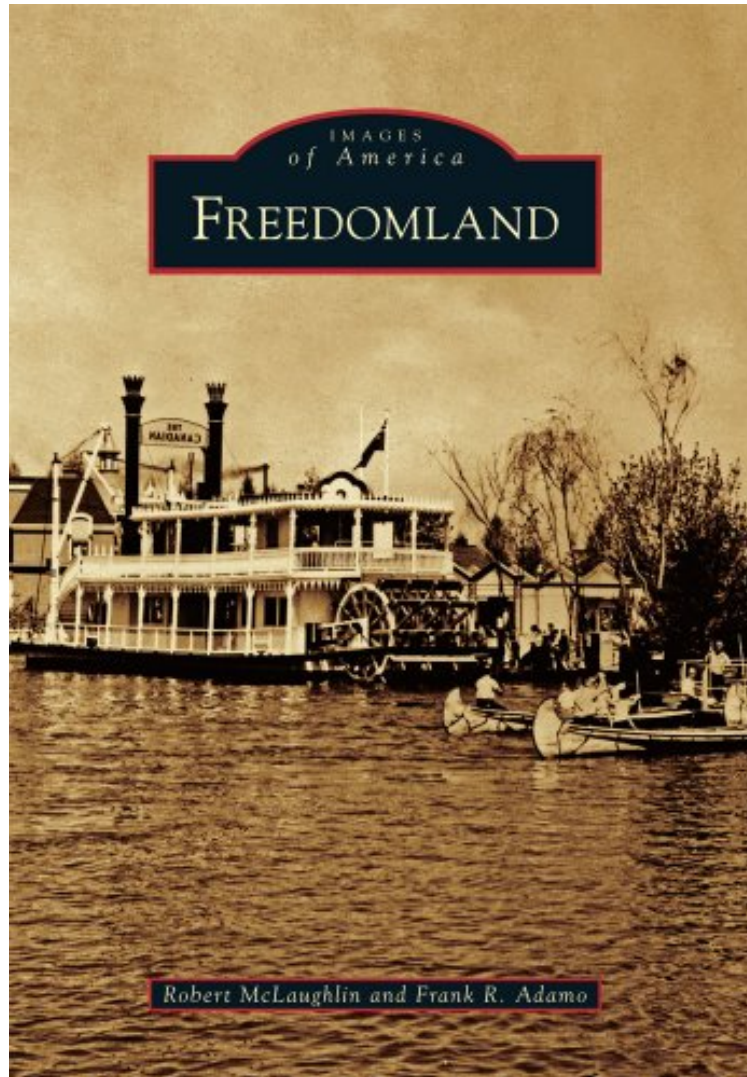


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Robert McLaughlin, Frank R. Adamo : Freedomland (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Freedomland (Images of America):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful read! By LynnsterA thorough read of a fascinating fabulous theme park of the early 1960's. Brought back forgotten memories of a favorite place time in my life. Kudos to the authors for taking the time to refresh the memory and add details as to the construction and early demise of a wonderful family park. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The original east coast answer to Disneyland By James Pernikoff I visited Freedomland in 1960 and 1961 when I was 7 and 8, so my memories are rather faded, and this book does a good job of bringing them back. Obviously it would have been better in color (and with a

large foldout of the park map), but I know that's not Arcadia's style. (Anyway, I still have a copy of the park program for that.) I think what did the park in was the lack of direct subway access. We were staying in Manhattan and had to take a shuttle from the Gun Hill Road subway station on the Dyre Avenue line, and that was simply too cumbersome to work well for a lot of people. If Freedomland had had the same access as Coney Island, it might have lasted longer, though ultimately the value of the land might have closed it down anyway. I wish I had gone back; the next time I saw the property, the high-rises of Co-op City were already in existence! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Mommy and Daddy Take My Hand... By Hudsonbob... take me out to Freedomland. For those of us who grew up in the NYC area, who needed Disneyland? We had Freedomland USA! Built in the Bronx NY, this was our answer to Disneyland. A theme park in the shape of the USA with seven themed areas. Who can forget the Chicago Fire, Elsie's (the Borden cow) Boudoir, the San Francisco Earthquake; Casa Loco; Spin-A-Top, and of course the Moon Bowl? The park was only open for 5 seasons, but for a NY kid, the park will live forever in my memory. This is the most comprehensive collection of photos and memories I've yet to find. If you remember Freedomland, tell mommy and daddy to take your hand and buy this book about Freedomland.

Billed as New York's answer to Disneyland, Freedomland opened on June 19, 1960. Designed by Marco Engineering of Los Angeles for the International Recreation Corporation, Freedomland transformed a former landfill, lowlands, and farms into an exciting theme park in the shape of the United States. Through photographs, Freedomland recalls boat rides on the Great Lakes, putting out a fire in Chicago, dancing under the stars at the Moon Bowl, or taking a train ride all the way to San Francisco. Entering Freedomland was like walking into a history book of America for both young and young at heart. Open for five seasons, Freedomland gave its guests and cast members memories that have lasted a lifetime.

About the Author Robert McLaughlin has an avid interest in theme park history. He is also the author of Pleasure Island, Boston's own former Disneyland of the East. Frank R. Adamo started at Freedomland as a heavy equipment operator and moved on to management positions for the life of the park. Adamo was also in charge of dismantling Freedomland. It is Adamo's extensive photograph collection and his collective involvement with Freedomland that made this book possible.