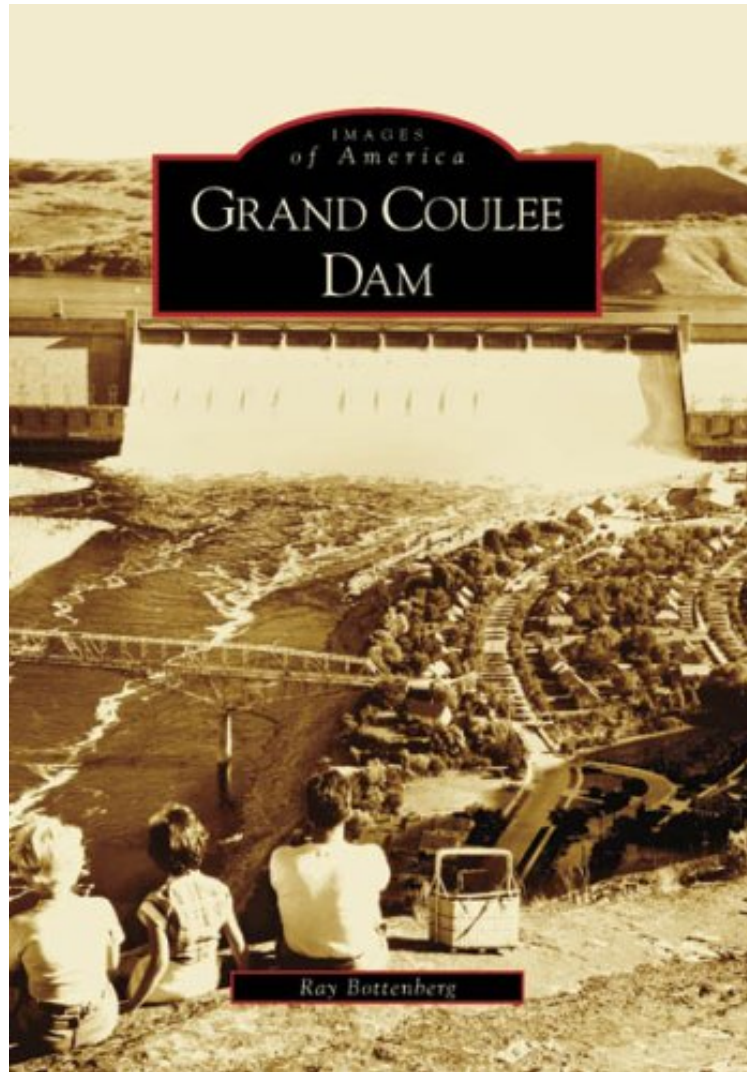


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Ray Bottenberg : Grand Coulee Dam (Images of America: Washington) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Grand Coulee Dam (Images of America: Washington):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A book which expanded my knowledge about the construction of Grand Coulee DamBy Vincent WaltonMy nickname is Buzzy and I lived in Grand Coulee Dam from 1949 to 1956. My parents Elsie a secretary Norman Walton a mechanical engineer both worked at the Administration building, which is now city hall. We lived in the second house to the right of the park on Columbia at that time. The first house and ours is now one large home covering two lots to the right of the park.I know Mike Murphy, one of the other commenters for this book. It's been a long time since I have seen him and it was nice to see his comment!Over the last

20 years, I have collected books, gov. manuals, gov. request for proposals, photo postcards, gov. photos, newspaper photos of Grand Coulee Dam construction. I have the hard bound "gov. request for proposal of all building in Engineers Town which includes all drawings and specs including the school! Bottenberg's book contains many photos that I have not seen before. So, it will be very interesting reading to say the least. I have fond memories of living in Grand Coulee as a child up to age 7. My wife and children visited the town in 1995 and it is just as peaceful as I remember it. I feel fortunate to have known many families in our neighborhood and really did not want to move away as a child. My dad got a job at Tacoma City light and we moved to Fircrest Tacoma in 1956. People should want to visit the dam after reading this book to fully appreciate the magnitude of the accomplishment started in 1932, about the same time as Hoover dam construction began construction. Vince Walton, vmw302@yahoo.com I highly recommend the book. Vincent Walton (Buzzy) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By kfrankk Historical photos tell some of the key milestones in the construction of Grand Coulee Dam 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Customer Excellent history read! A few maps and illustrations would have been very helpful.

Washington's Grand Coulee is an ice-age channel that carried the Columbia River when ice dammed its main course. Grand Coulee was long recognized as an ideal place to store Columbia River water to irrigate the arid but fertile Columbia Basin. A dam was proposed as early as 1903, but opposition by Spokane private power interests and the cost of the dam delayed design and construction until the administration of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Roosevelt, a public power advocate, used the Grand Coulee Dam project to help put the unemployed to work. The result was the world's largest man-made structure, and also the world's largest power plant, costing more than \$163 million and the lives of at least 72 workers. The dam powered production of aluminum, atomic weapons, shipbuilding, and much more, contributing mightily to America's victory in World War II. Postwar developments provided irrigation for 700,000 acres of farmland.

About the Author Author Ray Bottenberg is a registered professional engineer and a student of Pacific Northwest history. In this volume, he tells the story of Washington's Grand Coulee Dam through photographs gathered from such sources as the National Archives, the Washington State Archives, dam worker Ray Hobson, and several private collections, including his own.