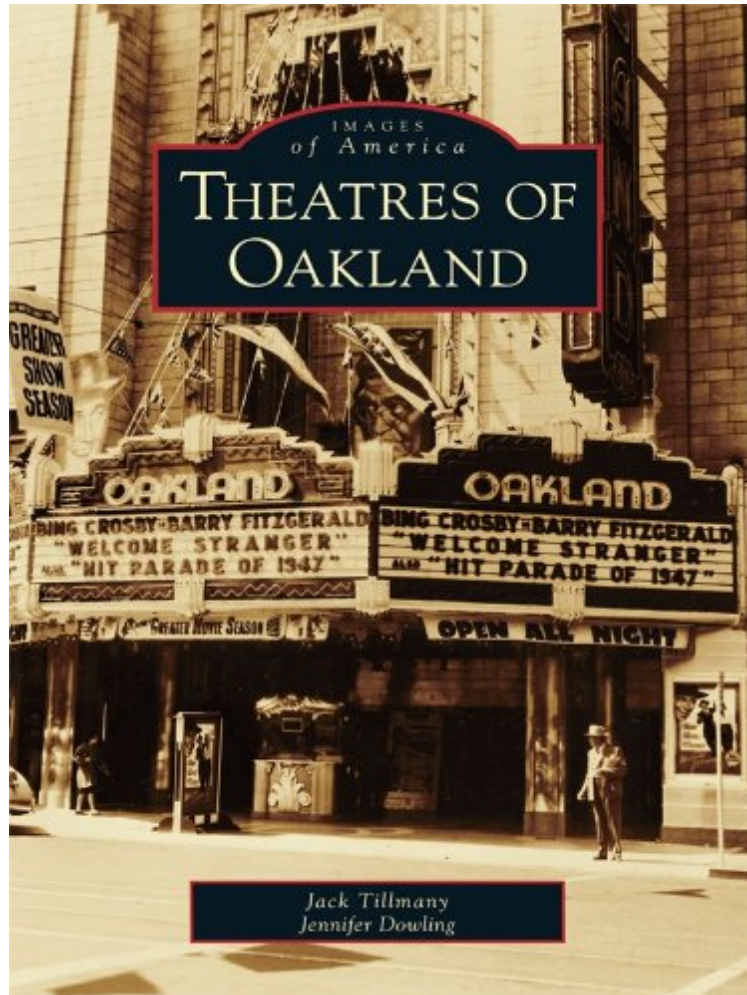


## Theatres of Oakland

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**Jack Tillmany, Jennifer Dowling : Theatres of Oakland** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Theatres of Oakland:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Remnants of the Past By Anthony Soli was stationed at Alameda Naval Airbase near Oakland during the Vietnam era and a trip to 'downtown' was pretty much 'it' as far as finding an evening's entertainment was concerned. This was before the BART interurban trains made transport to San Francisco very easy so excursions to Oakland were a big deal. Many Oakland theatres had already closed by the 1960s but a few remained and they were welcomed. That landscape has changed completely and, as often happens in memory, one begins to doubt whether many of these landmarks ever even existed. 'Theatres of Oakland' brings back many images of these locales and it was like flipping through an old photo album to find many of them still preserved and remembered. The 'Images of America' series can always be counted upon for evocative views of vanished landscapes, but this book is a standout. Especially welcome were glimpses of the famous Fox Oakland with its 'East Indian Fantasia' interior and the enormous Paramount, easily the grandest monument to Art Deco on the West Coast. So much

of our architectural heritage has been lost, but Arcadia Publishing makes the past readily accessible to all of us with its 'Images' series. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Just Like I Remembered It! By JACK FRANKLIN I grew up cutting school in Oakland and spending the days in all those wonderful old movie houses. I saw movies I never heard of, and at what a bargain! Now-days downtown Oakland has not one movie theater (we don't count the Paramount), so this is the one way to relive those days. My favorite was "The Broadway", open all night (when I ran away from home), bad hot dogs, and 2 movies, previews, news and cartoon, for .25 cents. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Long awaited photo history of the downtown and neighborhood theaters ... By John Brennan Long awaited photo history of the downtown and neighborhood theaters that dotted the Bay Area during the 1900's. A loving walk down memory lane.

Oakland has a rich theatre history, from the amusements of a gas-lit downtown light opera and vaudeville stage in the 1870s to the ornate cinematic escape portals of the Great Depression. Dozens of neighborhood theatres, once the site of family outings and first dates, remain cherished memories in the lives of Oaklanders. The city can still boast three fabulous movie palaces from the golden age of cinema: the incomparable art deco Paramount, which now offers live performances and films; the stately Grand Lake gracing the sinuous shores of Lake Merritt; and the magnificently eccentric Fox Oakland, with its imposing Hindu gods flanking the stage. The Paramount and Grand Lake still stir the heartstrings of patrons with showings preceded by interludes on their mighty Wurlitzer organs.

About the Author Jack Tillmany, recognized authority on early cinema and author of the Images of America volume Theatres of San Francisco, draws from a personal archive gathered during a 30-year career in cinema management. Coauthor Jennifer Dowling collects movie-related ephemera, writes, and gives illustrated talks on the history of Oakland's commercial districts. Together they draw back the heavy curtain of time to rediscover Oakland's theatrical treasures.