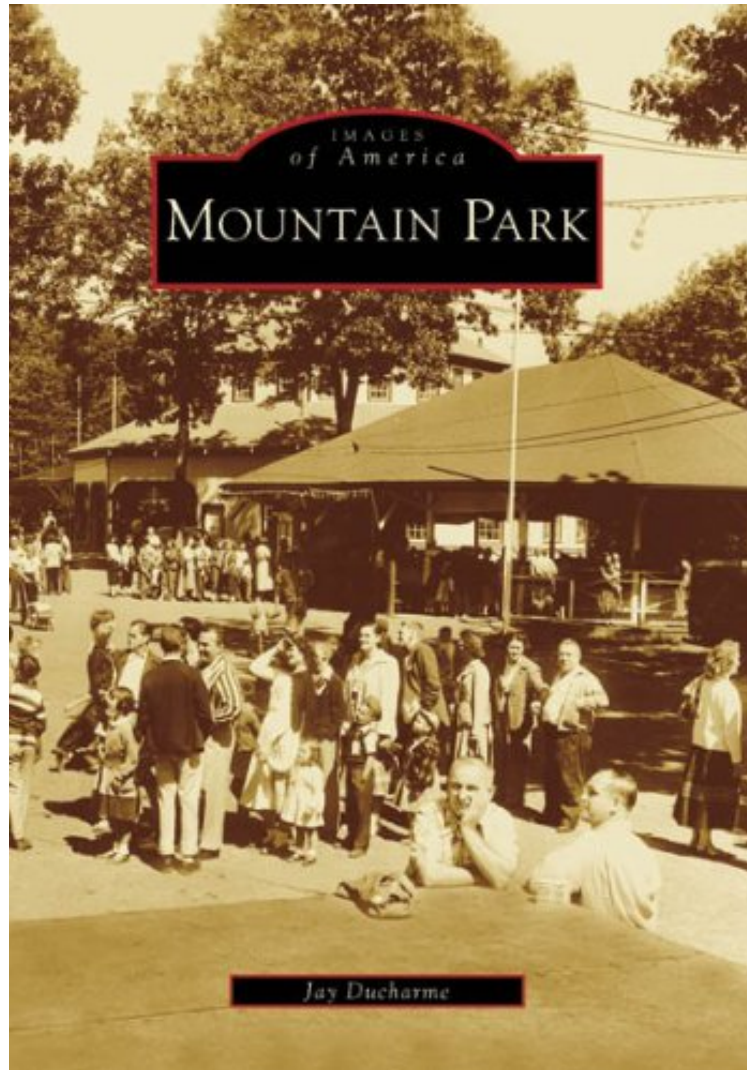


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Jay Ducharme : Mountain Park (Images of America: Massachusetts) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mountain Park (Images of America: Massachusetts):

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another book, with updated pics and stories. I am glad I bought the book, and will keep it in my collection. One big concern: as I was reading the book, the pages towards the back began falling out! of course has excellent customer service and is sending me another copy as I write this, no complaint there, but I wish it could have been available in a hard cover addition. Hope this review helps. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great book By Harold Huwe This book briefly covers the entire life of the park from beginning to end. You will love looking at all the pictures of the parks past. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Century of Amusement Park History By K. Williams Jay Ducharme was the right person for this book. His love for the park at which he worked shows clearly in the text and in the selection of photos from his large collection. I came to the area too late to see the park in operation. For that matter, I came to the area too late to even see fairly coherent ruins of the park, though I was fortunate enough to see it in its final stage before being completely cleared out forever (yes, just that fortunate). It's worth it, if you can, to supplement the book with a trip to the carousel, lovingly restored and housed in a permanent shelter by the Holyoke Children's Museum. There you can purchase a CD of tunes played on the carousel's band organ. If you're online, look for his web page, which includes other photos, color and black white, and (if they're still there) audio tracks from one or two of the former attractions from the later years of this long-lasting venue. A superior entry in the Images of America series.

Following its opening in 1894 as a picturesque retreat on the side of Mount Tom, Mountain Park expanded and evolved into one of the most beloved amusement parks in New England. At the beginning of the 20th century, Holyoke was the most prosperous community in the state and the first planned industrial city in the United States. The city's progress drew crowds of visitors to Mountain Park, and the park gradually developed into a bustling destination. Although the park closed its gates in 1987, the echoes of laughter from generations of visitors still reverberate throughout the Pioneer Valley.

About the Author Jay Ducharme worked at Mountain Park for over a decade, just as his father before him, and has spent much of his life preserving and sharing the history of the park. He is a member of the board of directors for the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, the only part of Mountain Park that has remained in the city. The rarely seen images in this book have been gathered from the collections of the Holyoke Public Library, Wistariahurst Museum, local newspapers, and residents.