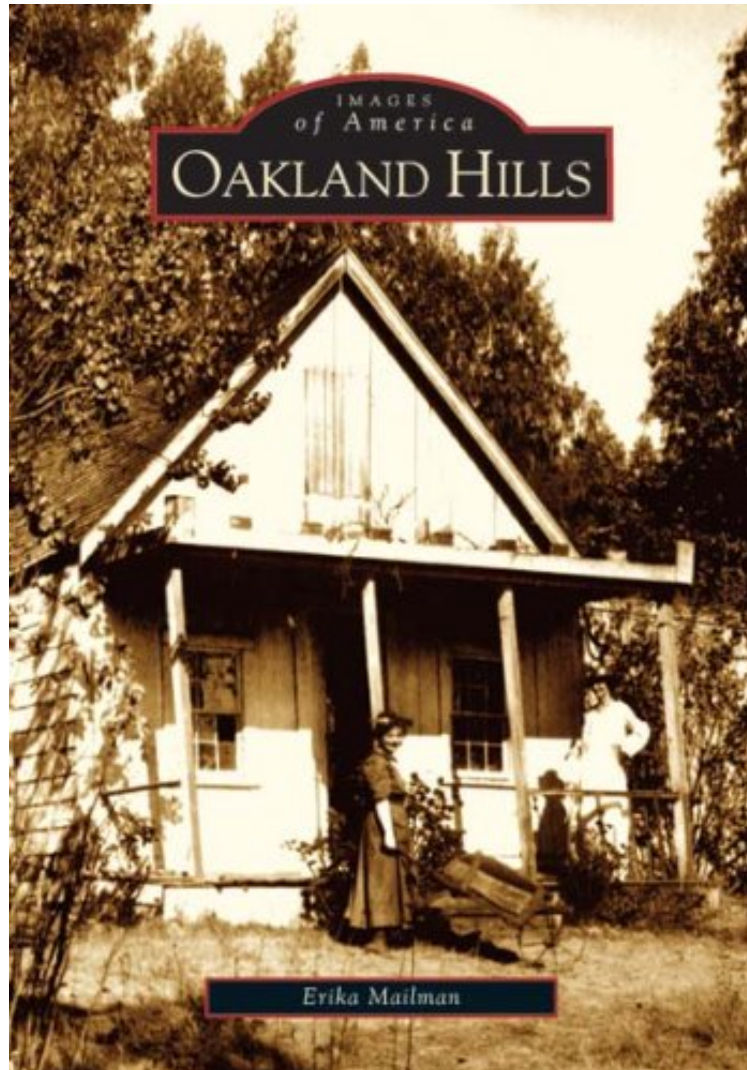


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Erika Mailman : Oakland Hills (CA) (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Oakland Hills (CA) (Images of America):

0 of 3 people found the following review helpful. One StarBy david brownThere was nothing of the town growth of Oakland California9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Good not greatBy Andrew B. HopperI grew up in Oakland. It was a different time then. Slower pace, less crowded, more personal freedom. I went to the Cleveland Street grammar school, and to Oakland High. I rode my bicycle everywhere. I had a paper route in the Lakeshore Avenue district where I knew all the merchants by name. I rode the trolley along Park Blvd and the train to San Francisco. We went to the Grand Lake and Park Theaters. We had sodas at Guys Drug Store. We went Christmas

shopping at Capwell's and Kahn's in downtown Oakland, delighting in the beautiful window decorations in the stores. We took the ferry to San Rafael and the old San Mateo Bridge to the Peninsula and on to the beach. So, recognizing the focus on the Hills, I was hoping we'd see more of Oakland in the 40s and 50s in this book. More of what contemporary life was like in those days. This book, instead, focuses on Oakland's early developmental stages, the real estate boom era. Having walked and ridden many, many of the streets and neighborhoods in the book, it brought back most pleasant memories. Hanging out at Forest Pool and Lake Temescal in the summer, for example. Joy-riding along MacArthur Blvd and the Montclair Freeway (now the Warren Freeway). We get a glimpse, a taste of what life was like there, but not a totally satisfying experience. Recommended to anyone who experienced those earlier times. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Great book on the history of the Oakland hills. By Singaporean Sam Erika Mailman is a young lady who really knows her Oakland history. She has a regular column in the local newspaper (the Montclarion) where she shares insight of the area's rich history. In this book, she compiles old photographs from the Oakland Library History Room and creates a nice historic album of the Oakland Hills area (Montclair, Trestle Glen, Rockridge, and other areas of Oakland). Although most of the pictures are from the library, she adds valuable and insightful narrative that makes this an informative and interesting book. It is truly amazing how much things have changed in these areas of Oakland in just the past 100 years. This book is a must-own if you live in the Oakland area.

The native Huchiun people once traversed the lush greenery of the Oakland hills, glimpsing breathtaking vistas as they followed the creeks down to the bay. In 1829, their territory became part of the huge land grant awarded to Mexican soldier Luis Maria Peralta, who in turn lost control of the hills as settlers arrived to harvest the virgin redwood. Although at one time a rustic haven for poet Joaquin Miller, who set up camp where a park now bears his name, the hills proved irresistible to developers. After transit lines reached the hills, promoters held picnics at the end of the line to entice people to buy land. Meadows and windswept hills turned to orchards and, soon after, to lovely neighborhoods. With the scars of the disastrous 1991 firestorm fading, the Oakland hills retain a bucolic beauty, a majestic backdrop for the city of Oakland.

About the Author Author Erika Mailman is an English instructor, Oakland history columnist for the Montclarion newspaper, and newsletter editor for the Oakland Heritage Alliance. She drew largely from the magnificent archives of the Oakland History Room at the Oakland Public Library, adding gems from local family collections to complete this entertaining journey through time.