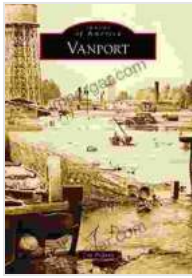


Vanport: Images of America by Zita Podany - A Journey into the Lost Legacy of a Thriving City

Nestled along the banks of the Columbia River, Vanport, Oregon, emerged during World War II as a bustling city fueled by the influx of shipyard workers and their families. At its peak, Vanport boasted a population of over 40,000, making it the second-largest city in Oregon and a thriving hub of industry and community.





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Zita Podany's "Vanport: Images of America" invites readers to embark on a poignant journey through this lost city, uncovering its vibrant past through a captivating collection of historical images and evocative narratives. Podany, a renowned historian and author, meticulously pieces together the story of Vanport, from its humble beginnings to its tragic end.

Through captivating black-and-white photographs, readers are transported back in time to witness the bustling streets, thriving businesses, and close-knit community that defined Vanport. We encounter shipyard workers toiling tirelessly, families finding solace in their new homes, and children playing in the city's parks and schools.



Vanport's shipyard workers, the backbone of the city's wartime economy.

Podany's narrative weaves together personal accounts and historical documents, providing a rich tapestry of life in Vanport. We learn about the challenges and triumphs faced by its residents, their struggles to build a community in the midst of war, and the resilience they displayed in the face of adversity.

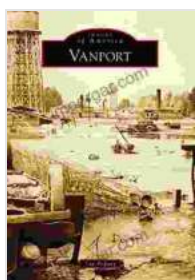
However, the story of Vanport took a tragic turn on May 30, 1948, when a catastrophic flood breached the city's dikes, unleashing a torrent of water that swept away homes, businesses, and lives. In a matter of hours, Vanport was virtually wiped off the map, leaving behind a legacy of loss and heartbreak.



Podany's book not only chronicles the rise and fall of Vanport but also explores its enduring legacy. In the years following the flood, Vanport's former residents scattered across the country, carrying with them the memories of a city that had once been their home. Today, Vanport's history is commemorated in museums, historical markers, and the collective memory of its former inhabitants.

Through "Vanport: Images of America," Zita Podany breathes new life into this lost city, ensuring that its story continues to be told and its legacy preserved for generations to come. With its evocative imagery and compelling narrative, this book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Pacific Northwest, the impact of World War II on American society, and the resilience of the human spirit.

Free Download your copy of "Vanport: Images of America" today and embark on a journey into the forgotten past of a city that rose from adversity, only to face an untimely end. Immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Vanport's history and discover the enduring legacy of a community that left an unforgettable mark on the American landscape.



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