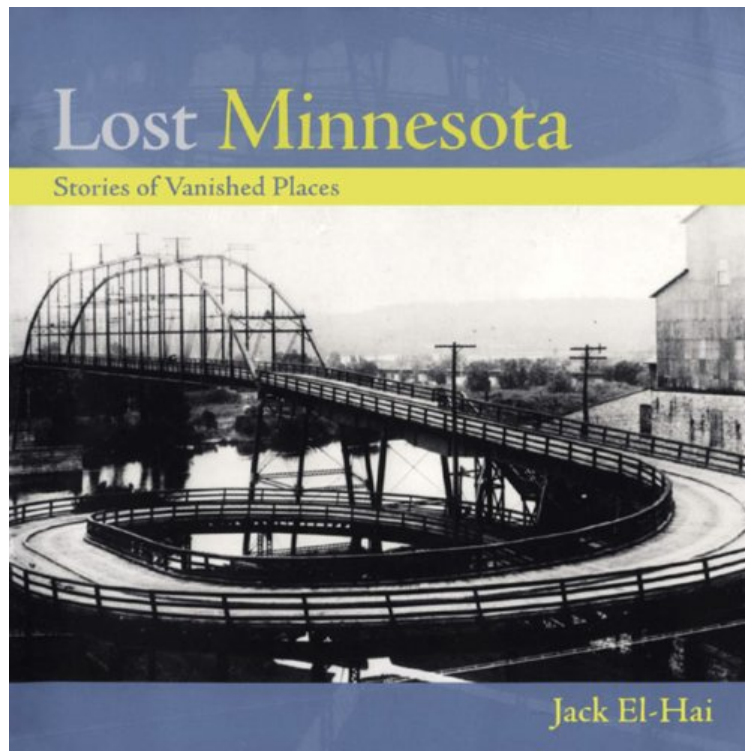


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Jack El-Hai : Lost Minnesota: Stories of Vanished Places before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Lost Minnesota: Stories of Vanished Places*:

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Believe it or not, Minnesotarsquo;s architectural landscape has included a house made from the fuselage of a B-29 bomber, a hotel that spent its final years as a chicken hatchery, a Civil War cemetery, a treehouse built and occupied year-round by an eccentric university professor, and a railway that once carried passengers up Duluthrsquo;s steep

incline from Lake Superior. They are all gone now, along with countless houses, parks, bridges, theaters, sports stadiums, courthouses, and farm buildings in which Minnesotans have worked, played, and lived their lives. Though other books have looked at the lost architecture of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Jack El-Hai's *Lost Minnesota* is the first book to tell the stories of buildings and landmarks from rural and small-town Minnesota, as well as those of the residential and suburban areas of the state's largest cities. From Rochester's Hotel Zumbro and the Charles H. Mayo House to the Hastings Spiral Bridge and the Lyceum Theater of Duluth, El-Hai rediscovers a lost landscape and the values and lifestyle of a bygone era. He tours not only Twin Cities buildings, such as the Fair Oaks mansion, the Wilder Baths, and the Bayer Brewery, but also its sites, such as the Wonderland amusement park, in order to re-create not only where but how Minnesotans lived. *Lost Minnesota* presents eighty-nine beautifully illustrated stories about these fascinating places and those who built them, lived in them, and tore them down. This is a book sure to delight the Minnesota history enthusiast and anyone who is curious about the state's changing urban, small-town, and rural landscapes.

The beautifully illustrated book is the first book to tour Minnesota's forgotten landmarks. El-Hai recreates the landscapes of bygone eras. -- *Architecture Minnesota*