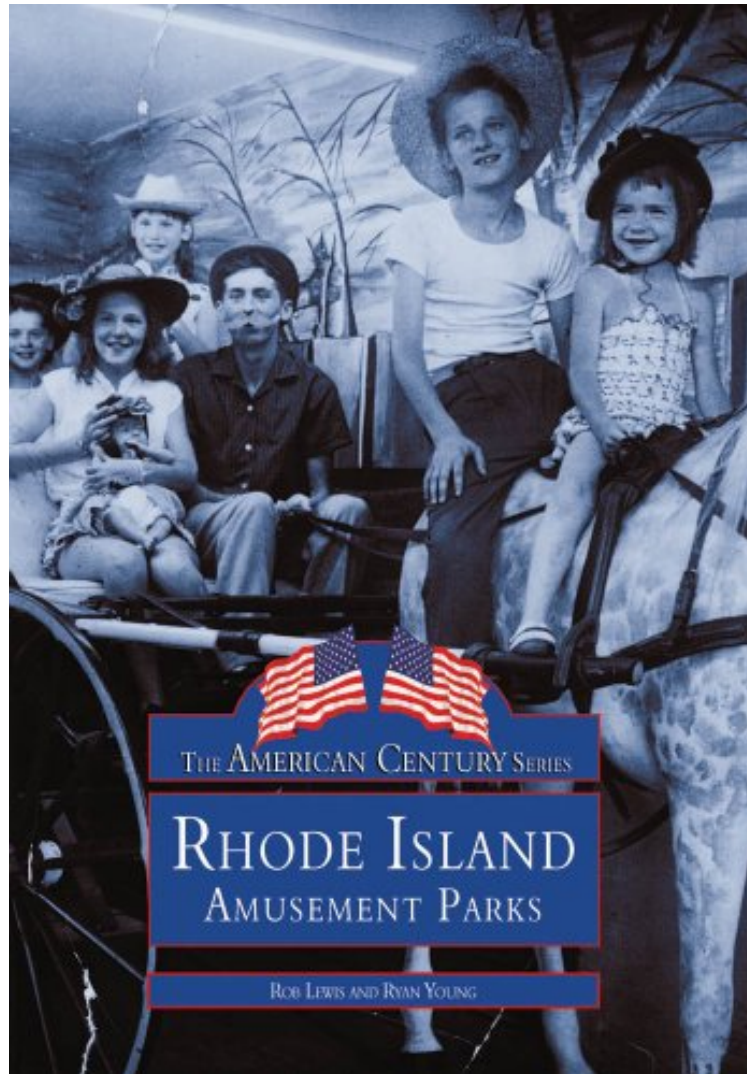


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**Rob Lewis, Ryan Young : Rhode Island Amusement Parks (American Century)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rhode Island Amusement Parks (American Century):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Debora Taylor Great book for anyone from Rhode Island. It is very nostalgic. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By michaelWG Great Book!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Americana lost, our heritage is vanishing one park at a time. By William P. Romjue As a former New England resident I was able to visit three of these wonderful old amusement parks before they were bulldozed. This book tells the story and history of America's oldest amusement parks. My favorite was Rocky Point Park of Rhode Island, the SECOND oldest amusement park in America. Rocky Point had a good run,

opened in 1847 and lost to economic changes in 1995. The first Presidential telephone call was placed at Rocky Point by President, Rutherford B. Hayes to Alexander Graham Bell in Providence. George M. Cohen first performed "Yankee Doodle Dandy" at Rocky Point. The Three Stooges made many appearances at Rocky Point. These amusement parks were invented by the Trolley Companies. They built the parks on Trolley Routes to promote their services and boost ridership. The parks were originally called "Trolley Parks" and most major cities had them. Coney Island got its start from a Trolley Service in New York. This book also contains many old photographs of the New England parks. An awesome read about some historical old amusement parks, great book!

Rhode Islanders were once able to enjoy amusement parks without traveling far; the state was home to several ocean front parks as early as the mid-18th century, with some of them surviving into the late 19th century. Photographers Rob Lewis and Ryan Young have embarked on a journey to discover the amusement parks of the past in this delightful and unprecedented collection of images. Rhode Island Amusement Parks brings back the memories of a time less complicated than the present, when a sense of family held communities together. View the parks that provided a recreational outlet for so many Rhode Island families and the visitors who frequented them. Scenes from several neighboring Massachusetts amusement parks are also pictured. The images in this collection are from two large private archives as well as treasured family collections. Special highlights include photographs of hand-operated rides of the 1800s and views of President Taft's plane, which landed at Sandy Beach in 1911. Also featured is Vanity Fair, an amusement park that lasted only five years during the first decade of this century. Residents of these communities will enjoy seeing Rhode Island as it once was and will witness the changes it has endured over the years.

About the Author Rob Lewis and Ryan Young have compiled an impressive collection of images and a thoroughly researched text in Rhode Island Amusement Parks. Returning to the amusement parks of yesteryear is sure to evoke fond memories among older generations and spark a historical interest among younger ones.