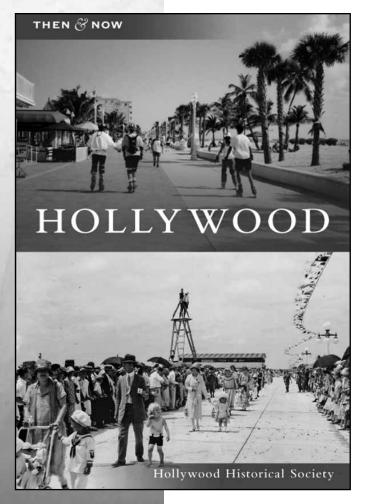


book review

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HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood Historical Society



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This book is a tribute to the city of Hollywood, Florida and its founder Joseph W. Young Jr. Young created Hollywood in 1920. Hollywood was planned using the City Beautiful Idea, an architectural and urban planning movement that flourished in the early 1900s. This book chronicles the history of Hollywood through hundreds of pictures, all with descriptions and attributions. From its collection of over 15,000 photographs the Hollywood Historical Society presents images of Hollywood since its inception and provides comparisons to the city as it now stands. Most of the structures in this book still exist, though many have changed names and functions. The "then and now" format documents those changes. It allows for this book to be used both as a window to the past, or a guidebook for historic walking or driving tours of Hollywood.

Part of the Hollywood Historical Society's stated mission is education about the city's history. They have certainly accomplished their goal in this slim and informative volume. This book is highly recommended for anyone with an interest in Hollywood history or architecture.