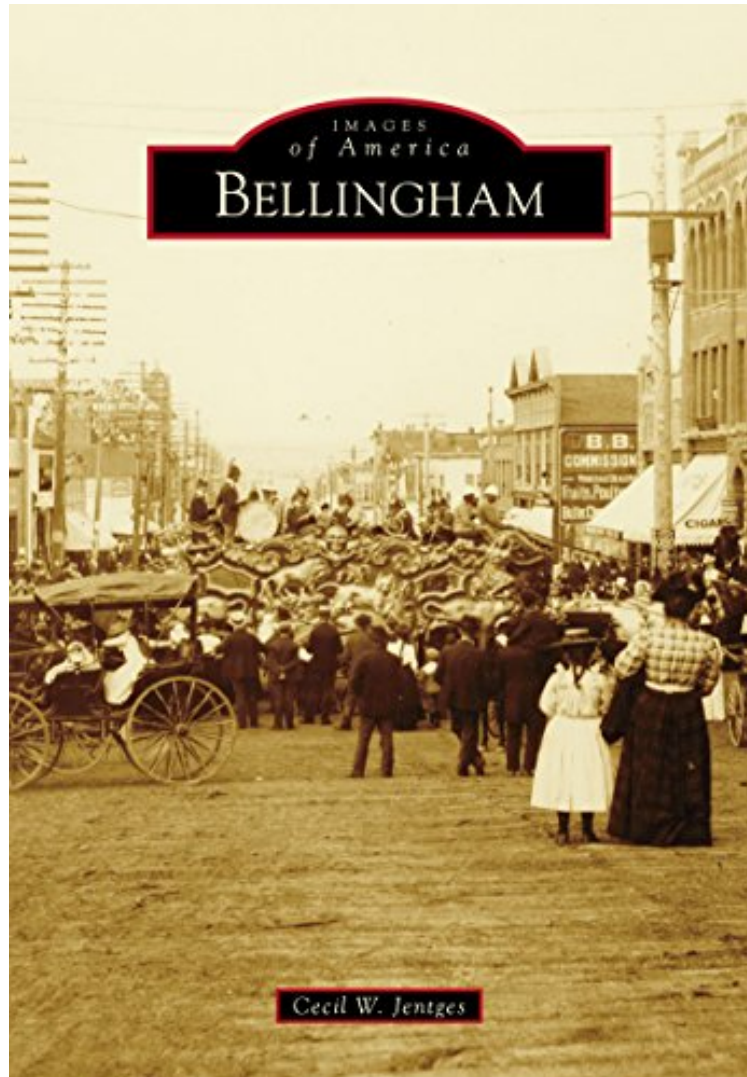


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**Cecil W. Jentges : Bellingham (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bellingham (Images of America):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. images of Bellingham By Mona I did love the photographs. Some were new to me. But then... Where to start. What a disappointment to find so many mistakes. (i.e. no matter what, you can not get to the ocean from Fairhaven. It's still the bay. Gary Ridway didn't work in Bellingham. That was, I believe, Kent.) So much was omitted (where various pictures were taken, for instance, and what's there now) from our rich history. The other thing I noticed. There is way too much Fairhaven in a book on Bellingham. It is all Bellingham. In view of the two towns, when there were two towns, it would have been nice to have a section for each. Rather than all jumbled together. I found other mistakes, which without hauling the book out and going through it all again, I can't

list. Just makes me wonder which facts are real. If I didn't know my history, I would have believed that all was accurate. It is not. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Could've been much better researched much more comprehensive, but generally entertaining (Although Galen Biery this guy ain't) By Dave from the States The review by Mona pretty much nailed it, although I am being generous giving the book four stars... because I do like it as far as it goes. But I would have loved it if not for the many errors, omissions (e.g. Cement Plant pier, Bellingham Airport history) lack of directional/landmark perspective for all too many of the photos, many of which make me believe that Jentges has not lived in Bellingham for all that long- or was at very least a transplant. A few examples: (1) Pages 52/53-> The author tells us the name changed from WWCE to WWU, which is just plain WRONG. He somehow had no clue about the years WWU was Western Washington State College (between WWCE WWU) (2) Page 102-> Image taken from Railroad looking east down State toward Holy?!? State RR are parallel, with Holly a perpendicular to them, so it would be mighty difficult to take a shot as described. Plus the directions themselves are questionable. (3) Page 114-> Not a word about Swan's Moving and Storage, which was in the building for years. This is another item which tells me the author is not a long-time Bellingham resident? (4) Page 119-> Is Wardner Castle not also (more commonly) known locally as Hilltop House? Bottom line: Don't expect too much, and the book should be pretty entertaining, but it could have been so much more- and double check any facts in it! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An enjoyable read, disappointing condition. By Customer The books content itself is lovely, I took one star off because of the condition. This was purchased as a gift and both the top and bottom corners were bent.

Bellingham is known as the city of subdued excitement, but it was not always this way. From its discovery by a British naval captain to its coal, lumber, and fish industries and to its riots and social movements, Bellingham has had quite a rich and sometimes controversial past. Starting out as four separate towns, it took the leadership of a few and the work of many to bring a community together and create one of Washington's secret masterpieces.

About the Author Cecil W. Jentges was born in the Portland, Oregon, area and traveled before finding and falling in love with Bellingham in 2004. Since then, Cecil has enjoyed rock climbing, kayaking, and many of the other pastimes that make Bellingham so unique. Cecil is also involved in the community as a business owner and as the president of the Historical Fairhaven Association (HFA), an organization dedicated to preserving its district and providing festivities to Bellingham as a whole.