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Route 66 Remembered



Synopsis

Interstates have largely replaced the old Route 66, "the Mother Road" that was the main connector between Chicago and Los Angeles for so many years. In this richly illustrated portrait of the old route, Witzel showcases an amazing variety of diners, motels, roadside attractions, and picturesque scenery, plus historical photos, contemporary shots of now defunct locations, and period ads. 200 photos, 125 in color.

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This book isn't a travel guide or a map-style publication, but a really cool scrapbook of the Mother Road. Witzel's sidebars on interesting segments of road culture are fascinating. The photography is great, too. Unlike a lot of the other 66 books, this one is divided up into chapters on gas stations, motels, restaurants, and other roadside attractions. The final chapter, "Mother Road Memories," recounts the true tales of people who actually took the trip down 66 and really takes you back to the way it used to be when traveling across country. Of all the roadside books I have in my library, I would highly recommend this treasure. It's one of Witzel's best

I got this book before going on a trip down 66, along with a few others. I loved it. I had a lot of the people I met along the way sign the book and once in a while, got some of the owners of restaurants, gas stations, roadside attractions, and diners featured in the book to sign it. What a wonderful scrapbook to have of one of the last great American road trips!

This is an excellent review of the history of Route 66 with the history of Motels, Gas Stations, Foods, etc. How they got started by the needs of traveling people and entrepreneurs who learned how to earn a living on travelers. As a young child I remember Route 66 in the 50s very fondly. When a 2 lane road was the beginning of the interstate. On Route 66 at least there was lots of different things to see and do. The interstate is the high speed bullet train in the U.S. for cars and trucks. I'll still remember when life was a little less hectic and more enjoyable. More of a trip of exploration and enjoyment to see what was around the next bend. I will also remember the Burma Shave signs at the side of the road.

Great idea for the traveler/reader wanting to taste a slice of true Americana. Lots of nostalgia in this big, colorful table size book. Takes you back in time and down one of America's iconic byways...Chock full of unique photos and stories of a time and place that may never come our way again...

This is a great book, and not just a rehash of other Route 66 material that's already out there.

great pictures, great info, makes me long to actually travel it

Looking forward to using it next year!

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