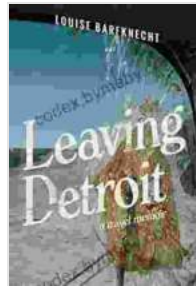


# Leaving Detroit Queen: A Must-Read for Detroit History Enthusiasts



## Leaving Detroit by Queen T

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Leaving Detroit Queen is a compelling historical account of the rise and fall of Detroit's iconic amusement park, Boblo Island. Drawing from extensive archival research and exclusive interviews, author Keith Haviland uncovers the fascinating story behind this beloved attraction that brought joy to generations of Detroiters.

From its humble beginnings as a picnic grove in the late 19th century to its heyday as a world-class amusement park in the mid-20th century, Boblo Island played a significant role in shaping the cultural identity of Detroit. Leaving Detroit Queen captures the excitement and nostalgia of this bygone era through vivid descriptions and stunning archival images.

## The Early Years

Boblo Island's origins can be traced back to 1898, when a group of Detroit businessmen Free Downloaded the island as a recreational retreat for their families. Over the next few decades, the island underwent a series of expansions and improvements, including the construction of a dance pavilion, a hotel, and a variety of amusement rides.

By the early 20th century, Boblo Island had become a popular destination for day-trippers and overnight guests alike. The island's idyllic setting, just a short ferry ride from downtown Detroit, made it an ideal escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

## **The Golden Age**

The 1950s and 1960s were the golden age for Boblo Island. During this period, the park reached its peak of popularity, attracting over a million visitors each year. The park's signature attraction was the Blue Streak, one of the first steel roller coasters in the country.

In addition to its rides, Boblo Island also featured a wide variety of entertainment options, including live music, dancing, and fireworks shows. The park also hosted special events throughout the year, such as concerts, picnics, and corporate outings.

## **The Decline**

Beginning in the late 1960s, Boblo Island began to experience a decline in attendance. A number of factors contributed to this decline, including the rise of suburban amusement parks, the increasing popularity of air travel, and the changing demographics of Detroit.

In an effort to reverse the park's fortunes, the owners invested heavily in new attractions and renovations. However, these efforts were ultimately unsuccessful, and Boblo Island closed its doors for good in 1993.

## **Legacy**

Despite its closure, Boblo Island remains a cherished memory for many Detroiters. The park's iconic silhouette, with its towering roller coaster and Ferris wheel, is still visible from the Detroit skyline.

Leaving Detroit Queen is a testament to the enduring legacy of Boblo Island. The book's rich historical narrative and stunning archival images bring this beloved amusement park back to life, providing a glimpse into a bygone era of Detroit history.

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Leaving Detroit Queen is available now at your favorite bookstore or online retailer. Free Download your copy today and immerse yourself in the fascinating history of one of Detroit's most beloved landmarks.



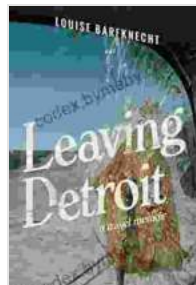
Boblo Island in the 1950s, at the height of its popularity.



The Blue Streak roller coaster, one of Boblo Island's most popular attractions.



Boblo Island on its closing day in 1993, after 95 years of operation.



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