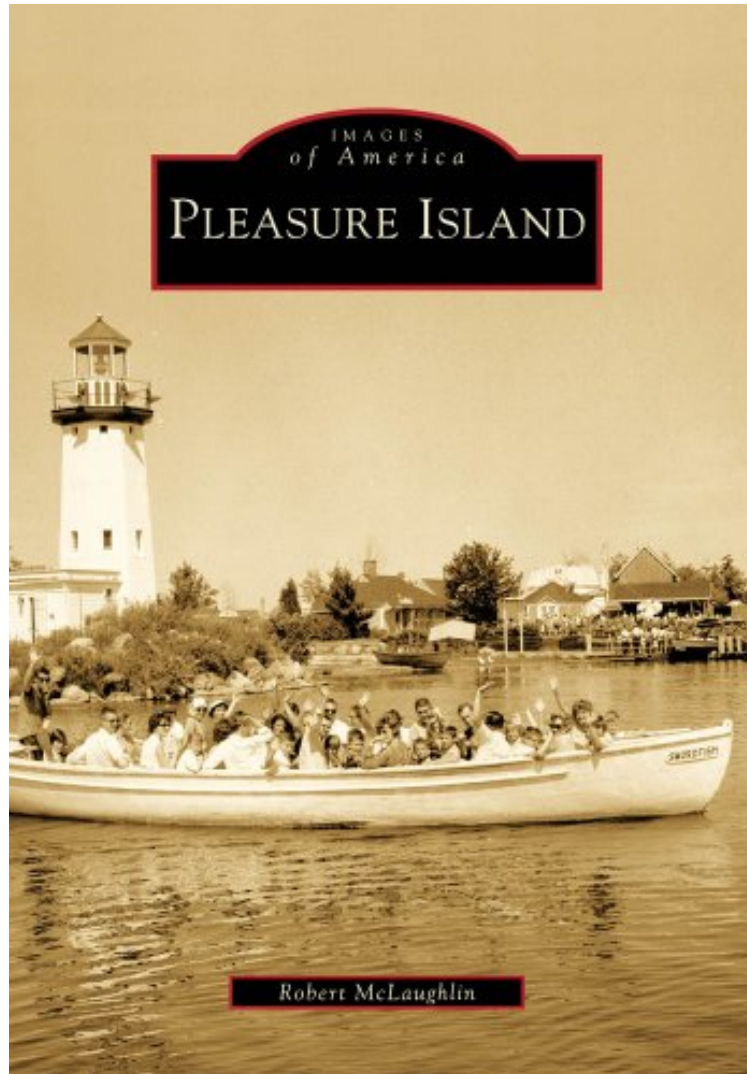


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Robert McLaughlin : Pleasure Island (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pleasure Island (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So Happy To Have Been At Pleasure Island !!By Temple Mountain ArtsI only lived about four miles from Pleasure Island and went there as often as I could - It's only now at age 65 that I realize how lucky we "Wakefield" kids were to have the "Disneyland Of The East" in our back yard - I have so many wonderful memories of the hours I spent at the park - My best friend and I would go early in the morning and stay until it closed - In 1976 I wrote and photographed an article on Pleasure Island for the Boston Sunday Herald magazine section - It was really hard to walk through the park and see the destruction caused by vandals that had no

idea how important this landmark was to so many people - Every once in a while I look at that article I wrote and shake my head - We were so lucky to have this wonderful escape from reality in our lives - As Bob Hope would say: "Thanks For The Memories" - Midnight Flyer - Temple, New Hampshire

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Brings back memories

By Philip C. Casper I grew up in Wakefield and remember many a fond summer spent at P.I. For some reason I was nostalgic recently and happened upon an article or story about P.I. Saw there was a book available and ordered it right away. Lot's of facts that I had no idea of as a youngster that I found interesting. So sad to see recent photos of what was near and dear to my heart.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Been there 50 years ago

By Priscilla C. Hendrick As an employee of Pleasure Island ,in Wakefield ,for 10 seasons, I loved the photos that brought back so many memories and joys. The small book is well written and painstakingly documented .Bob McLaughlin was a visitor in his youth and was so astounded with the place ,and the people, he has accomplished what we all wish we had done. Thanks Bob, for putting the unique history and fun of Pleasure island in print.

