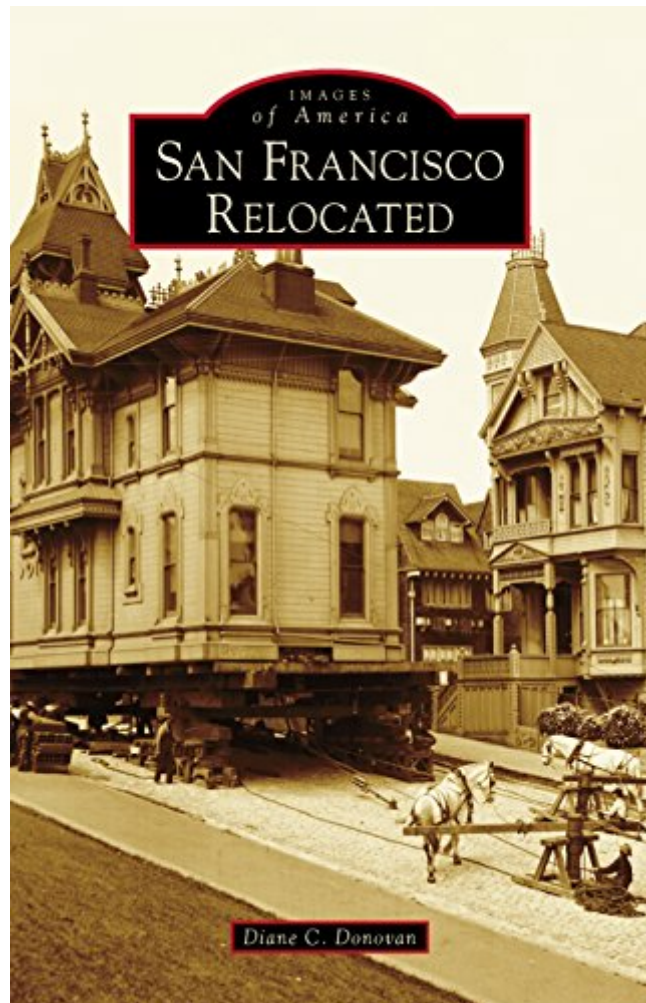




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San Francisco's colorful history has been explored so extensively that it is surprising to note that its moved buildings remain one of the city's best-kept secrets. Reports are widely scattered in newspapers and architectural references; yet, despite the fact that the city's relocations are second only to Chicago's, there are no books in print concerning this curious history until now. And it is a long, lively tale indeed. Beginning in 1850 and continuing today, it involves hundreds of moved structures, from houses and apartment buildings to churches and schools. Buildings were relocated for many reasons, from street modifications in the early 1900s to the advent of freeways and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) in the 1950s and 1960s. Buildings were cut in half and moved in pieces, disassembled and moved brick by brick, or (more commonly) moved intact some as heavy as 9,000 tons or as long as 110 feet. Buildings moved to San Francisco via ship around Cape Horn, traveled across town using horses and wagons or (later) trucks, and were barged over the Bay.

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Wow!

A surprising page of the history of urban America, when it was cheaper to move an house than to build a new one. I have only been to San Francisco once, but enjoyed this nicely compiled bit of it's history. Well done!

I've lived in SF all my life and now have gained a greater appreciation of the City because of this book.

A view of San Francisco that we don't usually see.

I know the families in this book and it is a keeper!

This is quite literally the most fascinating entry into the series of books on San Francisco that has been produced by Arcadia. From its eye-catching cover straight through to it's last page, Diane Donovan covers an intriguing, yet-long untold, storied part of the city's history... its moving buildings. And she does it with style, class, an eye for amazing graphics, and incredibly deft storytelling. This is definitely a volume that belongs in any library of San Francisciana, or for that matter, just any library in general, that's how great it is. And if you ever have the opportunity to hear the author speak on this topic, so try to attend. She is great!

Although I bought this book for my husband for our wedding anniversary, I became intrigued when I started to glance through it on a long trip. I did not put the book back down until I was finished with it. The book is written about a subject I had never given a second thought to--house moving. Not only are there many wonderful pictures regarding house moving in San Francisco, there are many interesting details, too. It was amazing looking at the work that went into moving a house. The platforms built underneath the houses in a time when they didn't have all our modern equipment to help move them, incredible. Seeing a house being pulled down the street by a team of horses must have been a sight. This book is a testament to the strong will of past generations and the author's obvious enthusiasm for this subject. I highly recommend this book for anyone with a bit of curiosity or an interest in history.

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