

A Choose to Read Ohio Toolkit

Use this toolkit to plan book discussion groups or library programs.

Meet Cleveland native Laura DeMarco and learn about her collection of stories and historic photographs of the notable buildings and institutions of Cleveland's past.

Select from a range of discussion questions, and explore resources for real or armchair field trips, to deepen the experience of reading and sharing *Lost Cleveland*.

Discover books, websites, and digital collections about Ohio past and present.

Lost Cleveland

By Laura DeMarco



About the Book

Lost Cleveland chronicles the rise of one of America's great working-class cities—one that spawned factories and smokestacks, yes, but is also the cradle of rock and roll. A city that was home to some of the richest people and places outside of New York City in the early part of the 20th century—and a mosaic of hard-working immigrants who came from around the world to build "Believeland."

Organized chronologically, starting with the earliest losses and ending with the latest, this book features much-loved Cleveland institutions that have been consigned to history.

Losses include City Hall, Diebolt Brewing Co., Luna Park, Sheriff Street Market, Hotel Winton, League Park, Union Depot, Hotel Allerton, Leo's Casino, Cleveland Arena, Bond Store, The Hippodrome, Cuyahoga and Williamson buildings, Record Rendezvous, Standard Theatre, Hough Bakery, Cleveland Municipal Stadium, Memphis Drive-In, and Parmatown Mall. As well as celebrating forgotten architectural treasures, *Lost Cleveland* looks at buildings that have changed use, vanished under a wave of new construction, or been drastically transformed.



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Book Details

Lost Cleveland by Laura DeMarco
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144 pages.

www.ipgbook.com/lost-cleveland-products-9781911595151.php

Also by Laura DeMarco:

Cleveland Then and Now, Pavillion Books, 2018. ISBN 9781911595946. 144 pages.

www.pavilionbooks.com/book/cleveland-then-and-now

Cleveland Then and Now matches archive images with contemporary views of the same scenes to reveal Cleveland's past and present.



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“Like so many of the lost buildings in this book, the story of Cleveland is one of creation, abandonment, destruction—and perseverance.”

About the Author

Laura DeMarco is an arts and culture reporter for the *Plain Dealer* newspaper in Cleveland. She specializes in local history and lost landmarks, an interest that began with teenage adventures through abandoned buildings and Cleveland's industrial wastelands. She covers historical preservation, cultural institutions, immigrant groups, neighborhoods, and the forgotten stories of Cleveland's most interesting characters. Her multi-media "Lost Cleveland" features are some of the most popular on Cleveland.com. She lectures at Cleveland schools, colleges, and historical societies on these topics and more. She has also written for the *Cleveland Free Times*, *Cleveland Scene*, *Alternative Press*, *Magnet magazine*, and publications of the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. A third-generation Clevelander, DeMarco grew up listening to her parents' and grandmother's stories of Euclid Beach Park, Municipal Stadium, and downtown department stores, and loves to share these with new generations.

Author Resources

Articles and blog posts by Laura DeMarco in *The Plain Dealer*
connect.cleveland.com/staff/ldemarco/posts.html

FreshWater interview with Laura DeMarco

www.freshwatercleveland.com/breaking-ground/CleThenandNow111418.aspx

Cool Cleveland interview with Laura DeMarco

coolcleveland.com/2018/11/laura-demarco-explores-cleveland-now-new-photo-book

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Talk About It

Topics to share when discussing *Lost Cleveland*.

- What happened to the houses on Euclid Avenue, known as Millionaire's Row? What caused this to occur?
- Why do you think the 1980s was particularly destructive for downtown Cleveland?
- Most of the major cities in Ohio have experienced similar loss of notable architecture, such as the razing of theaters, downtown stores, hotels, churches, and railroad depots. Why might the cities have this in common? Can you draw comparisons or contrasts to your hometown?
- Compare the Cleveland East Ohio Gas Explosion with a devastating event or tragedy that has occurred in your hometown or current locality.
- Do you have family stories about any of the buildings in *Lost Cleveland*, or about demolished or abandoned buildings in your hometown, that you would like to share?
- Has your hometown experienced a type of loss or transformation that is not mentioned in *Lost Cleveland*?

Check It Out

Use these books and websites to plan your next road trip around the state.

Arcadia Publishing

www.arcadiapublishing.com

From Adams County to Zanesville, the *Images of America Series* from Arcadia contains primary source photos and captions of days gone by, with more than 640 books published about locations and topics in the state of Ohio alone. Use the search term "Ohio" or the city/locality of your choice to find books in this series, such as:

Warren (*Images of America*) by Josh Nativio and Meghan Reed.
Lost Idora Park (*Images of America*) by James M. Amey and Toni L. Amey.

