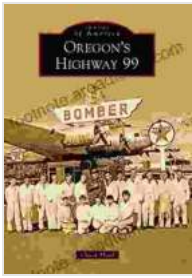


Oregon Highway 99: A Nostalgic Journey Through the Heart of the Beaver State



Oregon Highway 99, affectionately known as the 'Main Street of Oregon,' is a legendary route that traverses the state from north to south, connecting communities and showcasing the breathtaking landscapes and rich history of the Beaver State. In "Oregon Highway 99: Images of America," author and photographer Michael Sullivan takes us on a nostalgic journey down this iconic highway, capturing the essence of its landmarks, towns, and people through captivating historic photographs.



Oregon's Highway 99 (Images of America) by Chuck Flood

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A Historical Tapestry

The history of Highway 99 is intertwined with the development of Oregon itself. Originally established as a stagecoach trail in the 1850s, the route played a crucial role in connecting the state's isolated settlements and facilitating trade and communication. As automobiles became more prevalent in the early 20th century, Highway 99 emerged as a major transportation artery, linking Oregon's cities and towns and opening up new possibilities for travel and commerce.



Sullivan's collection of historical photographs offers a glimpse into Highway 99's rich past. We see the bustling streets of towns like Ashland, Roseburg, and Medford, where horse-drawn carriages once shared the road with Model Ts. We also witness the construction of iconic bridges and viaducts, such as the Umpqua River Bridge and the Shedd Bridge, which have become landmarks in their own right.

Iconic Landmarks

Along its 300-mile stretch, Highway 99 passes through a diverse array of landscapes, from lush forests to rolling hills and dramatic coastal vistas. Sullivan's photographs capture the essence of these iconic landmarks, inviting us to appreciate their beauty and historical significance.



One of the most breathtaking sights along Highway 99 is Crater Lake, a pristine blue lake nestled in the caldera of an extinct volcano. Sullivan's photograph captures the lake's stunning beauty, with its crystal-clear waters reflecting the surrounding cliffs and forests. Another must-see destination is the Oregon Caves National Monument, a labyrinth of underground passages and chambers formed by dissolving limestone. Sullivan's photographs guide us through the caves' eerie and awe-inspiring depths.

Charming Towns

Highway 99 also serves as a lifeline for the many charming towns that dot its path. From Ashland's Shakespeare festival to Medford's historic

downtown, each town has a unique character and story to tell. Sullivan's photographs showcase the beauty of these towns, capturing their bustling streets, historic buildings, and the everyday lives of their residents.



In Ashland, Sullivan's lens captures the vibrant atmosphere of the city's Shakespeare festival, with actors and audiences alike immersing themselves in the world of the Bard. In Medford, we see the historic buildings of the city's downtown, a testament to its rich past as a major agricultural and transportation hub.

People and Stories

Beyond the landmarks and towns, Sullivan's book also celebrates the people who have lived and worked along Highway 99. Through candid

portraits and street scenes, he captures the spirit of the people who have shaped the highway's history and made it a vital part of Oregon's identity.

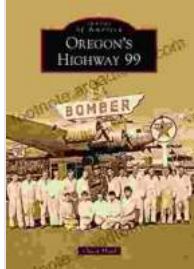


Sullivan's photographs introduce us to the farmers who tend the orchards and vineyards of the Willamette Valley, the loggers who work in the forests of the Cascade Mountains, and the fishermen who ply the waters of the Pacific. We also meet the artists, musicians, and entrepreneurs who have found inspiration and success along Highway 99.

A Timeless Classic

"Oregon Highway 99: Images of America" is a timeless classic that captures the essence of a beloved Oregon icon. Through his evocative photographs, author and photographer Michael Sullivan invites us to embark on a nostalgic journey down memory lane, reliving the history and

appreciating the beauty of this legendary route. Whether you're a lifelong Oregonian or a visitor seeking to discover the heart of the Beaver State, this book is a must-have for your collection.



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