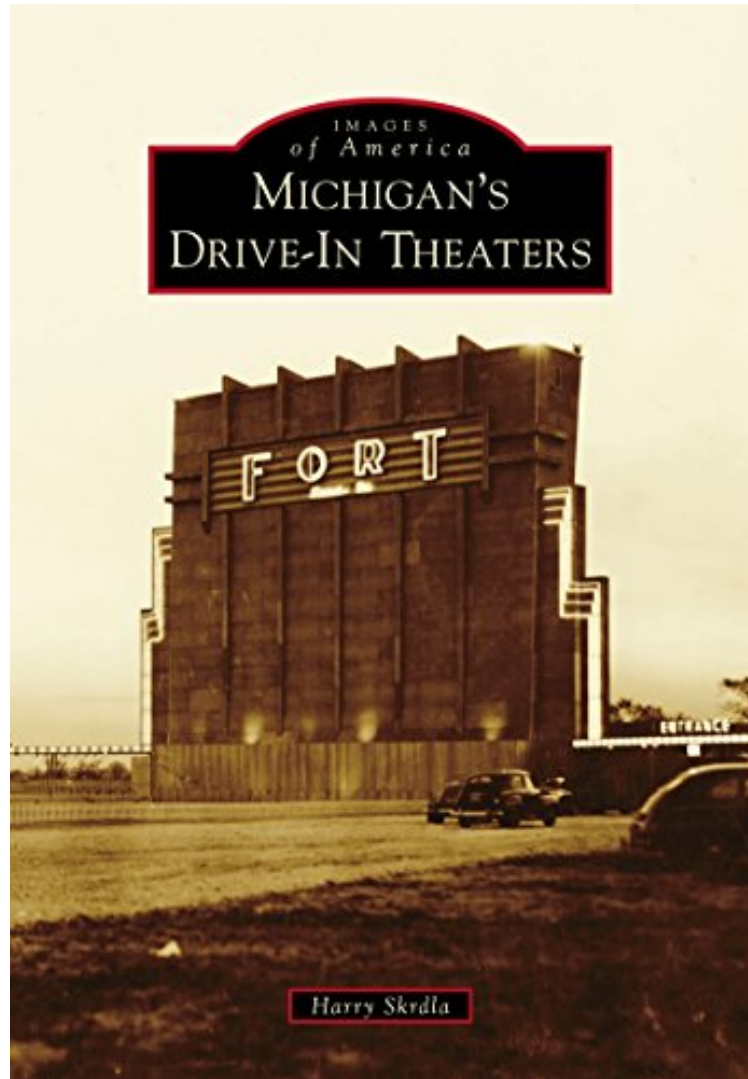


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Harry Skrdla : Michigan's Drive-In Theaters (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Michigan's Drive-In Theaters (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.'bundle up in your winter underwear and woolen clothing and go out to a movie!'By Anthony Sol... i collect any material i happen upon concerning drive-in theatres and i assumed this book would give us some great photos, advertising material and history.... but it's rather grim. since i grew up in southern california where drive-ins were a colorful part of everyday life, i assumed the same would hold true in other parts of the U.S. as well. unfortunately, they lacked the zip and zest of southern california drive-ins. the space-age or old-west designs of theatres in california are unknown in the midwest, and the pictures of snow on the ground or utilitarian 'military bunker' looking drive-in structures look very... well, uninviting. drive-in viewing was a year round

habit on the west coast but not in the midwest. perhaps folks who grew up in michigan looked forward to visits to their drive-ins during the summer months and will find cause for rejoicing in this volume. it's strictly a matter of taste.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Information you can't find anywhere else!By Clarke DunhamAnything in this series of publications has merit because you generally can't find the information anywhere else, and that's the case here. The images must come out of the dusty corners of attics which makes them no less important. They're always the "sidelights" on American History that never make the "big books" and because of that they are especially fascinating, not to mention invaluable. So it is with this volume.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting to read all about the drive in around the ...By Robert RasmussenInteresting to read all about the drive in around the Detroit area beyond. now there are hardly any left if at all. Thanks for the info.

Few American phenomena are more evocative of time, place, and culture than the drive-in theater. From its origins in the Great Depression, through its peak in the 1950s and 1960s and ultimately its slow demise in the 1980s, the drive-in holds a unique place in the country's collective past. Michigan's drive-ins were a reflection of this time and place, ranging from tiny rural 200-car "ozoners" to sprawling 2,500-car behemoths that were masterpieces of showmanship, boasting not only movies and food, but playgrounds, pony rides, merry-go-rounds, and even roving window washers.

About the AuthorPhotographs culled from dozens of sources, including the Grand Rapids Public Library, Goodrich Theaters, Bacon Memorial Library, Portage Library, Celebration Cinemas, Community Theatres, Lakeshore Museum Center, American Classic Images, and many others serve to recall the history of Michigan drive-ins. From the tiniest local theater to the mammoth metropolitan, multiscreen giants, author Harry Skrdla uses these images to remind readers what it was like to go to the drive-in. Skrdla is senior engineer at the historic Fox Theatre in Detroit, an architectural preservation consultant, and author of *Ghostly Ruins: America's Forgotten Architecture*.