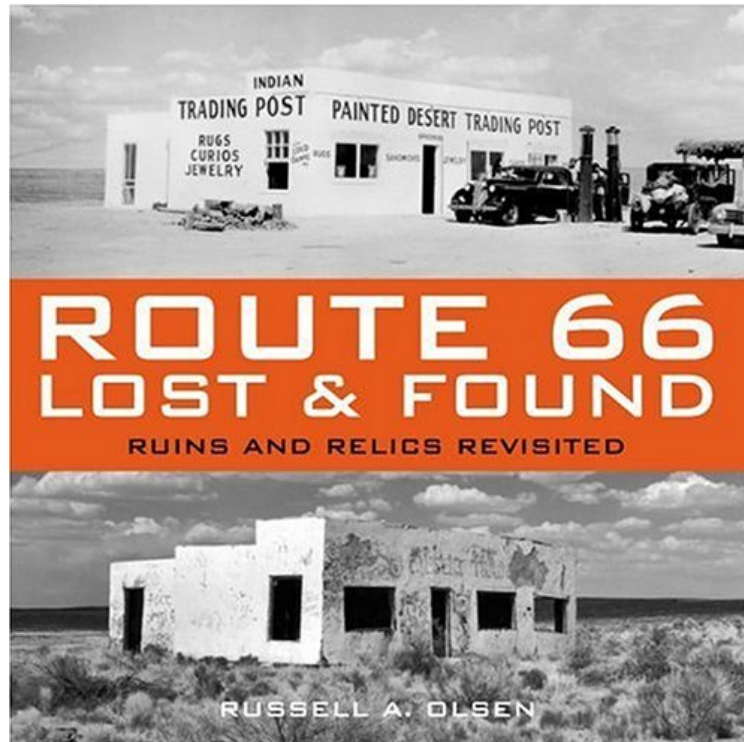


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Lots of MemoriesBy Page Turner, IIII love this volume and number two. As a child in the fifties whose father was an Air Force officer, I remember the thrills and excitement I had whenever my father would be posted to a new base. My sister and I would be in the back seat and we always drew an imaginary line on the seat which delineated our respective domains.We would love the nighttimes because when we drove through the towns, there were all these brightly lit signs for drive-in movies. We would usually stop for gasoline and have lunch in some greasy spoon. It seemed like each restaurant booth had a box on the wall that would beckon one to play five songs for a quarter from the jukebox.As an Army officer myself in the 60's and 70's, I traveled Route 66 with my own family. The thrill was still there up until the 70's when it became more expedient to use the interstates.These aforementioned books continue to bring back very fond memories.It is readily discernable that the author spent numerous hours researching his information for each of his photos. Where possible, it appears that he shot the modern versions of the subjects from the same angle as that shown in the archival photos.I hope there will be a volume III and volume IV.11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Route 66 - Lost and FoundBy J. RobyThis book is the definitive work comparing the old with the new along the Mother Road. It is an archive of things long past, and a vision of the future if this great ribbon of American history is not preserved. Many of the buildings have passed into oblivion, many more are sadly deteriorated from their prime during the golden days of Route 66. It is

wonderful the way the author has found old photos depicting these structures during their glory days, and then carefully recreated a similar shot to show what is left today. MUST reading for any Route 66 fan, great memories for those of us that have actually traveled this near-forgotten artery that once served as transportation from Chicago to Los Angeles past the establishments that made this country great. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great for the price. By zztop Great for the price. Tried to follow sections of rt 66 with this book more difficult than I expected, due to the names/route numbers of the road changing.

Route 66: Lost and Found conveys the spirit and the times, not quite like any other book. Arizona Daily Sun For several decades, Route 66 was the nation's main east-west thoroughfare, pointing Middle America toward all the promise California seemed to hold at various times, whether permanent refuge from the Dust Bowl or a temporary escape from the drudgery of everyday suburban life in prosperous postwar America. As such, America's Main Street once teemed with activity . . . bustling centers of commerce that evaporated into the vast American landscape like the jet contrails overhead and the heat rising from the Interstate asphalt. This engaging look at the "Mother Road" takes 75 locations along its 2,297 mile route from Chicago to Santa Monica and shows them first during their halcyon heydays through black-and-white photographs and period postcards, then on the facing page as they appear today, from the exact same angle and also through vivid black-and-white photographs.

From Publishers Weekly For half a century, Route 66 was the main thoroughfare from Chicago to Los Angeles. Built largely from portions of old wagon trails, the 2-lane highway zigzagged through eight states: south from Illinois and slicing southwest through Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and finally, into California. Going town by town, Olsen revisits the mid-century road side cafes, motels and service stations that thrived along the old route, juxtaposing his own photographs with vintage postcards or archival photos of each building in its heyday. The result is an illustrated catalogue of 75 buildings in various states of renovation, expansion, desolation and decay. For example, the Painted Desert Trading Post in Navajo, Ariz., pictured with busy motorists filling up on gas in 1942, is today windowless and surrounded by sagebrush, its painted stucco exterior scoured by decades of desert sand and wind. Meanwhile, the Riviera tavern in Gardner, Ill., still sits open, its white clapboard exterior and Schlitz beer sign remarkably unchanged. Olsen intertwines the highway's history with the personal stories of the owners and patrons who recall vividly when the new 4-lane interstate system put the old road on the path to obsolescence. But before its decline, it served as "The Mother Road" for those fleeing the Dust Bowl, a main artery for WWII military transport and arms production and later, a sunny vacation route for hordes of post-war tourists. For those unable to get their kicks in person, this virtual road trip preserves the memory and adventure of Route 66. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Russell Olsen began exploring and photographing Route 66 in 1995. On his first trip down the Mother Road he unexpectedly shot 27 rolls of film. Annual trips followed and in 1998 Olsen set out on his "Lost Found" project, collecting vintage postcards, photographing Route 66, and publishing the first volume of Route 66 Lost Found in 2004, and the second volume in 2006. Born and raised in South Chicago, Olsen today lives in North Hollywood, California. His work can be viewed at www.route66lostandfound.com.