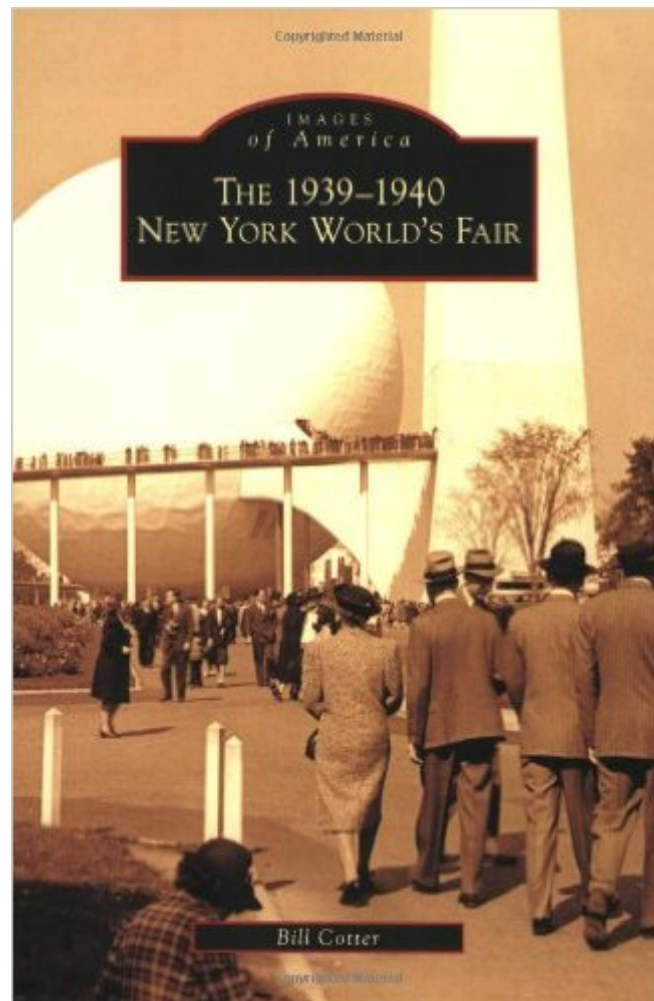


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The 1939-1940 New York World's Fair (Images Of America)



everyone from those who have studied the Fair to the casual observer.

This is a fascinating look at the 1939 World's Fair, a fair which saw both the hopes of many for a peaceful future based on scientific and technological progress and the opening rounds of the Second World War, with many pavilions closing or operating with their flags at half mast as the totalitarian regimes began their march of conquest. Probably the most famous of the world fairs, the 1939 has some of the most memorable imagery and indeed a lot of the material associated with the fair is highly collectible today. The USSR had a pavilion, as did the Belgium Congo and one that celebrated Italy's fascist regime. Trains and planes were celebrated as harbingers of progress and parachute rides let those daring enough to go up see the fair from high up. It could have used some more concept shots or photos which established the overall look of the pavilions but virtually all of the photos were first rate. A great book by itself or for background on other material about the 1939 World's Fair or the 1930s.

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I bought this book for my aged mother who actually lived through the whole thing since she lived in New York. She enjoyed it very much.

My mother always spoke about her childhood New York World's Fair in 1939. I went to the 1963-64 New York World's Fair, and I remember after we had been the first time, she expressed disappointment and said it did not measure up to the 1939 one. She tried to describe some of the buildings and displays that made the biggest impression on her, but it was hard for me to visualize it all. This book was exactly what I needed. Clear photos and simple text. I only wish it had been published before my mother passed away because we both would have enjoyed sitting down with this book as she elaborated on what she remembered.

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