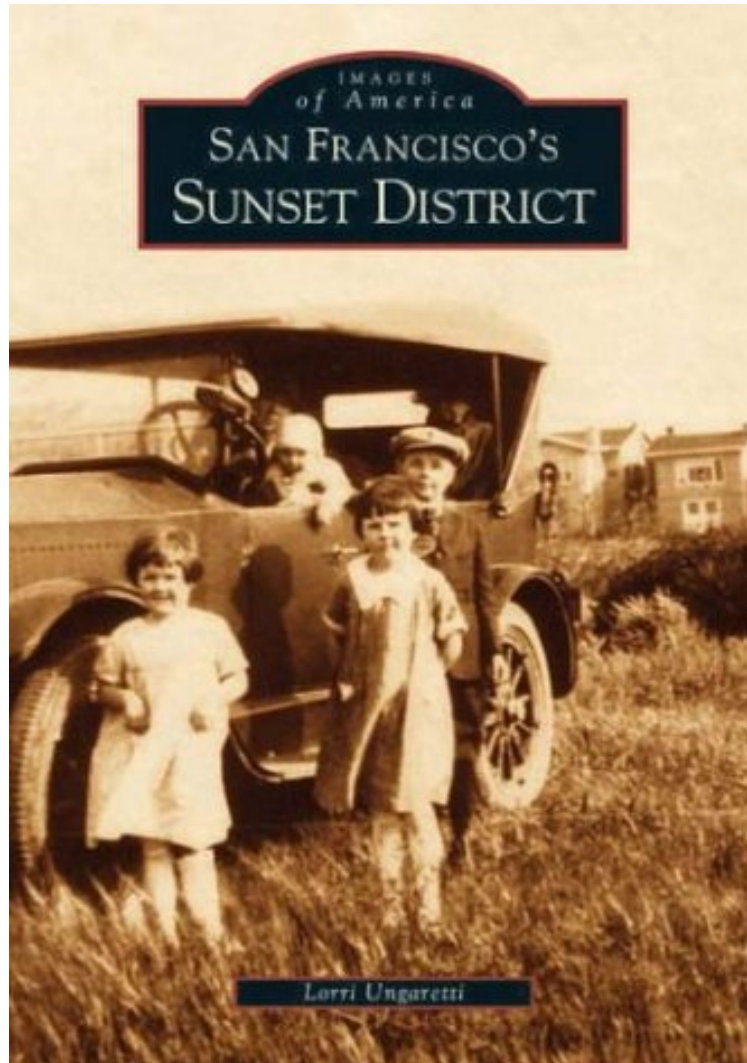


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**Lorri Ungaretti : San Francisco's Sunset District (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised San Francisco's Sunset District (Images of America):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The best book in print on the Sunset DistrictBy Murray SperberLorri Ungaretti is a lifelong resident of the Sunset and probably knows more about it than anyone else on the planet. She also leads walking tours of it. She has put together a very coherent history of a fascinating area that most San Franciscans rarely visit and tourists have never heard of. She has assembled excellent photos--most are from private collections--that give a good sense of the Sunset through the various decades of its existence. And her commentary with the photos helps the reader understand the area and its history. My only criticism--a small one--is that she does

not have enough interior shots of typical houses and apartments. Because the Sunset is a residential district--the largest in San Francisco--interior shots would help the reader understand better how people lived. But, as my title says, this is the best book on the Sunset District in existence. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Many Memories Brought Back By John McCarthy Ms. Ungaretti does a great job with the photos of the Sunset District and the dialogue that goes along with them. I think my father-in-law's house is shown in one of the pictures. Unfortunately the book I purchased was slightly beat up and some of the pages with great pictures didn't turn out well. I was hoping to see more of the Parkside section but that's alright because the rest of the book was great. John McCarthy 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic book. By c If you live the city- or the Sunset District in particular- or if you just want to know a little more about San Francisco, you should get this book. Not only does it have great historical photographs, but it provides wonderful historical details and notes. It's amazing to see what has come before, what's changed and what is still standing from previous eras. A fantastic little book.

The transformation of San Francisco's Sunset District from a seemingly uninhabitable, windswept realm of sand dunes and shrub to a comfortable residential and commercial neighborhood is one of the city's most surprising stories. Originally outside of San Francisco's boundaries on federal land, the district was part of a large tundra-like expanse then forbiddingly called the "Outside Lands." As changes overtook the established parts of the city around the turn of the century, the industrialized eastern edge seemed less hospitable to many citizens. These people looked to the Sunset's open spaces and saw there a perfect place for building homes, shops, churches and schools.

About the Author In this collection of vintage photographs compiled by Sunset historian and tour guide Lorri Ungaretti, readers will see the dramatic changes that transformed this portion of the hostile Outside Lands into the very livable area that San Franciscans know today. From early views of the dunes to the scrappy settlement known as Carville (composed of discarded municipal railway cars), the curious Larsen Chicken Ranch which took up the equivalent of several city blocks, to the astonishing house-building frenzy of developer Henry Doelger, the Sunset's amazing history is as varied and surprising as the citizens one meets in the district.