History Press

www.arcadiapublishing.com

An imprint of Arcadia Publishing, History Press publishes chapter books that include more detail on each topic, with more than 150 set in Ohio. Search for "Ohio" on the Arcadia Publishing website, then use the Filter menu to select History Press to find books such as:

Dayton Beer: A History of Brewing in the Miami Valley (*American Palate*) by Timothy R. Gaffney.
Inside the Ohio Penitentiary (*Landmarks*) by David Meyers, Elise Meyers Walker and James Dailey II.
Restored Ohio: History Brought Back to Life (*America Through Time*).
World War II POW Camps in Ohio by Dr. James Van Keuren.

Backroads & Byways of Ohio, 2nd ed. (*Backroads & Byways Series*) by Matt Forster. Countryman Press, 2018.

An updated edition of Forster's travel guide for Ohio that includes 60 color photos and 10 maps.

Building Ohio: A Traveler's Guide to Ohio's Rural Architecture by Jane Ware. Orange Frazer Press, 2002. This guidebook focuses on architecture in rural areas and smaller towns and cities in Ohio.

Ohio Day Trips by Theme (*Day Trip Series*) by Cathy Hester Seckman. Adventure Publications, 2018. Arranged by themes such as airplanes and railroads, festivals, outdoor adventures, and sports, use this as your guide for day tripping or stringing together a longer exploration of Ohio.

Ohio's Bicentennial Barns: A Collection of the Historic Barns Celebrating Ohio's Bicentennial by Beth Gorczyca. Wooster Book Company, 2003. Photos and locations of the 88 barns painted by artist Scott Hagan in celebration of Ohio's 200th birthday.

Ohio's Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities and Other Offbeat Stuff, 2nd ed. by Sandra Gurvis. Globe Pequot Press, 2011. This collection of peculiarities found only in Ohio will have you laughing at the folly and challenged by the trivia.

Weird Ohio: Your Travel Guide to Ohio's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets by James A. Willis, Andrew Henderson, and Loren Coleman. Sterling Publishing, 2000. Find a whole summer's worth of fun and memorable day trips.

Ohio History Connection

www.ohiohistory.org

A statewide organization, the Ohio History Connection focuses on preserving and sharing Ohio's history, including over 50 historic sites and museums throughout Ohio.

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Check It Out (continued)

Smithsonian's Museum Day

www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday

Check online to see which of 28 museums in the state will be open, and get your free tickets for this event held annually in September.

TourismOhio (Ohio Development Services Agency)

ohio.org

Official state website for visitor information and links to festivals and events, places to go, things to do and see, and lodging in Ohio.

Explore More

*Additional ideas and resources to use with **Lost Cleveland**.*

The **Cleveland Public Library's Digital Gallery** offers a gallery of Cleveland photographs, maps, atlases, and other historical documents. Explore it here: cdm16014.contentdm.oclc.org/digital

Interested in forgotten places and historical photographs from other parts of Ohio? Institutions throughout the state contribute to the **Ohio Digital Network**, which makes the digital collections of libraries, museums, and archives accessible to the world. Start here: ohiodigitalnetwork.org

Learn more about Cleveland with these eclectic guides:

Rock This Town! Backstage in Cleveland: Stories You Never Heard & Swag You Never Saw by Fran Belkin. Fran Projects, 2018.

Rock and roll memorabilia collected by regional concert promoters Jules and Fran Belkin.

Secret Cleveland: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful and Obscure by Deb Thompson and Tonya Prater. Reedy Press, 2017.

Enjoy this armchair journey through Cleveland's haunted locales, odd sights, worthy inventions, unique foods, and more.

The Ohio Digital Library offers several ebooks about Cleveland's past:

Lost Cleveland: Seven Wonders of the Sixth City by Michael DeAloia ohdbks.overdrive.com/media/701420

Lost Grand Hotels of Cleveland by Michael DeAloia ohdbks.overdrive.com/media/2009964

Buried Beneath Cleveland: Lost Cemeteries of Cuyahoga County by William J. Krejci ohdbks.overdrive.com/media/2597022

Where Cleveland Played: Sports Shrines from League Park to the Coliseum by Morris Eckhouse and Greg Crouse ohdbks.overdrive.com/media/1261559

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Explore Choose to Read Ohio resources & toolkits:
library.ohio.gov/ctro.

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