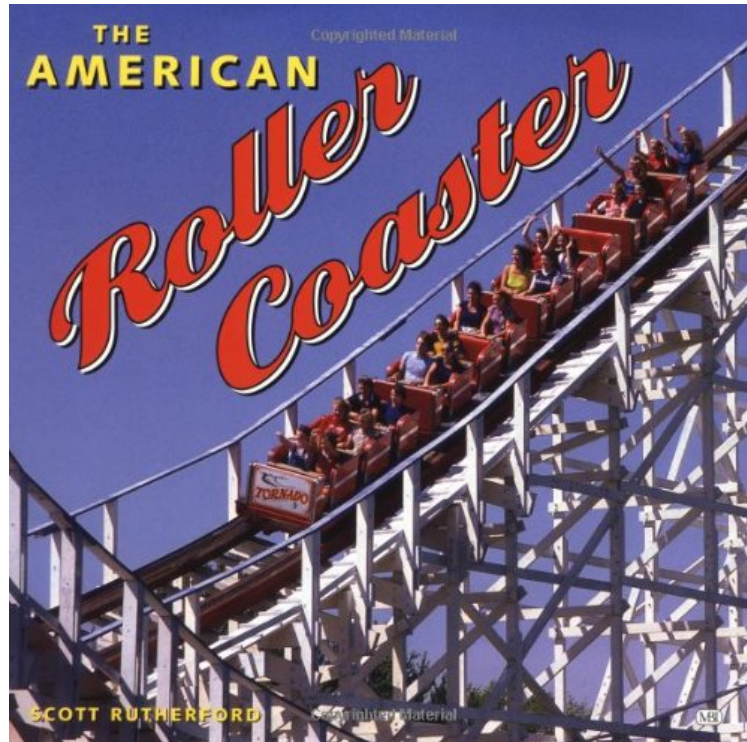


# The American Roller Coaster

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**Scott Rutherford : The American Roller Coaster** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The American Roller Coaster:

15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. WOW! What a Ride!By Robert M. UlrichThis is a GREAT BOOK! Much better than I ever imagined!Scott takes the reader on a ride from the early beginnings all the way through to modern LIM marvels, including concept drawings for SOB, Lightning Racer and Thrust Air.The words tell the history in precise detail. This is the first coaster book I've read that wasn't riddled with small annoying errors. The writing is complete yet concise. I especially enjoy the special feature writings that supplement the major text. Discussions about such things racing coasters, coaster "mutants" (Virginia Reels), mad mice, and more are the enjoyable reading as sidelines that are included to really try to explain the roller coaster in wonderful detail.But the thing that blew me away were the pictures. Tons and tons of pictures of lots of obscure coasters from the past. Every shape, model and style of coaster is illustrated, with lots of side-bar features supplementing the main text.The chapters have great titles that really preview what's inside: 1. Humble Beginnings, America Goes Coasting: 1880s -1920 2. The Golden Years, The Roller Coaster Comes of Age: 1920-1940 3. Nuts and Bolts, How Coasters Work 4. Postwar Coastering, A Lull Before the Storm: 1945-1972 5. The Coaster Renaissance, Steel Coasters Blossom; Wood Coasters Rebound 6. New Age Coastering, Now and Beyond.Excellent pictures, packed with history and information. This is a definite keeper up there with Carmell's book.From the cover picture of Adventureland's "Tornado" to the frontpiece's detail from the Lakeside "Cyclone" through Chapter 1's opening picture of West Views "Dips" to SS's "Thrust Air

2000" every page of this book is wonderful. Thank you Scott. I know this book will be on the bedstand for a long while this summer. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I purchased this book for my 7 year old grandson ...By andrea yerke I purchased this book for my 7 year old grandson who is absolutely fascinated with all types of roller coasters. He loves the book and so does his dad who reads it with enthusiasm to him. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer amazing photo collection

Step right up and thrill to the magic of the great coasters as you travel through roller coaster history from their beginnings up through today! Experience the early roots of coastering in the mid-1800s and the emergence of the grand amusement parks in the 1880s. Flash back to the golden age of coasters between 1900 and 1930, and witness the thrill rides' historic decline in the 1960s. Ride these radical rails in chapters chronicling coaster designers, manufacturing companies, technology, and special coasters. Strap yourself in for a rollicking ride and be a part of the roller coaster renaissance that began in the early 1970's and continues today!