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The Lincoln Highway: Coast To Coast From Times Square To The Golden Gate



Synopsis

The best-selling author of *Route 66* and a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer celebrate America's first transcontinental highway in all its neon glory. It began in 1913 with a glorious new highway that connected the bright lights of Broadway with the foggy shores of San Francisco. It was a magnificent and meandering road that enticed millions of newly motoring Americans to hop in their Model Ts and explore the fading frontier. It was the road of Gettysburg, Pretty Boy Floyd, Notre Dame, the Great Salt Lake, and the Gold Rush Trail. Once a symbol of limitless potential, it has undergone a miraculous revival. With hundreds of rare photographs, this ode to a bygone era guides us across the true spine of the country, exploring vintage diners, Art Deco buildings, and funky roadside attractions—all waiting to be discovered. 300 four-color illustrations and photographs

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This weighty coffee table book is rich with details and photographs, the long corridor of the Lincoln Highway appreciated by a new generation of travelers since the 1980s, a relic of our American past rediscovered by enthusiastic tourists motoring from state to state, the distinctive landmarks that define the vast geographic landscape of this country. Beginning with New York, the chapters address a parade of states: New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California, from east to west, a staggering panorama of roadside attractions, motels, restaurants and tourist attractions, a great scavenger hunt for the bizarre Americana of which we are so proud. Unable to release the quirky icons of our history, the ever-changing city landscapes retain relics of the past, signs and buildings that refuse to be

relegated to obscurity. How easy it would be to replace history with more modern pretensions; yet there is a reluctance to deny the eclectic images of a memorable America where individualism triumphs over corporate blandness. In text that addresses the particulars of each state and vivid complementary images, the book defines each place and the people who live there, their stories and family histories, generations of articulated hopes and dreams. These are the folks who fought world wars and settled in unfamiliar places, their tales speaking of a respect for hard work and the joy of accomplishment. Illinois boasts the Abe Lincoln Motel and the historical road alignment of the Lincoln Highway and Route 66, which run on the same road for three blocks through Plainfield, Illinois.

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