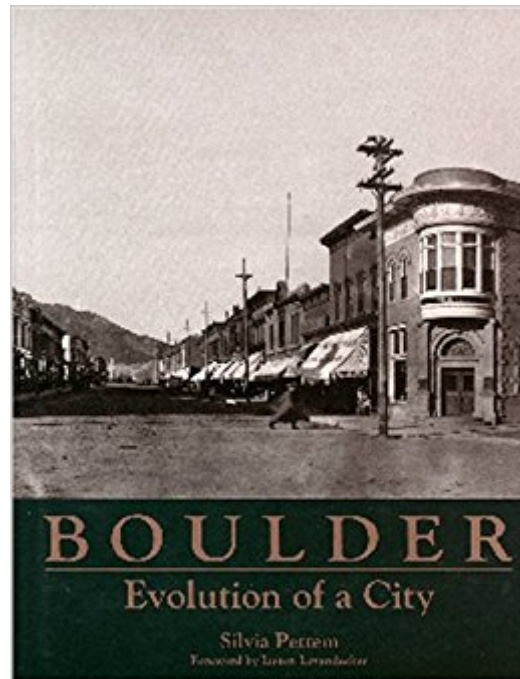




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Synopsis

Boulder: Evolution of a City has captivated newcomers, tourists, and longtime residents for years with its dramatic visual and narrative presentation of the birth and development of Boulder. In this updated edition, 322 photographs - more than 90 of them current - capture landmarks, buildings, major events, and quiet moments from the 1860s to 2006. Photographs showing the same locations at several intervals in history reveal Boulder's continuum from past to present. Pettem devotes the first chapter to an introduction of the early photographers whose work appears throughout the book. Moving outward from the central business district as development did, each subsequent chapter focuses on a particular area in Boulder, with an introductory essay followed by historic and contemporary photographs with detailed captions. --This text refers to the Perfect Paperback edition.

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"A comprehensive, chronological, architectural perspective of Boulder, including photography worthy of inclusion in university history classes. . . . the softbound book presents a meaningful overview of how Boulder has grown. . . . Boulder: Evolution of a City is as gripping a page-turner as anything you'll find on the mystery shelves. For leisure readers or for history buffs, Pettem's work is genuine, relevant and absorbing."—Boulder Daily Camera

"A magical time machine that leads us on a tour of bustling Boulder, Colorado, and then whisks us back in time to wander the same streets again when they were new and the West was young. . . . An enchanting journey the reader will want to take again and again."—Lois Anderton, retired, Carnegie Branch Library for Local

History, Boulder, Colorado"Photographer and historian Silvia Pettem's book, *Boulder: Evolution of a City*, offers an interesting look at Boulder as it was in its early days, how it's changed over the years, and how it hasn't. . . . Each photograph, whether it be old or new, is accompanied by thoughtful and detailed descriptions that provide context to the images."#151;Five Magazine --This text refers to the Perfect Paperback edition.

Silvia Pettem is the author of numerous books, booklets, and articles on various aspects of Colorado history. A longtime resident of Boulder, she now resides with her husband and two daughters in Longmont --This text refers to the Perfect Paperback edition.

Written in 1999, this history of Boulder through before and after photos is now a little dated. The historical photos are no doubt accurate while what's there now in the same location may have changed. But I ordered this book both for myself and for a friend who worked in Boulder 25 years and he appreciated this view of the city. And I hope to visit Boulder in the future and I liked seeing its architectural history -- a worthwhile purchase!

I was hoping this book would be a walk through of the history of Boulder including it's places, people and persona. What this book offers instead is a pictorial history of the various neighborhoods and places around Boulder, then and now. It's fun to see many of the places I have visited around Boulder and how they looked, but I still felt lacking in the history of how Boulder came to be what she is today as a city. This book is still a great resource for those who want to see Boulder from pictures.

Boulder is an interesting town, and having lived here for 35 years, I've seen many changes. Silvia Pettem has documented Boulder's transition over the past 50+ years beautifully. The photos are well done, and the way the book is laid out makes it easy for one to do a walking tour in a logical manner. This would be an excellent book for someone contemplating a move to Boulder, or even someone who has visited our town and wants to take home a memory or two.

My family and I are Boulder natives. Have only given it a cursory look but the photos of Boulder's past look promising.

Great pictures and narrative explaining where pictures were taken and the dates to compared old

time and new. Nice to see what the town looked like for great grandma.

I wanted to learn about present day Boulder and this book did not help at all. The book focuses almost entirely on old low quality black and white photos. I think it would only appeal would be to Boulder historians.

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