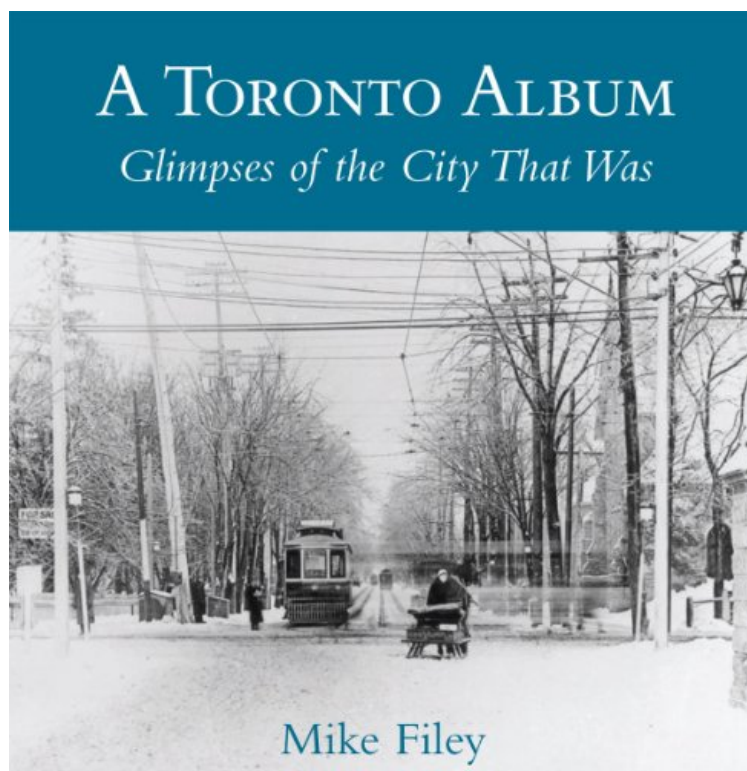


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ... years and I read it for many years (I like learning about the history of Toronto)By Teena in TorontoMike Filey had a column in the Toronto Sun for about 30 years and I read it for many years (I like learning about the history of Toronto). I've read all his books where he compiles some of his columns. In this book, Filey includes photographs with a description of what the picture is and what was going on at the time.He starts by showing pictures of downtown Toronto (King/Yonge) about 1860 with dirt roads with most buildings no longer around. He covers transportation, the growth of the city, Toronto Island, ships/boats, delivery trucks and more.I thought the Police Commissioners' by-laws from the late 1880s re horse traffic were funny:* No owner of any licensed cab shall drive about the streets during the day-time any notorious bad characters, or women of ill-fame.* No driver of a cab shall appear on a stand or place for hire on Sunday. No person licensed under this by-law shall abuse or ill-treat, or permit to be so, any horse or horses used by him.* All licensed cabs shall drive at the rate of six miles per hour at the least. No person shall gallop.* Owners and occupants of livery stables shall not wash their horses in the streets and shall no permit more than two cartloads of manure to accumulate or remain at any one time between the first day of May and the first day of November.Even though it was originally published in 1972 and reprinted in 2001, it was an interesting book because the pictures of older Toronto were great. If you live in Toronto or are from Toronto, you should check it out.Blog review post: <http://www.teenaintoronto.com/2015/01/book-toronto-album-glimpses-of-city.html>

This classic look at old Toronto portrays scenes of public life from 1860 to 1950, illustrating how dramatically the urban fabric and environment have changed.

Great collection of early photos and Filey's delightful text. (Toronto Sun)hellip;to peruse this book is to fight the urge to pull out Michael Ondaatje's *In the Skin of A Lion* and explore again the city's mythic past. (Toronto Star)Carefully edited black and white photos show street scenes that are oddly familiar even to the the visitor. It makes the reader a traveller of a different kind: a traveller in time. (Where Magazine, January 2002)About the AuthorMike Filey, popular Toronto historian, is a member of the Ontario Heritage Foundation and past member of the Toronto Historical Board. In addition to "The Way We Were," Mike's regular column in the Toronto Sunday Sun, he is the author of many books on Toronto, including *The TTC Story*, *Discover and Explore Toronto's Waterfront*, *I Remember Sunnyside*, and the *Toronto Sketches* series.