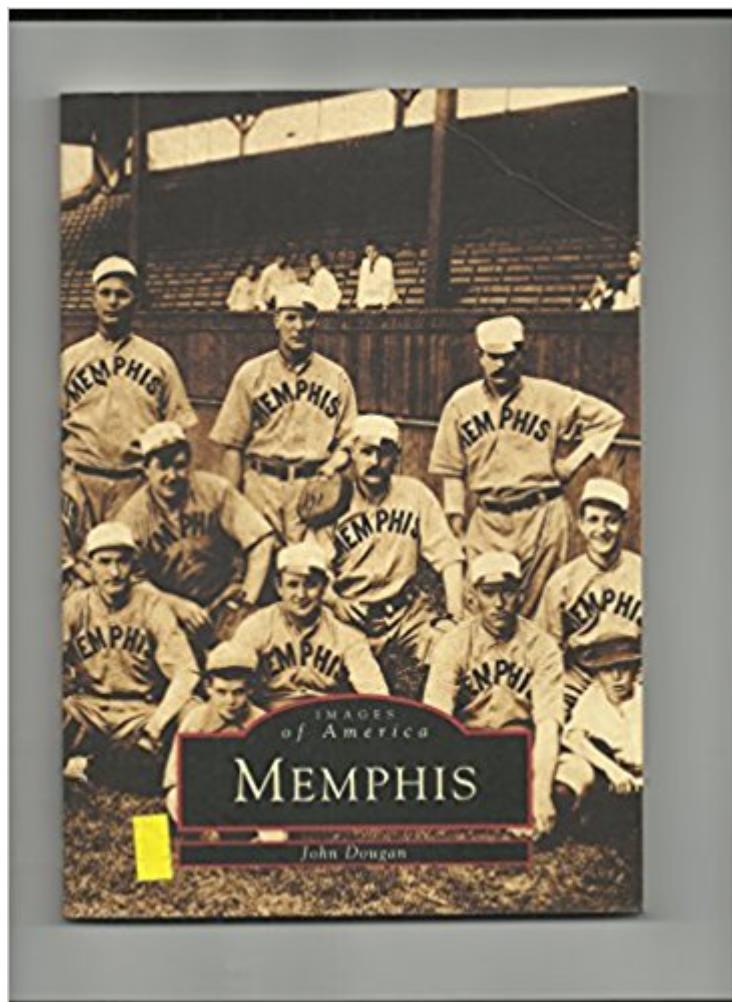


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# Memphis (Images Of America)



## **Synopsis**

Memphis has been described as both "the Metropolis of the American Nile" and "a small town with a whole lot of people in it." This volume of vintage photographs captures the unique mix of urban culture and rural roots in a community where great bridges and modern buildings tower within sight of cotton plantations. In some 200 historic photographs accompanied by insightful captions, Memphis traces the development of this truly American city. From the age of steamboats that carried cotton, lumber, and industrial products throughout the Mississippi River Valley to modern networks of railroads and highways, Memphis' location on the Fourth Chickasaw Bluff has made the city a natural transportation and distribution center. In spite of the devastating yellow fever epidemics of the 1870s and the disastrous floods of the twentieth century, the commercial and cultural life of Memphis has flourished. Action scenes of urban life depict the busy streets, fine buildings, beautiful parks, and thriving commerce of pre-World War II Memphis. Within these pages, the city's heritage and diversity are reflected in a variety of photographic essays, including the annual Mid-South Fair and Historic Beale Street. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Author John Dougan, Assistant Archivist at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library and Information Center, has compiled a rich compendium of Memphis history using the extensive photograph collection of the Library's History Department. His tribute to Memphis represents one

of the most interesting visual records of the cityâ™s people and places available in book form.

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We have family living in Memphis, Tennessee, thus, we have repeatedly visited Memphis over the years. We have always enjoyed the Memphis style barbequed ribs we have found at various restaurants in Memphis. Recently, we have enjoyed visiting the restored Beale Street in Memphis and the recently restored downtown of Memphis. This book shows us what Beale Street looked like during the early years of blues composer W.C. Handy and the old downtown. Additionally, I lived in Memphis during the years of 1972-1974. During this time I became aware that Memphis was the home of an International Harvester Company factory. At this factory International Harvester manufactured hay balers and cotton pickers. I was pleased that this local, regional history book published by Arcadia Publishing Company contains a picture and has some text on this baler and cotton picking plant.

Great and meaningful gift for that history lover in your family! The pictures are great!

I read a lot of Memphis books. I look at a lot of Memphis pictures. As the webmaster at MemphisHistory.com I can tell you that Mr. Dougan has provided a brilliant cross-section of both picture and narrative in this book of very manageable size. Although this is, in many ways a picture book, Dougan manages to cover things others ignore. He touches on the four or five major industries of Memphis, from transportation to hardwood to mules and back to transportation. There are some unique pictures of early Memphis athletes as well. This author has taken a limited amount of space and packed it full of spot-on history and incredibly attractive visual bites of the past.

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