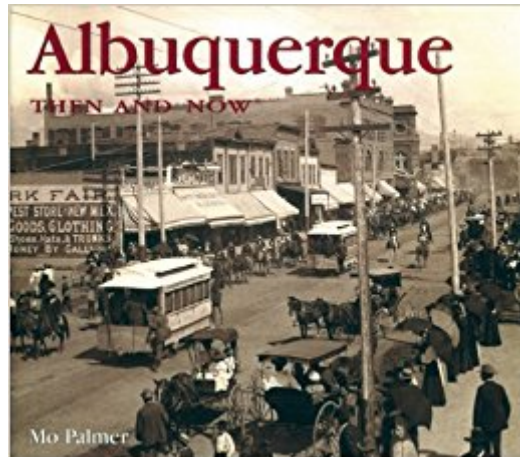




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Albuquerque Then And Now (Then & Now Thunder Bay)



Synopsis

Part frontier town, part cosmopolitan city, Albuquerque has a proud heritage more than 300 years in the making. Named to honor a Spanish Duke, Albuquerque is New Mexico's largest city and the new star of the best-selling Then and Now series. Albuquerque has been home to Navajo Indians, a U.S. Army outpost during the Mexican-American war, a thriving wool and lumber center, and a key stop on the Atlantic-Pacific railroad line. Side-by-side then-and-now photographs showcase landmarks like Kistler's department store (demolished to make way for new construction), the Old Bernalillo County Courthouse (rumored to be haunted), and the beautiful California Mission-style Alvarado Hotel, considered the finest railroad hotel of its time (it had electricity!). Images of San Felipe de Neri Church, the first building erected in the settlement, show how much Albuquerque has changed and how much it has stayed the same. The original adobe chapel has been enlarged and rebuilt many times, but its thick adobe walls remain. From Old Town across the tracks to New Town, you'll discover a thriving, modern city filled with remarkable architecture and culture.

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Customer Reviews

Mo Palmer is a native New Mexican who has lived in Albuquerque fifty years. She holds a Masters of American Studies with concentrations in regional and local history. Mo worked at The Albuquerque Museum for fifteen years, as a volunteer, an intern, and as Photo Archivist, curating a

100,000 item historical collection. She writes a monthly history column for The Albuquerque Tribune, She teaches New Mexico History to seventh grade students at Sandia Preparatory School.

I grew up in Albuquerque from the 1950's to the 1990's. I went back this year for my 40th high school reunion and was surprised at all the changes in the last 10-15 years. When I found this book shortly thereafter, I was thrilled. Every page was a step back to things that I remember from my life there. The much earlier photos were wonderful because they showed what was there before my memories. Then I could insert my memories and the book showed me what is there now. The early history of some buildings and locations is fascinating. The disappointment in reading this book is that the authors do not identify the exact location of each photo. From the photo captions we get a general idea of what location is pictured but it would be so much better if we were told "this is the intersection of 4th and Gold SW" or "this is looking east from Carlisle and Central." Not having the ability to figure out exactly where many of the photos are removed a big piece of the pleasure for me. Despite that, this is a interesting book that brought back lots of memories.

Wonderful book with great pictures. So happy to get it since I could not get it locally!

If you are lucky enough to live in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as I am, then you'll love this book. Of course you have to have an interest in history as well. (There's allot more to this place than "Breaking Bad"). Spend a Sunday driving or walking the city and see how many of these places you can find. I love it.

This was a gift to my Sweethearts elderly parents who grew up in Albuquerque. They LOVE the book and keep it out to discuss with all their children and grandchildren. It's brought up many memories they'd forgotten. It's amazing how pictures can trigger old memories.

I selected this volume for the history and photos of my hometown. I've been in contact with the author and hope to have the book autographed next time I visit Albuquerque.

Very interesting

As anyone who reads her history columns in the Albuquerque Tribune knows, Mo Palmer knows Albuquerque's history. Now, here, at last, is a book she's written on the subject, a book that

probably no one else anywhere was as qualified to write. In addition to being an area history columnist, Mo Palmer has been a photo archivist for the Museum of Albuquerque, and here, in "Albuquerque: Then and Now" she draws from all of her knowledge to create a truly valuable portrait of Albuquerque, then and now. Every one of this book's even-numbered page features an amazing old historic photo of a notable Albuquerque landmark, and every odd-numbered page features that same landmark (or whatever took its place) today. And all of the photos are captioned with interesting and concisely written information. Any Albuquerque area resident willing to pick up this book and take the time to flip through it will be sure to find the experience transformative and enlightening. It will amaze you just how much of Albuquerque's architectural history has remained behind, and sadden you just how much some things have changed. Buy it, read it, keep it for yourself as reference and a reminder, or give it as a gift to friends in the Albuquerque area, or to friends who you want to have visit you here.

No apparent rhyme or reason to layout. No map or overview of locations relative to each other. Albuquerque has great light at many times of day and excellent vistas from many points in the city. None of this was taken into account for any of the modern pictures. All modern photographs look rushed favoring quantity over quality. Historical snippets are well written but overall quality of the book calls into question whether any serious fact checking was done.

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