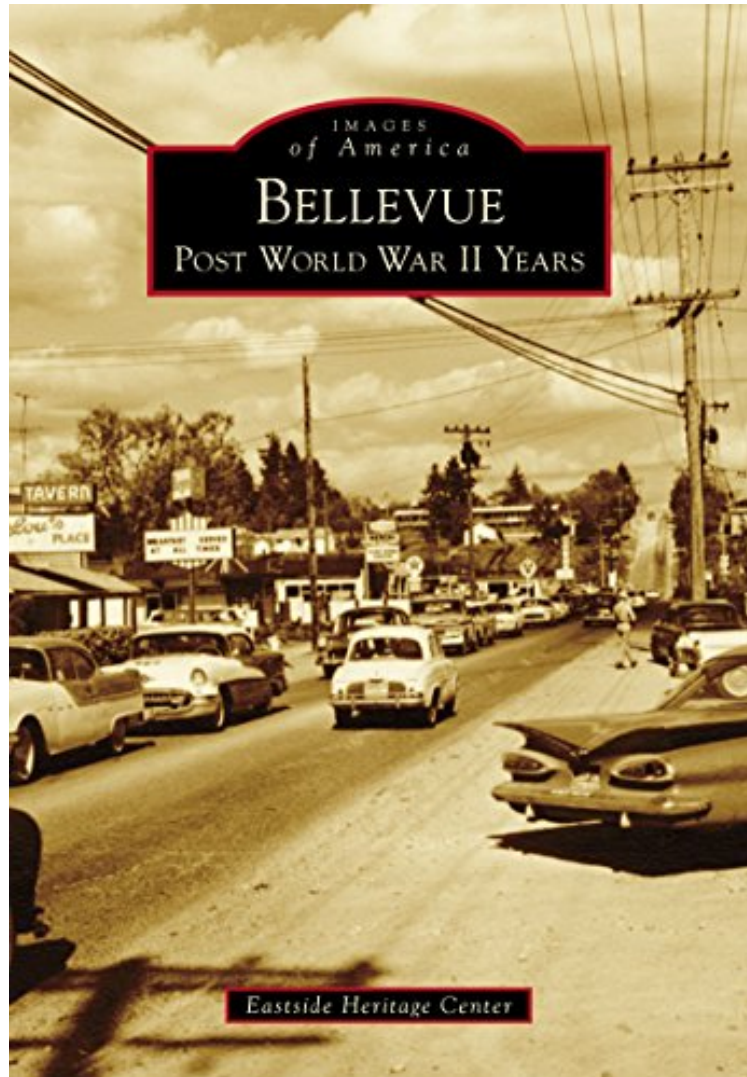


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enjoyed reading the book and find the history and the descriptions of Bellevue to be very accurate in this book. Bellevue residents have the pleasure of enjoying beautiful trees and beautiful water scenes while having a commute that is quick to Seattle and the nearby suburbs as the book describes. Here are some of the interesting facts that this book mentions: The Lake Hills development got under way in the 1950s although it did not annex to Bellevue until the 1960's. Before Interstate 5 was built, North and South commutes were difficult and Bellevue offered a fast way into Seattle. That built up the city of Bellevue. The current Barnes Noble location on 106th in Bellevue was The Bellevue Lanes bowling alley in the past. Arthur's Bakery opened in 1956 and closed in 1994. The Kandy Kane Soda Fountain opened in 1965 and closed in 1973. There are pictures in the book of Al Johnson's Overplace Food Store and Lakeside Supermarket of the past. There was mention in the book of Peter Kirk's dream of creating the Pittsburg of the West which resulted in Kirkland. This book is an interesting and informative enjoyable book to read.

Bellevue has grown, in just a few generations, from a small farming town into an important urban center and economic hub, with the foundations for this success being laid in the two decades following World War II. The opening of the Mercer Island floating bridge, in 1940, promoted the settlement of the lands to the east of Lake Washington during the population and housing boom of the 1950s and 1960s, and Bellevue became the primary commercial center for these vibrant new communities. Families flocked to the shiny subdivisions, with new schools, shopping centers, churches, and parks springing up right behind. But it was strong political, business, and civic leadership that kept Bellevue from being just another sprawling suburb. As business began to push outward from Seattle, Bellevue was able to grow gracefully and preserve its sense of place. It remains a wonderful community for families from around the globe and a place that longtime residents are reluctant to leave.

About the Author Eastside Heritage Center is committed to preserving the past, building community, and connecting people with their heritage. Within these pages are photographs and documents from Eastside Heritage Center's extensive collection illustrating Bellevue's mid-century history as an all-American suburb.