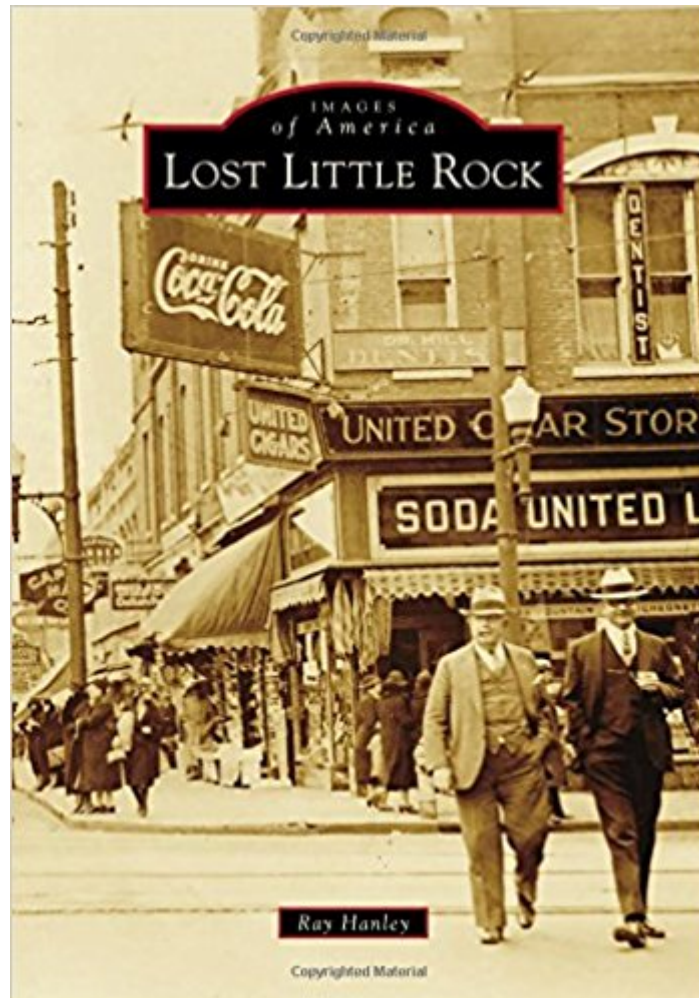




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# Lost Little Rock (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

Little Rock is a sprawling city of about 200,000 at the center of a metropolitan area of more than 500,000 people, with many residing in bedroom communities in adjoining counties.

Arkansas's capital city is much like the rest of Middle America with its outlying suburbs, gated communities, and shopping centers miles from the historic core. A century ago, however, Little Rock was markedly different and served a population of fewer than 50,000. The majority of citizens lived within blocks of the town center and did business downtown along rows of shops that, in many cases, dated to the late 1800s. *Images of America: Lost Little Rock* uses vintage photographs to reflect upon earlier times and the rich retail landscape that once filled the town. By exploring the legacies of buildings that have since been demolished, repurposed, or destroyed by fire, these images provide a sense of Little Rock's lesser-known heritage.

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## Customer Reviews

Ray Hanley, a lifelong Arkansan and resident of Little Rock since finishing college in 1973, is passionate about the history of his state. He has authored some 18 books on all aspects of Arkansas history, including 12 Arcadia titles.

Do NOT buy it for accuracy. Buy it for the photos of old Little Rock before downtown became a GIGANTIC parking arena. Errors and confusion in the text unnecessarily keep this from being the book it should have been. If you want to read it as a story based on partial fact it is that. However,

having lived there, the outright errors and confusion make it unreliable to quote as historical fact. Someone else should have proofread for accuracy before publication...or left it solely as a photograph album.

Tons of great photos of places I'm familiar with, but mostly from stories my Mom told me. Neat to day dream about what it was like for her and my grandparents growing up in Little Rock.

I have really enjoyed this book, it's brought back a lot of memories. I'm thinking of getting a couple more for gifts.

I found this book at the library and decided to purchase a copy for myself and another copy as a gift. I've lived in central Arkansas my entire life and have wonderful memories of Little Rock in the 60's and early 70's. The pictures are wonderful, and I'll never again have to try to remember which was at 4th & Main and which was at 5th & Main -- Woolworth's or Walgreen's. I did note two minor errors. Worthen Bank was on the southeast corner of 4th & Main, not the northeast corner as stated on page 24. Also, Woolworth's was on the southwest corner of that same intersection, not the northwest corner as stated on page 29. I should know because I spent a LOT of time waiting on a bus at 4th & Main. I grew up in North Little Rock. When I was a child -- 12 - 15 years old -- my mother would give me \$1 on Saturday. I could ride the bus to Little Rock, buy a ticket to a movie, buy popcorn & a Coke, and catch the bus back home. I can still hear my mother say, "Jane Ellen, don't you forget that the last bus leaves 4th & Main at 8:45 and you'd better be on it!" A 12 year old girl standing on a street corner in Little Rock waiting on a bus at 8:45 at night today would be unheard of. I didn't see any mention of the Arkansas Theater on Louisiana. That place was incredible! The Center Theater was more modern, but the Arkansas was beautiful. I also saw movies at the Capitol Theater and the Heights. This is a really nice book and brought back lots of memories!

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