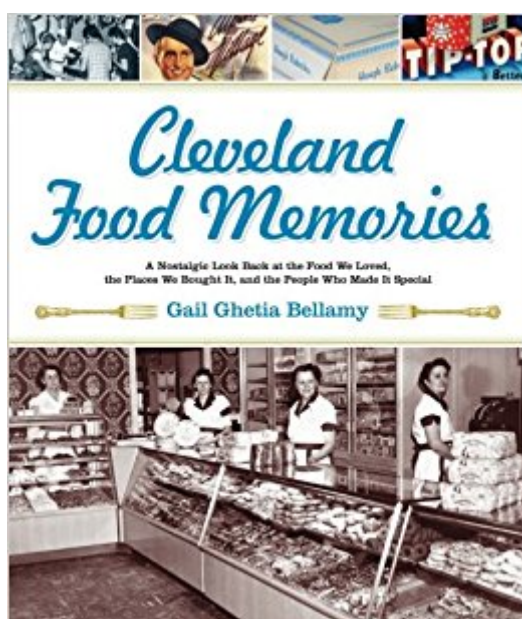


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Cleveland Food Memories: A Nostalgic Look Back At The Food We Loved, The Places We Bought It, And The People Who Made It Special



Synopsis

Be prepared to be hungry, not only for your favorite foods, but for the special times from your childhood. Remember when food was local? Cleveland companies made it, and local people sold it and ran the restaurants where we ate it. Now, take a delicious trip into the past. Food makes powerful memories. Mention Hough Bakery and see how quickly we Clevelanders start to drool over just the thought of those long-lost white cakes. This book collects the fondest memories of Clevelanders who still ache for treats from the past. There were Frostees in the Higbee's basement. Popcorn balls at Euclid Beach. Burgers at Manner's or Mawby's. Entertainment-filled nights at Alpine Village. Mustard at old Municipal Stadium . . . and so much more. Richly illustrated.

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If a picture is worth a thousand words, Bellamy's book brims with tens of thousands of memories . . . an absolute smorgasbord of "remember when" images. . . Endless images from older Clevelanders' youths populate most of the space in Bellamy's 112-page love song to things gustatory, Northeast Ohio style. (Joe Crea The Plain Dealer 2003-12-17) As comforting as a large piece of white-on-white cake topped with iced flowers from Hough Bakeries. Be prepared to be hungry, not only for your favorite foods, but for the special times from your childhood. (Sali McSherry Currents 2004-02-19) You'll eat up the chapters . . . Bellamy probes the food memories of all sorts of folks throughout the book . . . Richly illustrated with photos. (Janet Podalak News Herald 2003-10-10) Takes readers on a nostalgic trip down the memory lane of Cleveland

food . . . What emerges is a picture of food's centrality to family, experience, and not least of all identity . . . While wistful nostalgia is the main ingredient in Bellamy's book, it benefits from a liberal seasoning of interesting facts. Extensive sidebars and even more extensive photos from the past enhance the book . . . One of the tastier morsels to savor is the diverse food heritage Cleveland brings to the table. (Sun News 2003-12-10) Full of memorable photos and interesting facts about restaurants and food products and producers from the '30s to the '60s. Nostalgia is rampant in this well-written volume, bringing back some of those almost lost memories . . . This delightful book takes you back to those good old days. (Marianne Berzinskas Aurora Advocate 2003-12-17) If you long for the days before the ubiquitous chain restaurants staked out every corner, then this book is for you . . . anyone who appreciates good food will enjoy this nostalgic look at the great food that made Cleveland famous. But fair warning, this book will make you hungry. (Betty Roderick Focus on Boomers and Beyond 2004-03-01)

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I loved the Baby Boomer memories -- born and grew up in Cleveland until my mid-20's when I moved out to Pgh and married -- but this book really skimps and is superficial. The author could have gotten into so much more detail and had more extensive research, instead of filling the book with very brief cursory local contributor reviews. It should have been a much thicker, more lavish, more complete book with maybe some reprinted color ads and illustrations. Unidentified photo locations, barely any history of how places got started and how or why they ended, only a couple of menu reprints, and appeared to be concentrating almost entirely on the West Side instead of the entire greater Cleveland area. She could have had chapters titled "Hough Bakery" "Lawsons" "Manners and Kenny King's Franchises" "Department Store Dining" "Dime Store Snack Counters" and so forth, but it was all mismashed together in a loose jumble and topics just barely brushed over, a lot of the time. I think the Bedford store of Franklin Ice Cream was a little more reknown, but just a teeny little black and white ad is all she has. What about the Southgate restaurants like

