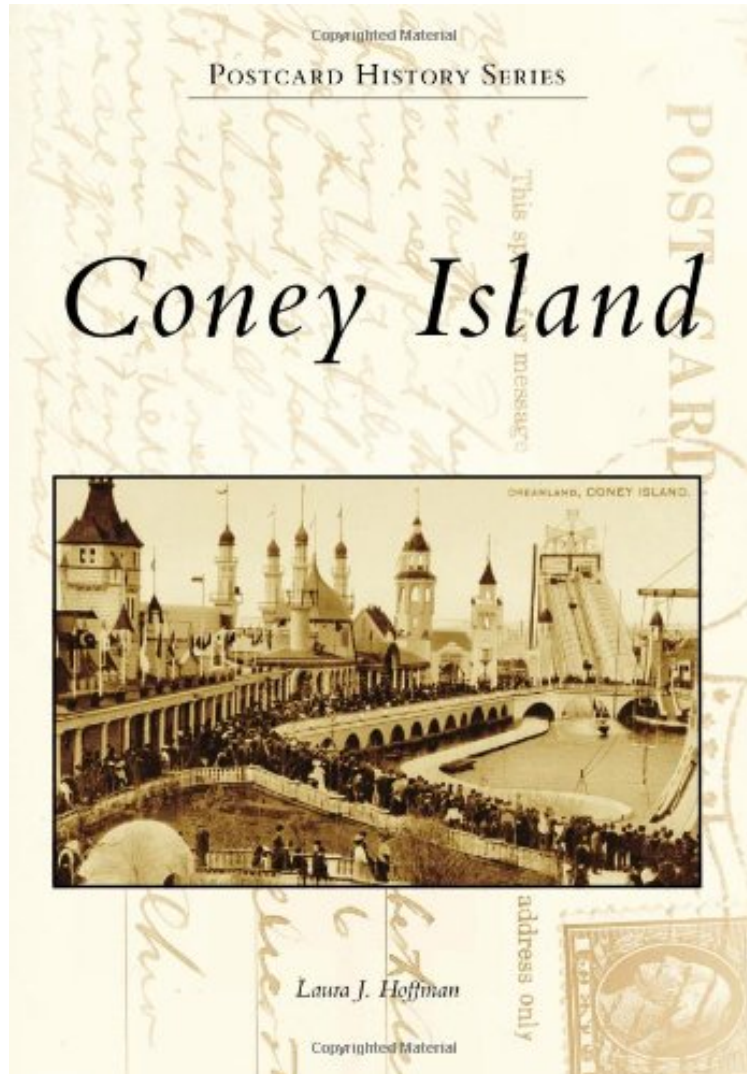


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Coney Island is famous for so much more than just hot dogs and wild rides. At the turn of the 20th century, it was known as the Playground of the World. In the beginning, this upscale resort area catered to the rich. Between 1897 and 1904, three lavish amusement parks opened in Coney Island. By 1920, the subway extended to Stillwell Avenue, which made Coney Island more accessible for everyone. The abundant history is remarkable, and its peaks and valleys closely resemble one of its most famous icons, the roller coaster. Coney Island hit its apex between 1910 and 1930. Afterwards, it suffered through the Great Depression, went into major decline after World War II, and hit bottom in the 1970s and 1980s. In recent years, there has been a profound revitalization effort to bring the area back to its glory days. Despite the major setback caused by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, the spirit of Coney Island is alive and well.

About the Author Laura J. Hoffman grew up in northern New Jersey and is an avid collector of Coney Island memorabilia. She shares her extensive collection of Coney Island postcards to chronicle the storied past of this truly classic American vacation destination.