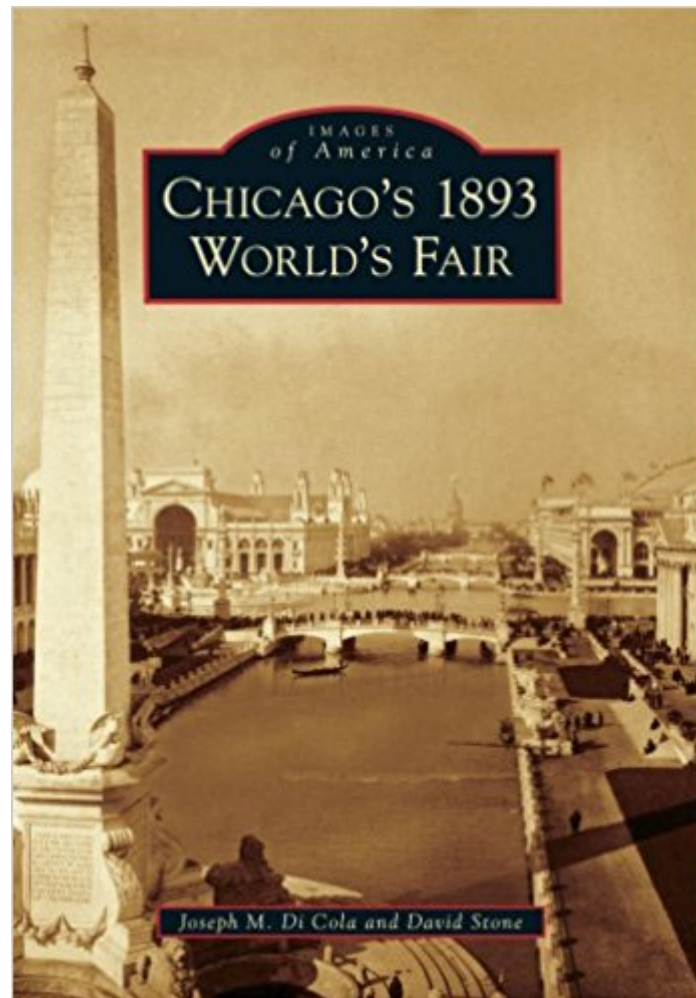




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Synopsis

What came to be known as the World's Columbian Exposition was planned to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's 1492 landfall in the New World. Chicago beat out New York City, St. Louis, Missouri, and Washington, DC, in its bid as host—a coup for the Windy City. The site finally selected for the fair was Jackson Park, originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, a marshy area covered with dense, wild vegetation. Daniel H. Burnham and John W. Root were selected as chief architects, creating the famous White City. The fair featured several different thematic areas: the Great Buildings, Foreign Buildings, State Buildings, and the Midway Plaisance, a nearly mile-long area that featured exotic exhibits. The exposition also showcased the world's first Ferris Wheel and introduced fairgoers to new sensations like Cracker Jack, Pabst Beer, and ragtime music. The World's Columbian Exposition, covering 633 acres, opened on May 1, 1893. Admission prices were 50¢ for adults, 25¢ for children under 12 years of age, and free for children under six. Unfortunately, by 1896, most of the fair's buildings had been removed or destroyed, but this collection takes readers on a tour of the grounds as they looked in 1893.

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Customer Reviews

Authors Joseph M. Di Cola and David Stone, both native Chicagoans, share a lifelong interest in the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and a wish to share its story through images with readers.

Not many people know about the Chicago 1893 World's Fair, unless one has read the "Devil in the white City" a novel about the building of this massive undertaking and the infamous H.H. Holmes who is known as the very "First" serial killer in U.S. history. Both of these books are excellent. This book has great photos that were taken during the fair, (a first in history) and a good narrative of how and why the fair was constructed. The photos really bring one back to that time period, it is one thing to read about what it looked like and another to ACTUALLY see for yourself through these photos. It was an amazing time to be alive, the world was looking forward to many new inventions and possibilities and the future seemed bright. The fair gave people a sense of hope after a very bad financial crisis (not unlike what we have experienced the past few years). Overall I would recommend this book for the photos alone, this book is a good primer for learning more and I would recommend also reading "Devil in the White City" as a companion, it brings this time period and people alive.

Very thorough treatment-I grew up in the area which hosted the Fair and it is interesting to see what existed long before I was born circa 1940! Last night I attended an event at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History. This event focused on the World's Fair. I am glad I read this book first as I got more out of the exhibition!

Good photos but because of their smaller format the photos look less than Dover publishing on the same subject.

Lots of basic info and pictures. Just the right balance

Mostly pictures; really great!

Item as described and received as promised. Great buying experience.

Great!

great book. A must for any fan of history and Chicago

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