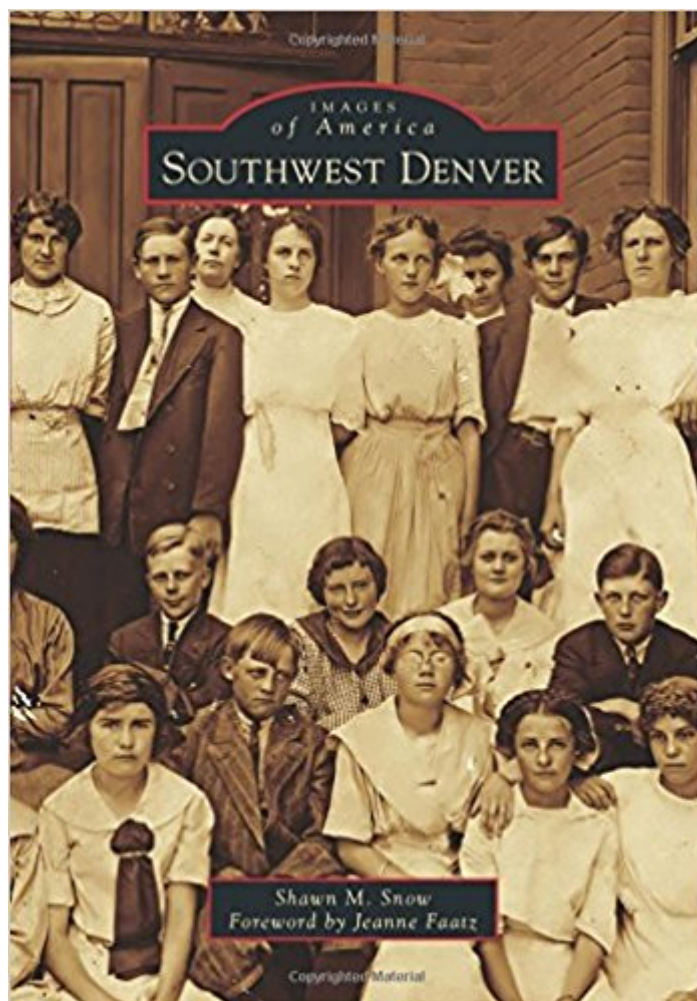


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# Southwest Denver (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

In 1900, the bucolic landscape that stretched for miles southwest of Denver was made up of truck farms, dairies, and ranches. While the separate town of Valverde would be absorbed by Denver in 1902, the countryside beyond was the domain of Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties. Isolated sentinels such as Loretto Heights and Fort Logan stood tall on the prairie. As happened in countless American cities, however, the abandonment of urban cores for new suburbs would radically change a rural way of life that had lasted for decades. With an aggressive annexation policy after World War II that helped to double Denver's land area in 30 years, the city set forth gobbling up these new subdivisions and former rural county lands. Some clamored to join Denver; others railed against the giant next door. A new sense of place was created in the process, not quite urban and not quite suburban. A proud heritage remains in the hearts of residents fortunate enough to have been brought into Southwest Denver before the annexation floodgates were permanently closed.

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"Snow has succeeded in weaving a story from the lives of farmers and blue collar workers who were necessary for the food and comfort of people in wealthier parts of town. With gems from closets, boxes, and family albums, he shows a progression from the scattered farms and ranches of 1880 to the suburbs and shopping centers of 1980." Colorado Book Review/Center for Colorado Studies at the Denver Public Library

Author Shawn M. Snow is a fifth-generation southwest Denverite and is the author of Arcadia Publishing's Denver's City Park and Whittier Neighborhoods. Covering change from 1880 to 1980, the images examine the area's transformation from rural outpost to a stable region of the state's dynamic capital city. Sources include local residents, the archives of the Southwest Denver Herald Dispatch, and the Denver Public Library.

As a former Denverite who grew up in southwest Denver, I loved the history and pictures in this book

My husband grew up in this area and was happy to look at the "old" day images!

Shawn Snow's book - Southwest Denver, gives great information of the history of Southwest Denver, with a lot of great photographs detailing the history of the area. It also not just the places that are chronicled in his book, but also the people who have left their mark in this section of the city of Denver, CO.

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