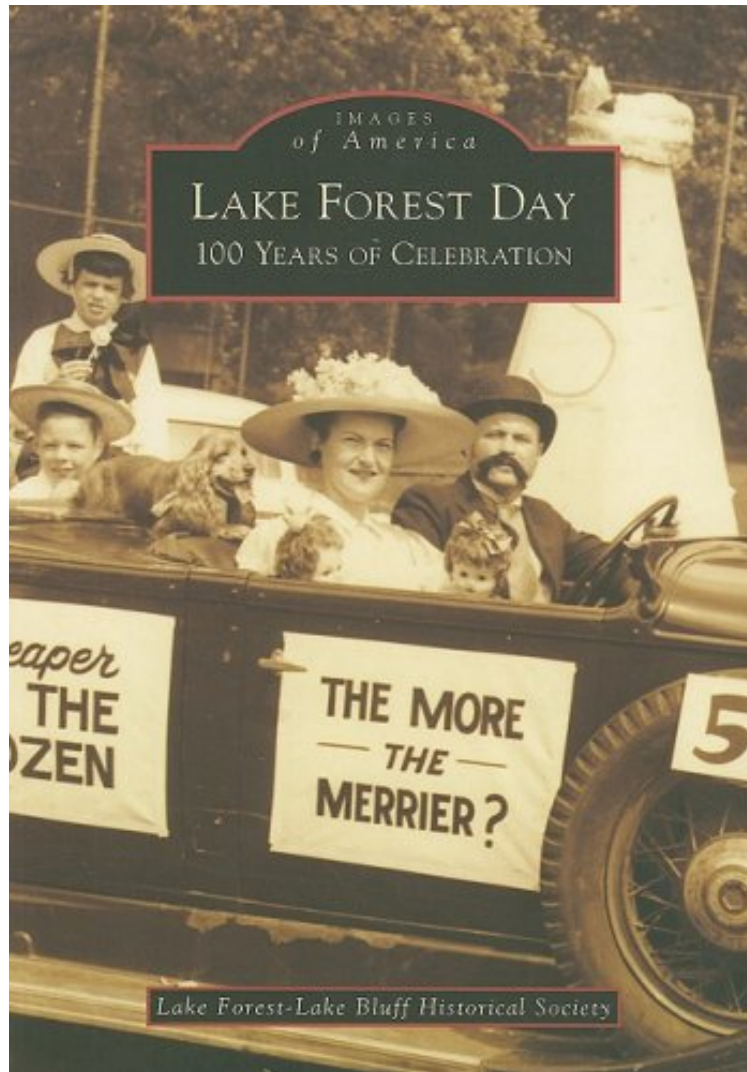


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participated in various Lake Forest Day activities as long as I lived there. From the parade to the carnival, it's a fun time to be in town. Lake Forest is very proud of its beginnings and its life as a city and this book is a fond look at one of its signature events. You don't have to live there (or ever have lived there) to appreciate the civic pride and sense of continuity an annual event like Lake Forest Day brings to its community.

The first Lake Forest Day in 1908 included a hot air balloon ascension, a cutest baby contest, a mind-reading dog, and a vaudeville show. Proceeds from this event, organized by the Lake Forest Womans Club, funded the Contagious Hospital, which eventually merged into Lake Forest Hospital. American Legion Post 264 took over in 1921 and has maintained this extraordinary tradition ever since. This annual celebration has changed over the years to reflect local interests, national events, and even cultural shifts. With the advent of World War II, the themes became patriotic, such as Home Defense, Prelude to Victory, and On to Tokyo. Lake Forest Day, held on the first Wednesday of August, continues to inspire civic pride. This book represents a fascinating look at Lake Forest in 1908 and the century thereafter, as parades, carnivals, and contests energized community spirit.

About the AuthorThe Lake Forest-Lake Bluff Historical Society is proud to chronicle a history of this important celebration using original photographs from both its archives and local residents. Laurietta Parsh was an educator for 35 years in the Lake Forest public schools as a first-grade teacher and middle school librarian.