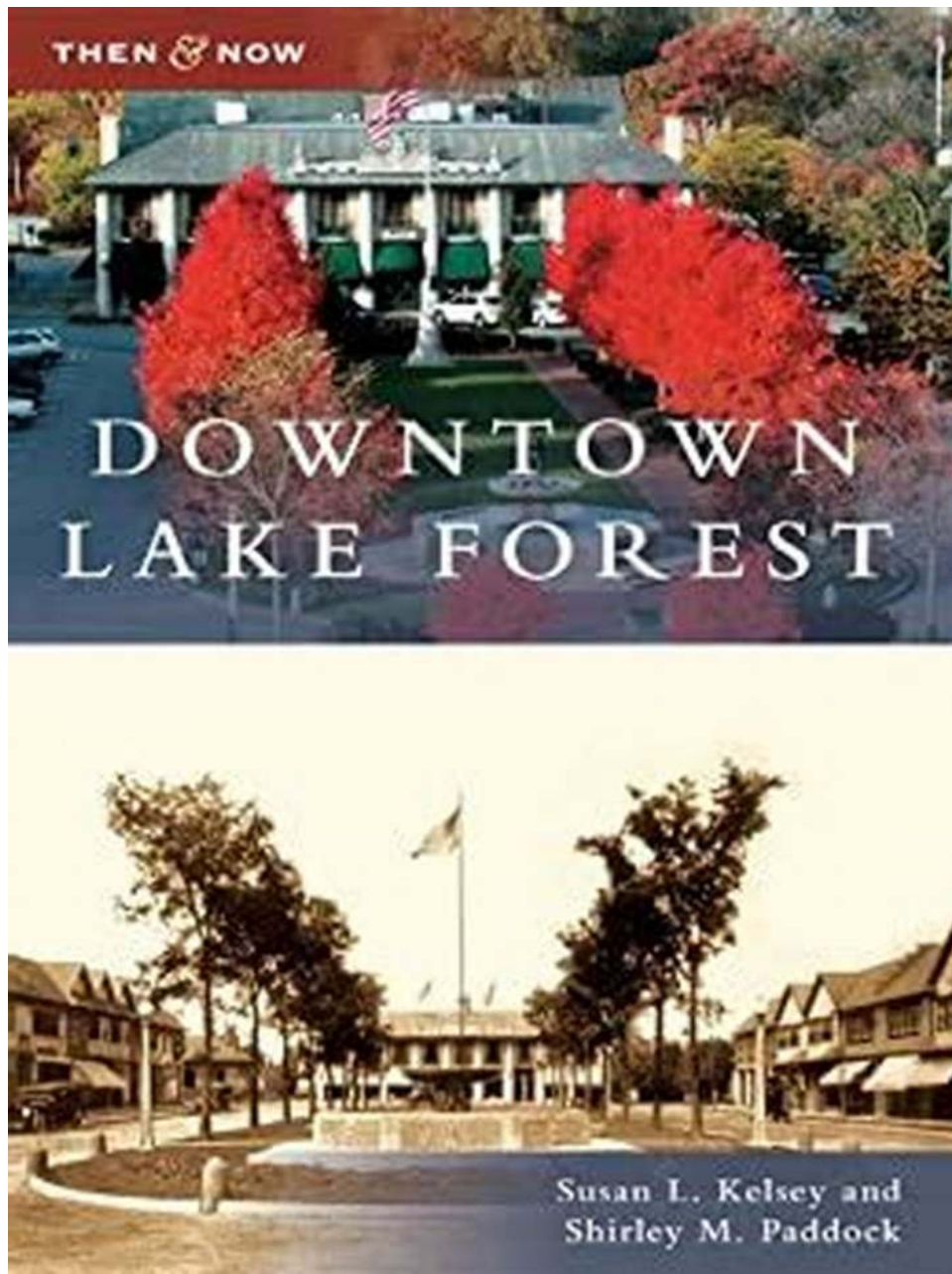


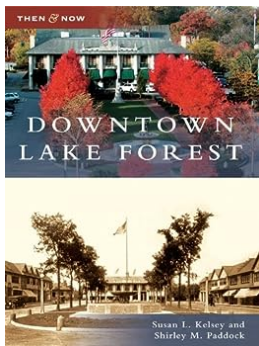
Downtown Lake Forest Then And Now



Step into the time machine and take a journey through the history of downtown Lake Forest. This captivating area has undergone significant transformations over the years, yet it still manages to retain its charm and allure. From its humble beginnings to its current vibrant state, let's explore the evolution of Downtown Lake Forest!

Chapter 1: A Glimpse into the Past

In the early 19th century, when Lake Forest was just a small settlement nestled by the lake, its downtown area was hardly recognizable. Main Street, the heart of the community, consisted of a handful of wooden structures housing general stores, blacksmiths, and taverns. Horses and carriages lined the streets, paving the way for the town's growth.



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As the town flourished and the railroad arrived, Lake Forest witnessed a significant expansion in the late 1800s. Victorian-style buildings started to replace the modest wooden structures, representing the town's growing prosperity. Magnificent mansions were erected, showcasing impressive architectural designs that still captivate tourists today.

Chapter 2: The Birth of a Modern Downtown

The 20th century brought a series of changes to Downtown Lake Forest. The rising popularity of the automobile led to the construction of wider roads, making

the area more accessible to visitors from neighboring towns. This newfound accessibility transformed downtown into a bustling hub of commerce.

