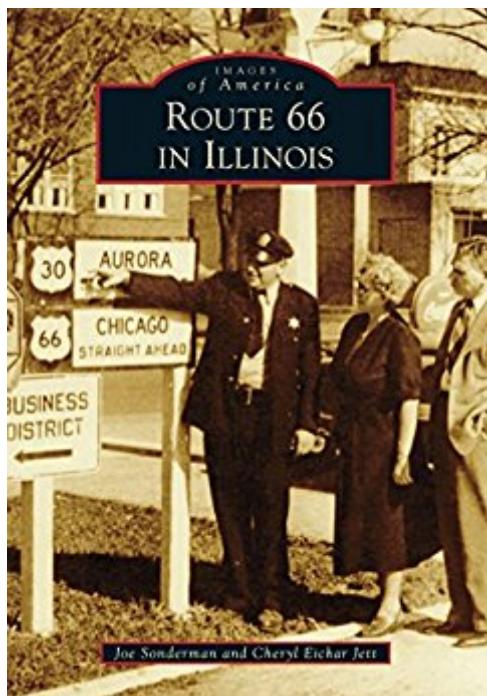


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Between the great cities of Chicago and St. Louis, there are 300 miles of adventure, history, culinary delights, and quirky attractions. This is the "Land of Lincoln" and roadside giants. There are cozy motels, cozy diners, and Cozy Dogs. Interstate 55 will speed travelers to their destination, but Route 66 offers something more. It goes through the hearts of the towns, wandering onto old brick pavement far from the roar of the interstate. Historic restaurants like Lou Mitchell's in Chicago, the Palms Grill in Atlanta, and the Ariston Cafe in Litchfield still keep their coffee pots warm. Waitresses, pump jockeys, gangsters, cops, and politicians all gave the "Main Street of America" its distinctive personality, and their stories are within these pages. So slow down, take the next exit, and head toward the beckoning neon in the distance. Come explore Route 66 in Illinois--where the road began.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very nice book for those who are interested in what it was like to travel the Mother Road through Illinois, way back when. It is full of good period pictures backed by informative captions. I have had a lot of fun following what is left of Route 66 through Illinois via Google Maps and satellite imagery. Some buildings and establishments are still "there," most are not. I would have given this book five stars, but it really needed more maps beside the simple one at the beginning of the book. Route 66 through Illinois changed over the years via rerouting through various municipalities and it would have added a lot to illustrate the before and after routes. Verbal descriptions just did not cut it in this case.

I have the complete series from Illinois to California and some selected towns like where I live, Kingman AZ. Actually living on old Route 66 makes the series come alive and I've explored many places found in the books and photo documented them. They are a good read and the photos are good quality. I highly recommend the entire set if you are at all interested in the Mother Road.

great stuff

This is the first book I have read in the series...having lived in Chicago and its suburbs, the pictures are like going back to my childhood. ..all the photos tell amazing stories. This book is a great read for any Rt. 66 traveler or anyone who has ever lived in Illinois.

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