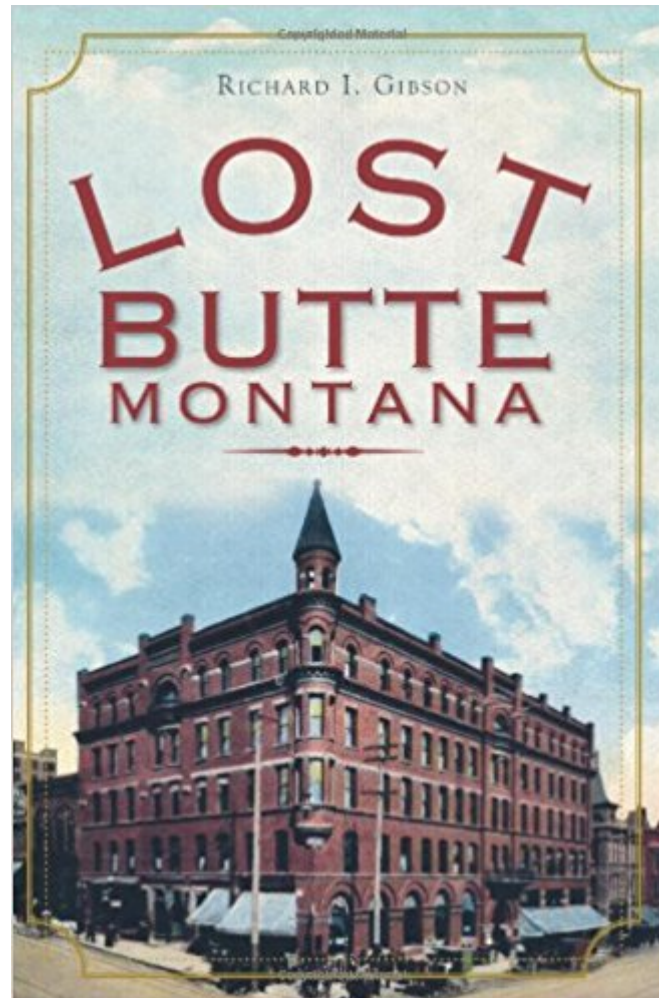




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# Lost Butte, Montana



## Synopsis

From the stately Queen Anne mansions of the West Side to the hastily constructed shanties of Cabbage Patch, Lost Butte, Montana traces the city's history through its architectural heritage. This book includes such highlights as the Grand Opera House, once graced by entertainers and cultural icons like Charlie Chaplin, Sarah Bernhardt and Mark Twain; the infamous brothels protested by reformer Carrie Nation, wielding her hatchet and sharp tongue; and the Columbia Gardens, built by copper king William Clark as a respite from the smoke and toil of the mines and later destroyed by fire. Through the stories of these structures, lost to the march of time and urban renewal, historian Richard Gibson recalls the boom and bust of Butte, once a mining metropolis and now part of the largest National Historic Landmark District.

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## Customer Reviews

Richard I. Gibson is a geologist, historian and tour guide in Butte, Montana. He leads historic walking tours for Old Butte Historical Adventures and drives the tourist trolley for the Butte Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the local Historic Preservation Commission and as education director at the World Museum of Mining, and he is currently the secretary of Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization. He also serves on the Mai Wah Chinese Museum Board and wrote the guide to the Mai Wah Archaeological Dig Exhibit. Gibson edited the guidebook for the 2009 Vernacular Architecture Forum in Butte and wrote most of the Butte section and two essays. He

contributed eighteen columns on historic architecture to the Montana Standard newspaper and is the author of the Butte History blog, <http://buttehistory.blogspot.com>.

Gibson has spent considerable time researching the 'back story' of historic Uptown Butte. His painstaking research resulted in a carefully written and reliably accurate account of Butte's buildings. Uptown Butte has borne the test of time and fully deserves the history presented in this book. It is obvious that Richard Gibson has a deep appreciation of history and has given Butte lovers everywhere another reason to honor this fascinating mining town.

Author used Butte more as a backdrop for an ongoing character rather than a historical account on this iconic city.

Good read. Butte is a feisty old gal. She still has a lot of life and stories that need telling. You go girl!

I kept forgetting the focus of the book was on the buildings, as the information and stories would draw me in! Historically priceless. I would have liked maps showing locations of each story.

My husband loved this book. It was a little different than what he expected, but he loved it.

A real interest for me because I was raised in Butte. It was nice to read the history. Some I already knew but some I did not.

I only wish it had been longer! Great read.

Great old pictures of Lost Butte Montana Brings back memories of my childhood in Butte before demolition and fires destroyed wonderful buildings.

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