New York. The name for this eventually affluent coastal enclave of the city of Los Angeles was first used in 1906 for an area of Santa Monica homes. Palisades Park in Santa Monica hugs the top of the bluff. So it must have seemed natural to name the area north of the Santa Monica Palisades Pacific Palisades. Today Pacific Palisades is synonymous with lovely homes and distinguished residents as well as rocky cliffs. Many of the photographs reproduced here have never before been published and show how the land changed from open mesas to the thriving community it is today. Pacific Palisades completes the story of the Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica and its neighboring rancho the Boca de Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Land and Water Company.

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