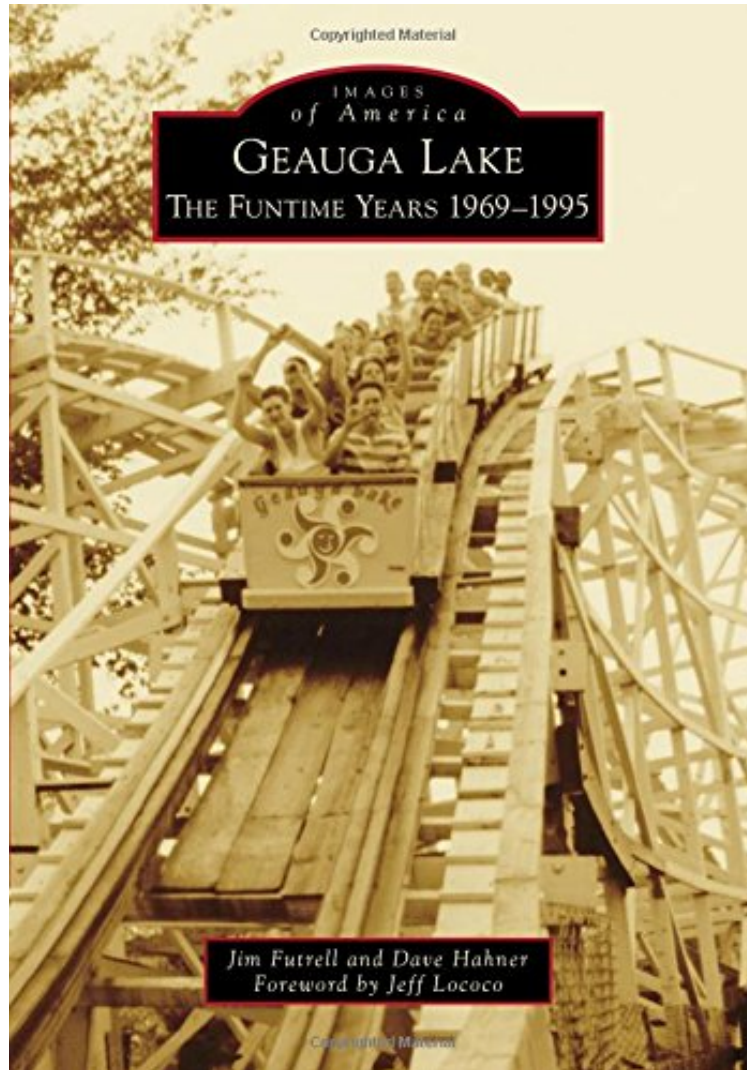


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many memories came flooding back from my childhood from reading this book...GOOD MEMORIES!!! I remember going back a few years after she left still seeing familiar faces...among them Ed who ran the rifle range who was there FOREVER WONDERFUL "UNCLE" Bob a Deputy Sheriff who worked the park! BIG BUSINESS may have taken away GEAUGA LAKE, but NEVER my wonderful happy innocent childhood memories!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Solid, good book on the History of Geauga LakeBy JOHN J PECKGood coverage and accurate history of Geauga Lake Park through the Funtime years. Some touching on Sea World and the Six Flags era for those wondering. Still brings a tear to my eye that the park is gone, but this is a great way to relive those memories.I'm glad I was able to be part of history.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent history of Geauga LakeBy Derek S. WiseExcellent history of Geauga Lake, focusing primarily on the years the park was operated by Fun Time. Post cards and photos with captions capture the heart of the park. This book is a must for any Geauga Lake fan or amusement park and roller coaster enthusiast.

In 1968, three businessmen left their jobs at Cedar Point in Sandusky to purchase Geauga Lake Amusement Park. Geauga Lake had been a summertime escape since the 1870s, but by the 1960s it had fallen on hard times. The businessmen's company, Funtime, Inc., transformed the aging facility into a modern amusement park and established a reputation as an innovative operator in one of the nations most competitive amusement park markets. Geauga Lake became the first park with two looping roller coasters and the first to integrate a full-scale water park, Boardwalk Shores. The company broke even more new ground in 1988 when it resurrected a classic roller coaster design to construct Raging Wolf Bobs. Images of America: Geauga Lake: The Funtime Years 1969-1995 captures the park's transformation and some of the countless memories that resulted from Funtimes 26-year ownership.

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