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The City In A Garden: A History Of Chicago's Parks, Second Edition

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Synopsis

The City in a Garden is a compelling look at Chicago's remarkable and long-overlooked park system. Through unprecedented access to a cache of historical plans, photographs, and drawings, Julia S. Bachrach documents the city's 175-year commitment to its public parks and explains how luminaries such as architect Daniel H. Burnham, landscape architect and conservationist Jens Jensen, and social reformer Jane Addams shaped and influenced the city's green spaces. This revised edition of The City in a Garden illuminates Chicago's ongoing commitment to its expansive park district. Since 2001, Chicago's parks have seen a renaissance. More than a billion dollars have been invested in a wide range of projects, including the restoration of dozens of historically significant buildings, landscapes, and artworks; the reconstruction of the lakefront revetment system; the creation of new gardens and natural areas; and the construction of new beach and field houses. Chicagoans now enjoy the addition of new and innovative green spaces such as Millennium Park and Palmisano Nature Park— a twenty-seven-acre park created from an old stone quarry in the South Side Bridgeport neighborhood. Featuring new research, an expanded glossary, and additional documentary photographs, this beautifully illustrated book is a must for any Chicagoan.

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"A lovely chronicle." (Chicago) "An impressive new photographic history.... Well-written and

beautifully illustrated." (Landscape Architecture)"

Julia Sniderman Bachrach serves as a historian for the Chicago Park District. She is coauthor of *Inspired by Nature: The Garfield Park Conservatory and Chicago's West Side*.

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If you are interested in Parks, Chicago (or just big cities), Urban Planning/Architecture or just love learning about really cool places, then this book is for you. I love the pictures and maps (tons of them!) and understanding not just why Chicago's parks are great, but also the figures behind the designs and how the parks have changed over the years. A great read, one that I love looking at as the seasons change.

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