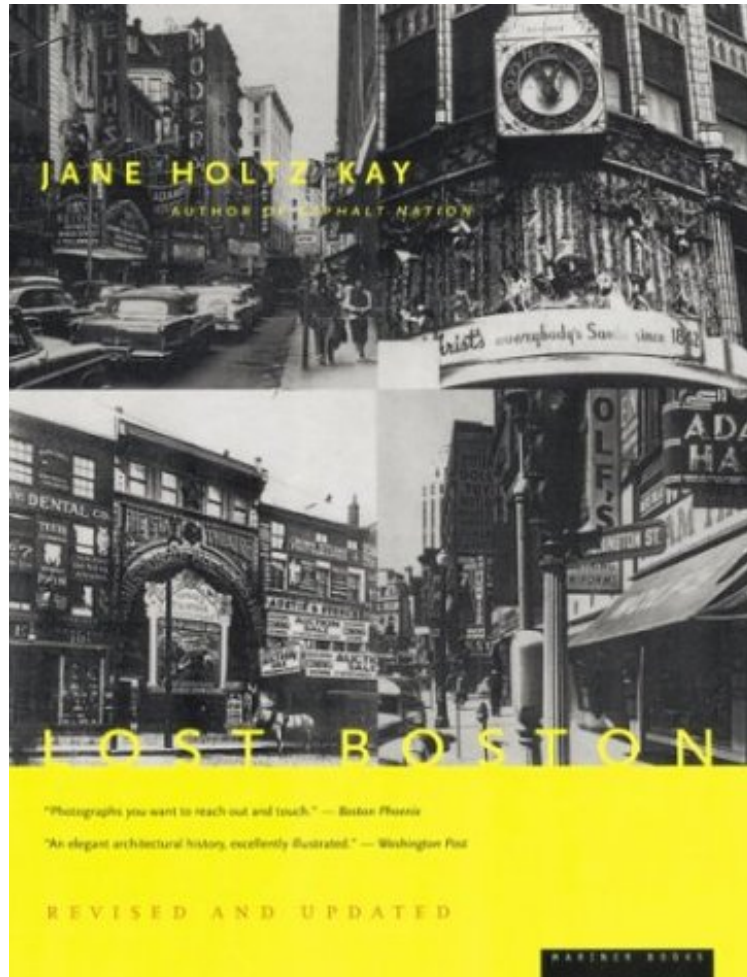


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8 of 10 people found the following review helpful. breathtaking losses in Boston's architecture aboundBy audrey francesA 1999 revised edition of the 1980 classic by one-time Boston Globe and current Nation architectural critic Jane Kay, this beautiful book is filled with images of buildings and squares tragically allowed to fall into disrepair, destroyed by fire or bulldozed for parking lots and malls. Pictures, maps and photographs are black white, and are interspersed throughout the book, organized into subjects such as signs, spires, schools, etc. The text is arranged chronologically, and is generally well-written and highly accessible. The author delves into the history, policies and people of various times from 1630 to the present day.Many of the buildings and areas depicted are truly beautiful, some destroyed as recently as the 1970s, when you'd think people would have known better. Scenes after the fire of November 1872 make you want to cry. I have a fair number of pictorial histories of The Hub, and still found some

pictures in here that I hadn't seen elsewhere, and the author's perspective is worthwhile reading. The book is constructed of high quality paper and concludes with picture credits, a selected bibliography and a good index. It should be of interest to those with some connection to Boston, architecture or history, particularly of the 18th and 19th century. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Check Out Some Great Boston Architecture Leveled by ProgressBy Donna Ricci The photos in this lengthy tome were fascinating, but some were blobs and difficult to appreciate. Still, I was fascinated at the number of gorgeous buildings leveled in less preservation-minded times. It was a great glimpse of urban landscapes long gone at locales that I only know another way. Great coffee table book for Boston expats or even locals who want to share what is gone with their kids and grandkids. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great book on Boston By Mitch I bought Lost Boston for my son-in-law who lives there now and grew up within driving distance of Fenway Park many times per summer (Sox games, concerts, museums, whatever). He LOVES it. My daughter says he has spent a lot of time looking through it, has learned a few things and reviewed others; overall, she says, it was a great choice for a hard-to-buy-for guy: good balance of text to pictures, great photographs, beautiful layout, etc. Now I wish I'd spent more time looking it over before shipping it out to him. Highly recommend!

LOST BOSTON is a visual feast, a stunning presentation of a city's physical development, and an eloquent appeal for the preservation of what makes the city special. Bringing history to life with more than 350 photographs and prints, Jane Holtz Kay traces Boston's evolution brick by brick and block by block, creating what THE WASHINGTON POST hailed as "an elegant architectural history, excellently illustrated."

From Library Journal Kay's 1980 volume is a history of the great city through its architecture, which is being lost to time. This edition has been updated to include Boston's massive undertaking of the construction of an underground roadway as well as efforts made by many to preserve its historic edifices before the city's face is altered permanently. The text is buttressed with 350 monochrome images from ancient to modern. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Earns a place on the short shelf of indispensable books about the architecture and physical form of Boston." Boston Globe