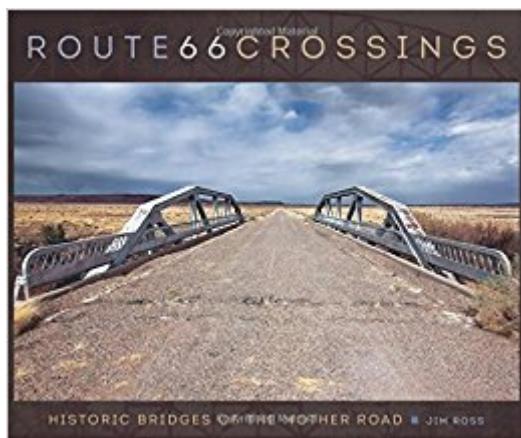


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Route 66 Crossings: Historic Bridges Of The Mother Road



Synopsis

Route 66 is a beloved and much studied symbol of twentieth-century America. But until now, no book has focused on the bridges that spanned the rivers, creeks, arroyos, and railroads between Chicago and Santa Monica. In this handsome volume, Route 66 authority and veteran writer and photographer Jim Ross examines the origins and history of the bridges of America's most famous highway, structures designed to overcome obstacles to travel, many of them engineered with architectural aesthetics now lost to time. Featuring hundreds of Ross's own photographs, Route 66 Crossings showcases bridges ranging in design from timber to steel and concrete, and provides schematics, maps, and global coordinates to help readers identify and locate them. Ross's comprehensive accounting of structures along the Mother Road's various alignments includes bridges still in use, those that have vanished or have been abandoned, and the few consciously preserved as monuments. He also recognizes ancillary structures that enhanced safety and helped facilitate traffic, such as railway grade separations, tunnels, and pedestrian underpasses. Ross seeks to encourage ongoing preservation of the structures that remain. In brilliant color and precise detail, Route 66 Crossings expands our knowledge of the bridges that linked America's first all-weather national highway.

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I consider myself an avid Route 66 enthusiast. I have explored many abandoned segments in several states. When I first saw this book for sale I was very excited to take a look inside. I am well pleased with the amazing research and photography that has been compiled in this book. The

explanation of the technology and excellent pictures are a couple of many aspects of the book that stand out. I collect old Route 66 maps and have all of Jim and Jerry's books. This one is as well arranged and informative as are Mr. Ross's other books. I was even fortunate enough to get an autographed edition. I found myself passing by some bridge supports in the small town of Luther, Oklahoma. For years I wondered what the original span looked like before it was replaced by modern construction. I went to Luther's town library and looked through the archives of an Oklahoma City News paper to no avail. I would stop in the town from time to time asking local residents if they knew of a photograph of the original bridge, again with no luck. The humorous end to my quest for the bridge photo ended when I opened up "Route 66 Crossings: Historic Bridges of the Mother Road". Even more humorous, and due to my lack of factoring in erosion, the bridge didn't really look at all how I had imagined.(I was thinking "Galena viaduct type of structure, when in real life, it was more like a railroad trestle times two.) I'm glad we have authors and researchers like Mr. Ross to help clarify information for us. This is definitely a book that I have opened up and read more than once. I live in Oklahoma and have near access to some of the structures that fill this book's pages. I have been inspired to revisit some of the bridges with a new interest in their structural design. The book is very well done indeed.

Its a great book, highly technical in some areas, but the photos are excellent, and locations very easy to understand. I am making yet another trip to the Mother Road in October, Chicago to Tulsa, OK, and have some of the lesser known bridges on my list of have-to-see. We have seen most of the remaining big bridges (Devil's Elbow, etc.) but the smaller ones are sometimes harder to find, and harder still to identify. This book should be the best guide out there.

For people who love the details of Route 66 travel or history this beautiful book is a must. Lovely photos, maps, and thumbnail descriptions of each bridge- past and present - present a picture that is unmatched.

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