New businesses emerged, catering to the demands of the growing population. Banks, restaurants, and specialty shops sprung up along Main Street, turning it into a vibrant avenue filled with life and activity. The atmosphere of the downtown area radiated with optimism and a sense of community.

Chapter 3: The Preservation Efforts

Preserving the historical charm of downtown Lake Forest became a priority in recent years. The Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society tirelessly worked to ensure that significant landmarks and architectural gems were protected and restored. This commitment to preservation has allowed current generations to experience the rich heritage of the town.

Walking through downtown Lake Forest today, modern visitors can witness the seamless integration of old and new. The iconic Market Square, designed by renowned architect Howard Van Doren Shaw, remains the centerpiece, blending timeless aesthetics with contemporary boutiques and restaurants.

Chapter 4: The Vibrant Present

Downtown Lake Forest has evolved into a vibrant shopping and dining destination. From trendy boutiques to gourmet eateries, the area offers a diverse range of experiences for both locals and visitors alike. The charming streets are lined with flourishing trees, creating a picturesque scene perfect for strolling and exploring.

In recent times, outdoor events, farmers' markets, and festivals have become regular occurrences, attracting people from all walks of life to immerse

themselves in the unique atmosphere of Downtown Lake Forest. The community spirit is alive and thriving as locals come together to celebrate and support local businesses.

Chapter 5: The Future Beckons

As Downtown Lake Forest continues to grow and rejuvenate, exciting prospects lie on the horizon. Plans are underway to enhance the pedestrian-friendly character of the area, providing even more opportunities for people to enjoy all that the downtown has to offer.

With a focus on preserving the historical heritage while embracing modernization, Downtown Lake Forest is poised to become an increasingly alluring destination for years to come. The passionate efforts of both the community and local authorities ensure that the town's rich history will forever be cherished and celebrated.

Downtown Lake Forest has come a long way since its humble beginnings. Through the years, it has transformed from a small settlement into a thriving hub of commerce and community. The dedication to preserving its historical charm and embracing progress has kept this downtown area alive and vibrant.

So, next time you find yourself in Lake Forest, take a moment to explore the fascinating history embedded in the streets and buildings of Downtown Lake Forest. With each step, you'll be transported back in time, experiencing firsthand the remarkable journey of this enchanting place.

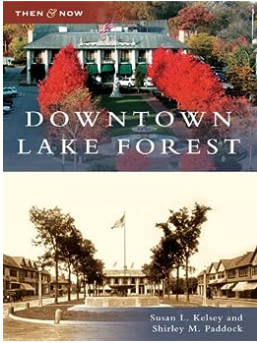
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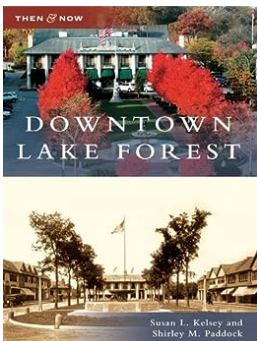


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Lake Forest is a picturesque city built on the shores of Lake Michigan and has been home to Chicago's capitalist families, who developed estates around beautiful Lake Forest College. For over 150 years, the Lake Forest Central Business District has been the heart of the community. Now, you can see for yourself why that is thanks to never-before published photographs from personal collections, the estate of Griffith, Grant and Lackie, the City of Lake Forest and others.



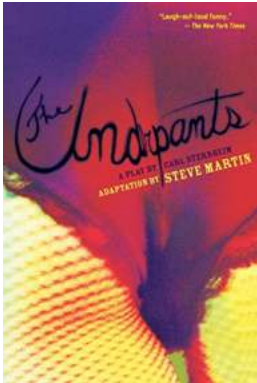
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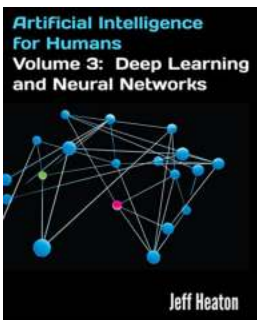
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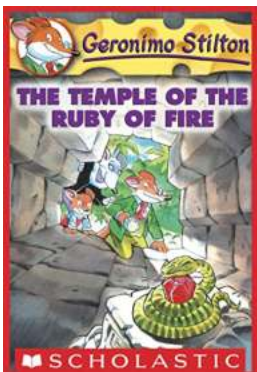
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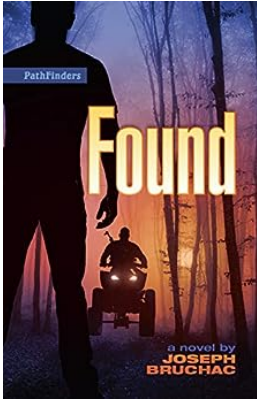
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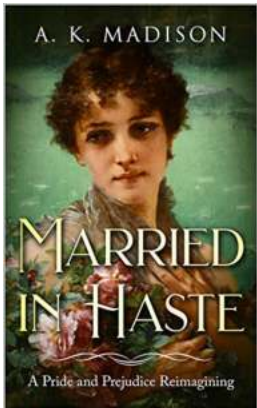
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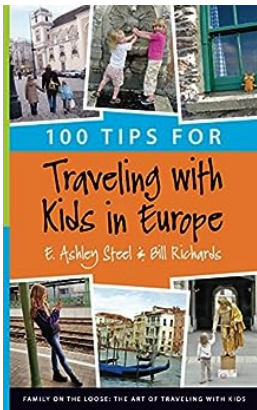
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