Billed as Boston's answer to Disneyland, Pleasure Island opened on June 22, 1959. William Hawkes, president of Childlife Magazine, and executives at Cabot, Cabot and Forbes collaborated with Marco Engineering of Los Angeles to build what was called the Disneyland of the East. Pleasure Island rose from the wetlands off of Route 128 into an 80-acre theme park. Through photographs, Pleasure Island recalls memories of boat rides to Pirate Cove, searching for the great white whale, driving a Jenney car, getting dizzy in the Slanty Shanty, and taking a ride on Old Smoky. At Pleasure Island, children and children at heart entered into a world that traditional amusement parks could not provide, where character actors continually put on a show and the entire park was the stage.

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On June 22, 1959, a half of century ago, the doors finally opened for the anticipated Pleasure Island 80-acre theme park in Wakefield, Massachusetts. Pleasure Island was located just off Route 128 at the Salem Street exit, which was only fourteen minutes away from the heart of Boston. Many people were very excited when they saw the advertisement in the Comic Section of The Boston Sunday Globe newspaper on Father's Day, June 21, 1959. The advertisement was very attracting and displayed a sign and a map of Pleasure Island to catch the attention of many people including a phrase you will have a "whale of a time" visiting Pleasure Island. Pleasure Island opened up fifty years ago today at 10:00am in Wakefield, Massachusetts that became known as the "Disneyland of the East". William Hawkes who was president of Childlife Magazine, executives at Cabot, Cabot and Forbes came together with Marco Engineering of Los Angeles and created the marvelous theme park that was called Pleasure Island. The theme park had live characters that were constantly performing live shows all around the entire park. There was a carousel, Treasure Digging Island, water buffalo land and sea ride, space rocket, boat rides to Pirate Cove, driving a Jenney car, and much more. If you do not know what Pleasure Island is or have never been or just want to relive the memories, the Friends of Pleasure Island website is a non-profit organization that you can view the attractions, images, memorabilia, performers, stories of people who visited Pleasure Island, and much more. The website is very interesting and you can get a better understanding of the great "Disneyland of the East" theme park and really feel what Pleasure Island was all about through photos and stories. In honor of the 50th anniversary, Robert McLaughlin wrote a special book titled Pleasure Island. Robert McLaughlin has been researching Pleasure Island since the year 2000 and he is also the cofounder of Friends of Pleasure Island website. The paperback book has 128 pages and was published by Arcadia Publishing on June 8, 2009 in English. You can purchase the paperback book at many places including Borders, Barnes and Noble, .com, or Arcadia Publishing, and some local places in Massachusetts that are featured on the Friends of Pleasure Island website. If you are lucky enough, Bob McLaughlin, President of Pleasure Island has a limited supply of autographed books. You can contact him at the Friends of Pleasure Island website by telephone or email. This would also make a great gift for anyone that has visited Pleasure Island in those ten wonderful years. You may also contact Bob McLaughlin if you have any memorabilia, photos, slides, and stories that you are willing to share. The Friends of Pleasure Island has announced that they have a small sample of park memorabilia on exhibit at the Lucius Bee Memorial Library at 245 Main Street, Wakefield, MA 01880. If you live there or planning a trip to Massachusetts, this would be a great exhibit to see. About the Author Robert McLaughlin is a Wakefield resident with an interest in local history. He has been researching Pleasure Island since 2000 and is cofounder of the Friends of Pleasure Island, which was established to collect images, film, oral history, and artifacts relating to the park. He has selected images from private collections and the Friends of Pleasure Islands archives to tell the story of Wakefield's own Disneyland of the East.