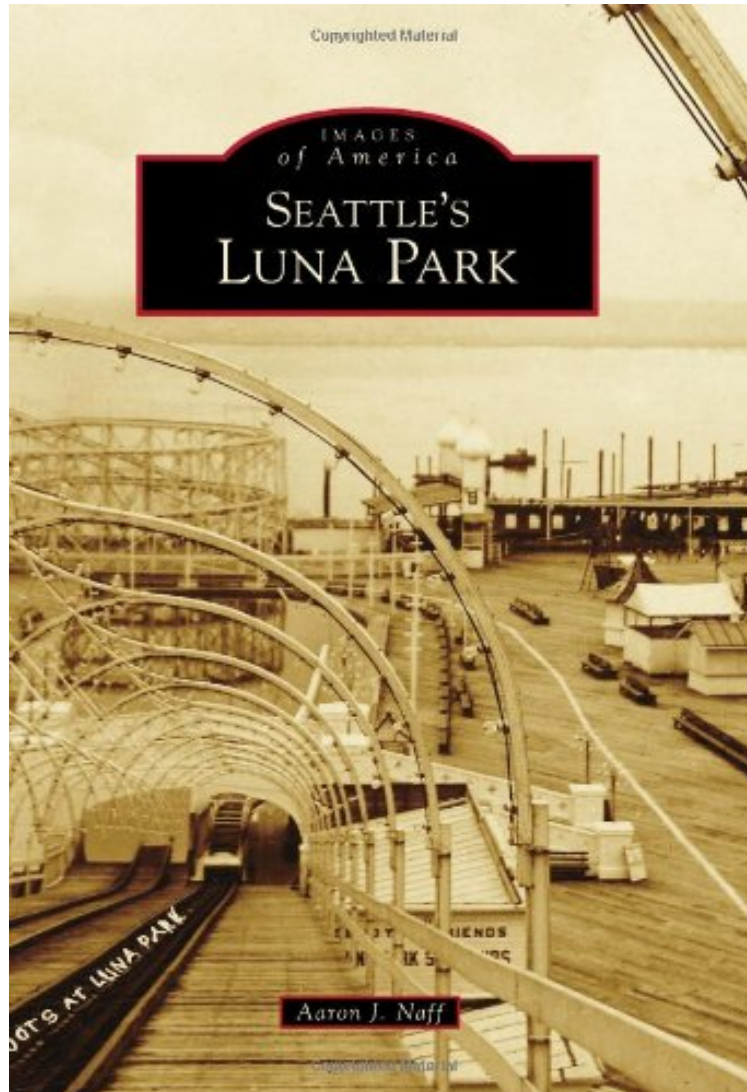


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**Aaron J. Naff : Seattle's Luna Park (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Seattle's Luna Park (Images of America):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Seattle's Luna Park By WCrandall A well written book about this little known park. It's very well researched and has tons of photographs. Included are wonderful photos of the carousel, which now operates at Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco. The book includes many photos of the carousel at Luna Park and my own special interest, when it operated at San Francisco's Playland at the Beach. Thus this book is of interest to those who are interested in San Francisco history as well as Seattle. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Brian H Great book on an interesting part of Seattle history. I'm using it as

research for a novel.<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Pictorial History of a Northwest Playground Lost...By T. M. JohnsonMr. Naff's book is a pictorial masterpiece. Thanks to his meticulous research of West Seattle's Luna Park, Naff's sepia-toned chronicle of Seattle's colorful history has been artfully recovered for Seattlelites. The rise and fall of Luna Park's entertainment venue is well chronicled: the effects of the anti-saloon/prohibition forces on fun-loving West Coast carnival goers, attractions such as in-door bathing, carnival rides--the carousel in particular--are presented in well-selected photographs. I especially found fascinating the biography of the charismatic character of L. Guy Mecklem, the lighter-than-air enthusiast. Also, the narrative of the craft of carousel builder and entertainment entrepreneur, I.D. Looff, a woodcarving genius who brought wood to life for the delight of youngsters and adults alike, enriched Naff's pictorial. For those who are fascinated by the history of the great City of Seattle, Mr. Naff's book is a must for their library. The well-researched photographs and detailed captions fully reveal an exciting time in Seattle's past. Come the holiday season I hope to see a stack of "Seattle's Luna Park" on every Nordstrom's checkout stand. Congratulations to Mr. Naff for a job well done, a service well deserved for the history of the Pacific Northwest.

Luna Park emerged on the north end of Alki Beach during the golden age of American amusement parks. Billed as the Nations Greatest Playground on the Pacific Coast, the park introduced the city to a host of novel attractions. Pleasure-seekers rode shimmering horses, thundered down the roller coaster, and marveled at daredevils and sideshows. There were games to be played, prizes to be won. Thousands swam in the waters of its natatorium and twirled across the floor of its dance hall. The parks glittering nighttime display shone across the bay and arrested the attention of the city. Though open only briefly, Luna Park remains a vibrant piece of Seattles history.

About the AuthorAuthor Aaron J. Naff worked with area museums, newspapers, university libraries, municipal archives, and private collectors to compile a selection of images capturing the lively spirit of Seattles first amusement park.