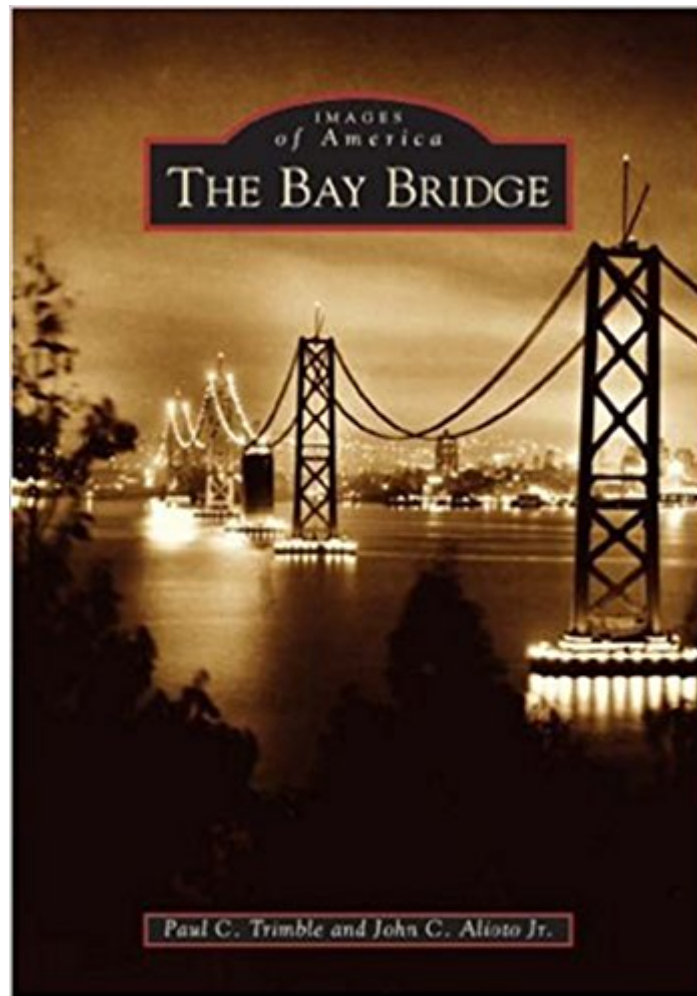




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The Bay Bridge combines suspension, cantilever, tunnel, and truss constructions in an astonishing 8.4-mile-long structure. Envisioned first in 1872 by the legendary Emperor Norton, the project finally coalesced in the 1920s, although initial studies concluded that the bridge could not be built due to the bay's deep muddy waters and the area's strong earthquakes. President Herbert Hoover, who was also an engineer, took up the cause, and the \$80.8-million project began in 1933. It would replace an extensive set of ferries and forever alter the landscape and commerce of the Bay Area. Over the next three years and four months, the underwater and above-water construction continued day and night, with 152,000 tons of steel, a million cubic yards of concrete, more than 70,000 miles of cable strands, and 200,000 gallons of paint. Roughly 6,500 workers built this amazing bridge, and 12 lost their lives in the process.

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Transport historian Paul C. Trimble, with John C. Alioto Jr., tells the impressive story of the bridge's construction, using more than 200 rare photographs and conceptual drawings.

Having worked on the bay bridge this book was an excellent source of information from the beginning transportation in the area to day.

This book provides an historically detailed and accurate summary of the photographic record of the

building of the San Francisco- Oakland bridge. The authors made great efforts to accurately document and describe the contents of each reproduced photograph, and are careful in defining sources. Unfortunately, there is no comparable text which describes how the project came into being, how it was designed, how construction was managed, and the results after completion. A few captions in the book provide a tantalizing glimpse of the failure of mass transit after the bridge opened; and caption references give an introduction to a few sources that may be able to provide more information. I'm left with the feeling that this story is a key element in the history of the development of mass transit in the United States in the last 60 years; hopefully, someone will have more to say about this. Four stars for the photographic record (would like to see more of the results of the bridge's operation), one star for the history.

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