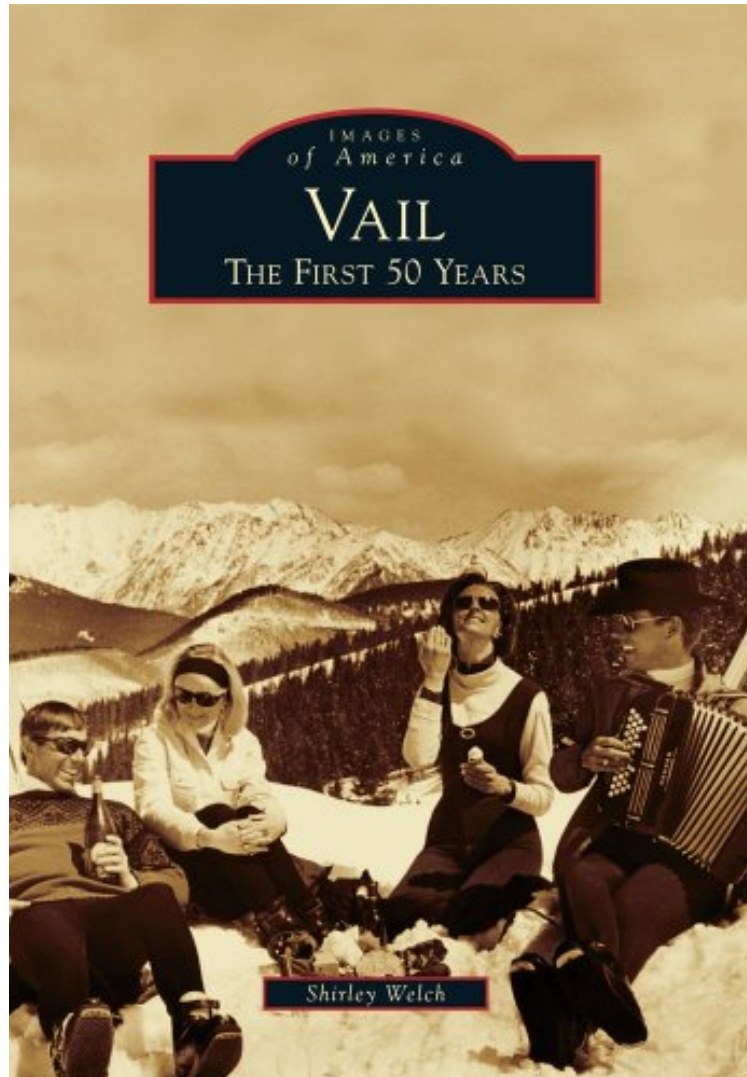


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Shirley Welch : Vail: The First 50 Years (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Vail: The First 50 Years (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. From the days when skiing was a passion. By David Augenblick If you have been skiing for a lifetime, and were lucky enough to have found yourself in any number of western ski resorts back in 2 to 3 decades post WWII, than you know what I am talking about when I refer to the passion of skiing. This book by Shirley Welch clearing paints a wonderful picture for those of us that have experienced those wonderful years. Today's ski resorts are cosmetically enhanced versions of the past where people go for no apparent reason to be part of the "in-crowd". It is no longer enough to go skiing, we now have to put up with Disneyland on snow. Vail: The

First 50 Years has transported me back to those much more unencumbered times. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great background for skiers and others. By SEM For those interested in the beginnings of the ski industry, this little book gives you some great background on the valley that would 'become' Vail, pictures that go way back to the beginning of white settlement there, and the story of the two crazy guys who thought they could make this ski area happen - and they did. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By kevin l dezorzi Interesting history in pictures of a place I've been to a few times.

Prior to 1962, sheep ranchers and homesteaders occupied Gore Creek Valley. A sleepy place studded with aspen and pine groves, the valley lay ripe for discovery. Two men, Pete Seibert and Earl Eaton, had a dream to build the perfect ski area. Earl knew of a mountain, and they climbed No-Name Mountain in 1957. Although the mountain seemed unpretentious, when Pete reached the top and saw the treeless back bowls, he smiled at Earl. The men had found their mountain. That day, Vail was born. With the spirit of adventure, the dream shaped the mountain, the mountain shaped the village, and the village prospered. As American skiing grew, it became a sport and then a lifestyle, and Vail is now the largest ski resort in America. Winter is why people come and summer is why they stay. How this all happened in 50 years is a story of dreams, perseverance, creativity, and unforgettable people.

About the Author Author Shirley Welch collaborated with the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum and private collections to select some of the notable images from the past. A longtime resident of the valley, Welch also writes living histories for hospice patients and authored *The Eagle River Valley*.