Teddi's, Oriental Terrace, and Maxons, so well liked that people came from all over the eastern suburbs to this Maple Heights shopping plaza? She should have shown the Stouffer frozen food factory in Solon, and really gone into home-town discussions of beloved local favorites like Little Tom's pop, Dan Dee potato chips, and Cotton Club soda, which sat at every kids' classroom or home party thrown in Bedford, I'm sure. I know there was probably waaaaay too much for an author to cover adequately, and she "bit off more than she could chew" heh heh heh, but so many of our Boomer memories are soaked in the nostalgia of the locally produced snack food and beverages, the family-owned hang-out restaurants, the really special places which were such a big wonderful deal for kids like going to Higbee's Silver Grille before the Christmas holidays (I know they have their own book, but still). It was a nice surprise to read about Keifer's Tavern, a very occasional family treat for us entailing a long drive to the near West Side, but again, not enough on any specific place, not enough to really scoop up close memories aside from the ubiquitous and deservedly beloved Hough Bakeries. This book needs an expanded new edition and a reprint if it were at all possible. . . .

I took a trip down memory lane near a street I lived on in the 50's and 60's in Cleveland, Ohio. This book was filled with words but the best part were the pictures. My mother worked at the May Company dining room in Warrensville Hts. And my Aunt Mary worked at Clarks at 105th and St. Clair and then at Higbees dining room. So many of the restaurants featured in the book were where our family would celebrate special days! Captain Frank's on the pier downtown was a great place and a great memory. There are pictures of Houghs Bakery. If you were born and raised in Cleveland and are over forty now, this book will delight you. If your Grandmother lived in Cleveland then, she will love to receive this book as a gift! I sent one to my cousin who lived a few blocks away from me then and who now lives clear across the country...but we share Cleveland's memories!

I enjoyed this book for exactly what it was - a walk through the Cleveland Food, Beverage and Snack businesses from the early 1900's to the eighties. As any Clevelander knows, Clark's, Mawby's and Hough Bakeries were right up there with Heaven on Earth! It was a pleasure to read snips and short histories on the many establishments that I grew up with. The book had wonderful photos and the samplings of memories about each of the places were fun to read. NO - this isn't John Grisham or Stephen King as far as literary genius - but who cares? It is a terrific collection of CLEVELAND FOOD MEMORIES! Buy the book!!

This is a good book for baby boomers like myself to trip down memory lane. Or so I thought. I enjoyed the pictures. But I had several problems with this book. If we were in school I would have to grade it "incomplete". Some of the pictures do not indicate the location: the picture of the people lined up in front of the Hough Bakery after V-J; the two pictures of the Manner's on page 37; the old Lawson store that is pictured...and it goes on and on and on. Where were they located? Many of her stories start off interesting then drop you and leave you hanging. She mentions that in the 1940s there were four Chandler & Rudd stores. Then she switches to Heinen's. What happened to Chandler & Rudd? There is an old ad for Fisher Foods but only a mere mention of Fazio's and no mention of Stop-N-Shop. Many items that folks may remember get an one word mention like the Forum or Dearings, others are shown over and over again like Manners. Whatever happened to the Uncle Marty ice cream trucks? No mention of them. Some of the East Side barbeque joints of the 1950s and 60s like Whitmore's or Hot Sauce William's or Ferris'? No mention of them. Peterson Nuts. Yes. King's Nuts. No. But the kisser is: there's a picture of Otto's Deli. And that's it. All of the places you could go and get a great corned beef sandwich? Hold on to the memory. And don't look for them in this book.

It was just an incomplete book. Not all parts of Cleveland were being represented.. I think it was a mistake to buy this book.

great book

Great memories - loved the pictures and the brief comments. The balance was right for me, I was not interested in reading a history of Cleveland - just sparking some old memories (ice-cream sundays downtown!).

Some of these great memories can still be found nearby. This booklet tells you where.

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