



## Synopsis

This book presents the rich history of the old amusement parks and beach resorts frequented by Baltimoreans beginning in the 1870s and stretching into the late 20th century. Readers may recognize such popular amusement parks as Gwynn Oak, Carlin's, and Tolchester Beach, and will learn about some of the more obscure places like Frederick Road Park and Hollywood Park. Each of the major parks is documented here, complete with a detailed history of the sites they were built on, the creative owners behind the parks' inceptions, the individuals and companies who provided the rides and attractions, and, the people that happily traveled by boat, streetcar, train and automobile to reach their favorite park or resort.

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## Customer Reviews

"an in-depth, well-researched and annotated book...recommend...fun and informative"--Merry-Go-Roundup; "beautifully illustrated...a detailed history"--Park World.

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This is by far the best book on the subject I've read.

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Good addition to our collection of info about amusement parks.

I love how the author brings out the excitement of this bygone era. This book recounts the "thrill" imagination as it was presented in the pure physical and real way; quite unlike the computer imagery that is so prevalent today. It is incredible to think of all the children (and adults) that shared hours of thrill seeking enjoyment at these locations. The pictures are a testament to the research and "subject love" by the author. Each park has a life story that proves truth is stranger than fiction and so much richer! Each has its own cast of characters--bridging every walk of life. The author gracefully treads through these intimate details with a bias of harking back to better times. Strong wills and strong backs created and built each theme and kept them alive. With time, the sharp edges of historical fact have softened into a nostalgic better time. Reading this book made it so easy to immerse oneself in the most enjoyable blend of others' memories and my personal memories. Well worth visiting and revisiting the details on these pages. So MUCH history is packed between the covers.

Great details on all of the historic amusement parks in Baltimore area!!! It will be used as a guide for us to choose what to go visit next!!

What a wonderful reminder of how things were in a less hectic world when fun was still simple. This book allows us to go back to those good old days which may not have been as good as we think we remember. We recommend the book for anyone who remembers the old parks or whose grandparents went to the parks, oh so many years ago. Could it be that it was more simple then? You bet!! Thanks to John for this travel back in time.

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