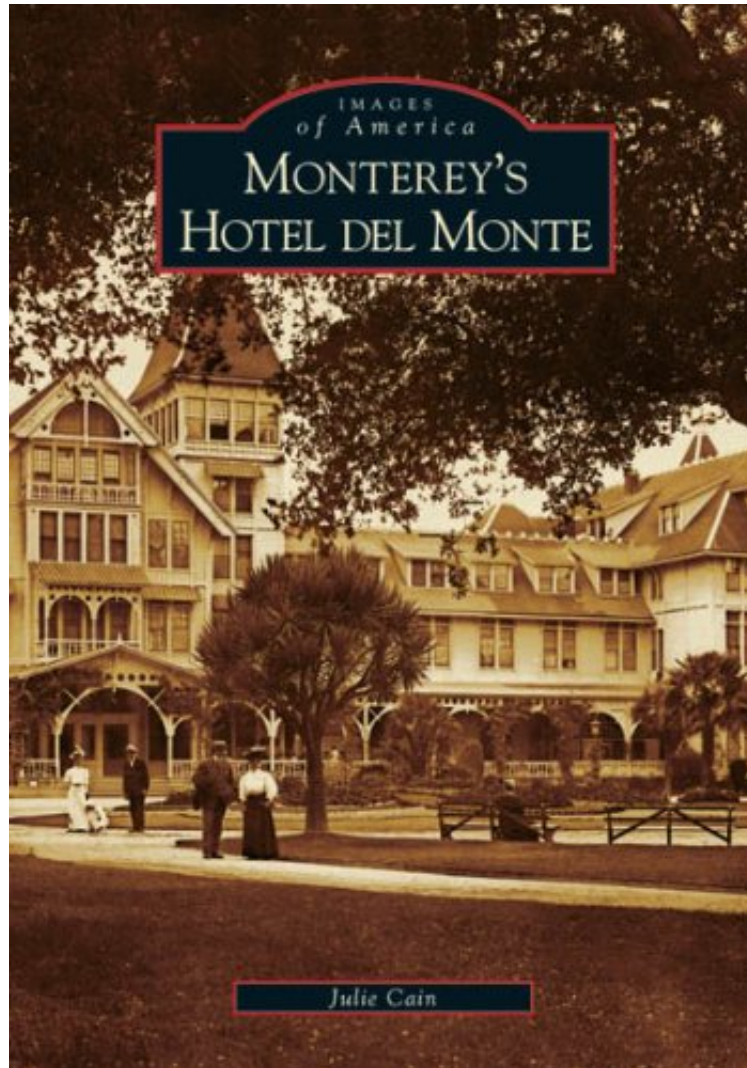


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**Julie Cain : Monterey's Hotel del Monte (CA) (Images of America)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Monterey's Hotel del Monte (CA) (Images of America):

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or for general information. Will become part of my guests' library. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. True to its title  
By Adrienne J. Arden  
Ms. Cain's book delivered what I wanted, which was to see images of both the architectural and horticultural beauty of the three hotels that stood on that site in Monterey. I also found the writing engaging, informative and succinct. I am somewhat surprised by the reviewer who was disturbed by the mention of celebrity film actors who frequented the Hotel Del Monte. Whether any of us likes it or not, these icons of the film industry are woven into the tapestry of American life and, therefore, are part of our history. Since the patronage of film actors was hardly the focus of the book, I found Ms. Cain's inclusion of a few photographs of early screen actors an honest representation of the variety of clientele one might expect to see at the hotel. I recommend this book to those who would like to see wonderful images of the Hotel Del Monte that are not just the common postcard photos. Of particular interest to this garden lover, are the pictures and descriptions of the meticulously and laboriously planted garden areas that must have been quite a visual treat to the hotel's visitors.

Californias Big Four railroad tycoons built the Hotel del Monte to be the most elegant seaside resort in the world. Although it boasted 126 landscaped acres when it was constructed in 1880, pampered guests, including presidents and kings, stars and magnates, needed a larger playground. Owners added the 7,000-acre Del Monte Forest and 17-Mile Drive, planned to optimize picturesque spots along the Monterey coast, like Cypress Point and Pebble Beach. Burned to the ground in 1887 and 1924, the Del Monte became more luxurious with each incarnation, at one time incorporating a glass-roofed swimming pavilion, racetrack, lake, tennis courts, and Del Monte Golf Course, now the oldest continuously operating golf course in the West. The third hotel became the Naval Postgraduate School in 1952.

About the Author  
Author Julie Cain, operations manager of Stanford University's Engineering Library, discovered the landmark hotel through her fascination with its famous Arizona Garden. Now a recognized authority, she draws from her own collection as well as the impressive archives of the City of Monterey, Stanford University, and Pat Hathaway to lead readers on a visual journey through the history of one of the most sumptuous hotels of all times, in its heyday, a city unto itself.