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Small Town Baltimore An Album of Memories

By GILBERT SANDLER

Johns Hopkins University Press. Hardcover. Condition: New. 248 pages. Dimensions: 10.3in. x 8.6in. x 0.9in. Before Harborplace and the Convention Center, Oriole Park at Camden Yards and the Ravens, shopping malls and multiplex movie theaters, Baltimore was a very different city. Most Baltimoreans would agree that, until recently, living here was like living in a small town. For more than 25 years, Gilbert Sandler chronicled this bygone life of streetcars and cinema palaces in his Evening Sun (and later Sun) column, Baltimore Glimpses. Now collected, edited, and expanded in Small Town Baltimore, Sandler's delightful sketches of life in Baltimore from the 1920s through the 1970s take readers back to a time when flagpole-sitting was all the rage, when guests at high society weddings and cotillions were fed by the prominent African American business Hughes Catering and chef David Bruce's famous chicken croquettes, and when the salt rubdown at Rowlands Turkish Bath could take all one's troubles away. This album of memories introduces the reader to the people and places, neighborhoods, restaurants, department stores, parks, hotels, night clubs, racetracks, and theaters that once put the charm in Charm City. Sandler recalls the events that shaped life here, from strikes and demonstrations to baseball games...



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