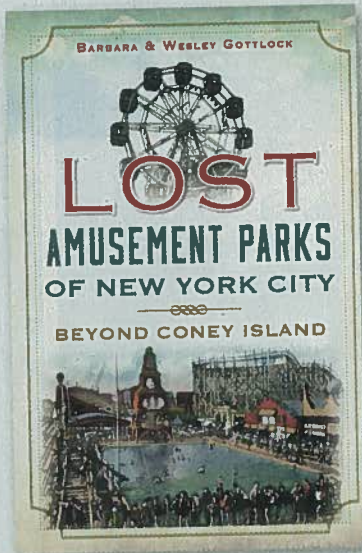


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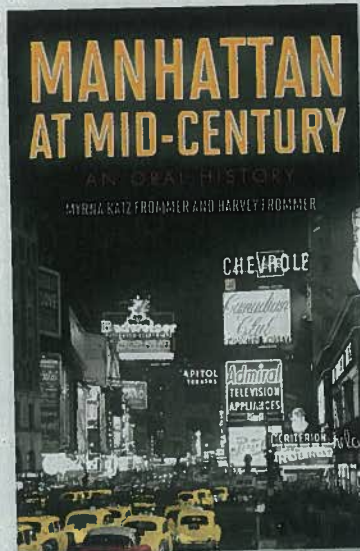
These nostalgic finds will make you yearn for old New York City.



### LOST AMUSEMENT PARKS OF NEW YORK CITY

By Barbara and Wesley Gottlock

These days, tourists flock to Coney Island for old-time charm, but at the turn of the century, it was one of many destinations for thrills in the boroughs. Take a ride through the city's amusement park history in this book, which explores former funfairs from Manhattan's Fort George to Staten Island's Midland Beach. You'll revisit a time when wooden coasters were king and playground parks popped up at the end of trolley lines and railways.



### MANHATTAN AT MID-CENTURY

By Myrna Katz Frommer and Harvey Frommer

Nobody knows the Big Apple better than real New Yorkers. This book weaves the stories of city dwellers into a nostalgic panorama of Manhattan as it was from the post-World War II years through the mid-1970s. New Yorkers recall the days of jazz music, five-and-dimes, and Friday night boxing at Madison Square Garden. Kids born and bred in NYC—from Harlem to the Lower East Side—recount their tales in this ode to the city they love.



### MEN AT LUNCH

By Sean Ó Cualáin

An iconic image of New York, "Lunch Atop a Skyscraper," captures a breathtaking moment when 11 Depression-era steelworkers eating lunch on a construction beam dangled their feet high above Manhattan's skyline. For years these immigrant workers remained unknown, the photographer misidentified. This documentary sets out to solve the mysteries of the striking shot, which recalls a time when men risked their lives to build a metropolis.

"Times Square teemed with energy when I took this photo in 1955. The excitement of New York City is timeless."

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