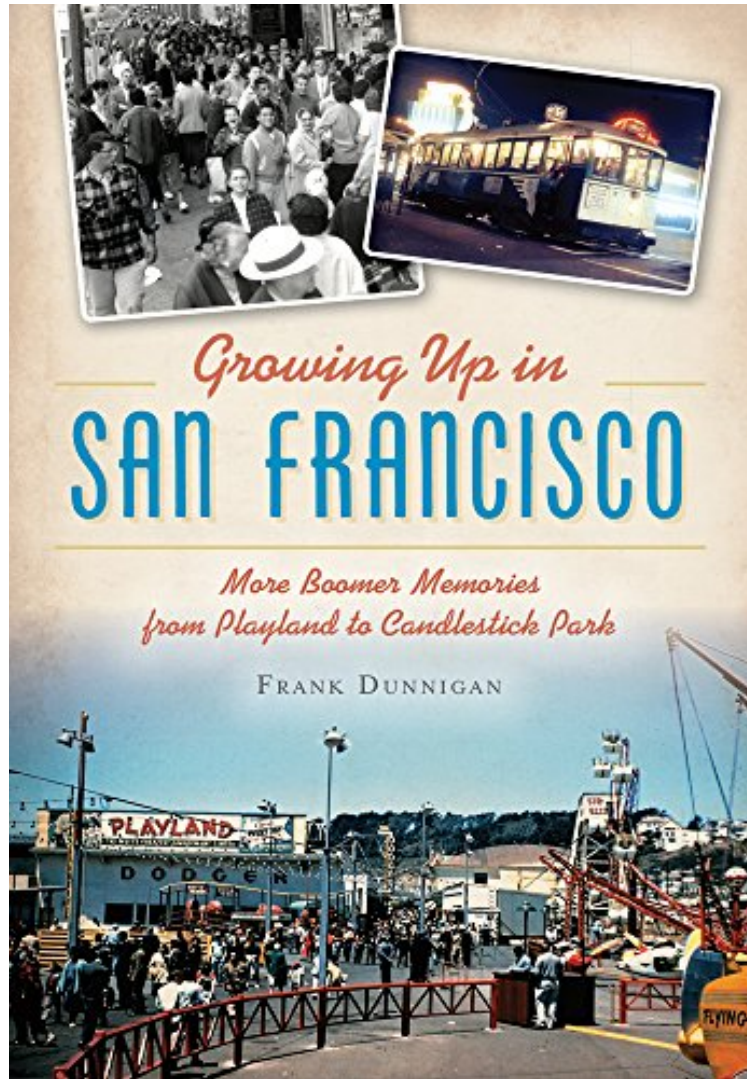


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Frank Dunnigan : Growing Up in San Francisco (American Chronicles) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Growing Up in San Francisco (American Chronicles):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Walk Down Memory LaneBy AvidReaderMr. Dunnigan's work is one of nostalgia more than a guide a tourist might use to explore San Francisco. And that is okay because those of us who grew up in San Francisco can look back at a much different city than it has become in recent years. It might even be best described as autobiographical rather than historical given the anecdotes scattered throughout.From the perspective of history, Mr. Dunnigan's discussion of the development of the western portion of San Francisco following the Earthquake and Fire of 1906 does provide insight any history buff would find interesting. But, for the

most part, "Growing Up In San Francisco" is just that - a book describing the experiences of one individual growing up in a city he obviously loves and laments the loss of many of the locations once an integral part of "The City". Of necessity, the balance of my review is less than objective. We lived less than 10 blocks from each other. We played, walked, and ran in the very same neighborhoods discussed in his book. And pretty much in the same time-frame though he is 7 years my junior. Mr. Dunnigan attended St. Cecilia's and S.I. (St. Ignats, to those of us who were Crusader Rabbit's); I, Star of the Sea and Archbishop Riordan High School. While I don't believe Frank and I ever actually met, I am confident our paths crossed at one time or another on Taraval Street since all of the shops, restaurants, and the matinees at Parkside Theater mentioned in his book are the very same ones I frequented growing up on 27th Avenue. His description of the "avenues" brought tears numerous times as I fondly recalled growing up in the 50's and early 60's in the Richmond and Parkside Districts as he recalled long-gone shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues. Herman's Deli on Geary Boulevard I walked past every day on my way to grammar school and we regularly shopped for luscious salads and meats. Larrabaru Bakery on 3rd Avenue at Geary Boulevard where I would ride my bike down the ramp to where the ovens were located to "beg" the bakers for a hot roll, right from the oven and dripping with butter. Park Bowl, Baghdad Bowl, Skateland at the Beach, the Hot House, and many more of the haunts we used to explore in an age when travel throughout "The City" on foot, bike, or MUNI was undertaken without fear as long as we were home in time for dinner. And who could forget watching the "submarine races" on the Marina Green, Great Highway, or at the Palace of Legion of Honor. It was the best of times! Mr. Dunnigan's mention of Gino's Restaurant (no longer in business) struck a particularly personal note for both my wife and myself given that it was owned and operated by her cousins for many years. While this is very much a book of limited interest to the vast majority, it is an interesting study in the demise of "The City" and rise of an entirely different one in its place in just a few decades. I highly recommend this book to those planners and developers who are far too eager to tear-down history and call it progress. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By ctowle those were the days - we were so lucky to be raised in SF!

Newcomers and visitors can still enjoy iconic San Francisco with activities like riding a cable car or taking in the view from Twin Peaks. But San Franciscans cherish memories of a place quite different. They reminisce about seafood dinners at A. Sabellas on Fishermans Wharf, the enormous Christmas tree in Union Squares City of Paris department store and taking a handful of dimes to Playland-at-the-Beach for arcade games and cotton candy. In his second volume of these unforgettable stories, local author and historian Frank Dunnigan vividly recalls the many details that made life special in the City by the Bay for generations.

About the Author Baby boomer Frank Dunnigan has family roots in San Francisco that can be traced all the way back to 1860. A graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep and the University of San Francisco, he spent more than twenty-five years as a bank auditor and a corporate trainer, and is now a recent retiree after a career with the federal government. He has authored two other books on San Francisco history for The History Press, and writes a monthly column, STREETWISE, for the Western Neighborhoods Project.