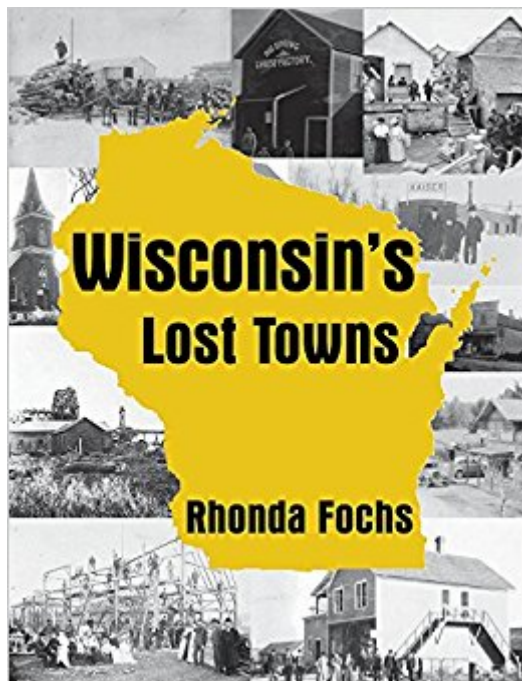


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# Wisconsin's Lost Towns



## Synopsis

Wisconsin has over 200 lost, long ago, and nearly gone places. Why they began, why they faded or died encompasses many issues, many reasons. For Rhonda, her love of lost towns and long ago places began in northern Wisconsin, and in this book, she explores the stories and tales of Wisconsin's places of the past.

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## Customer Reviews

"Rhonda Fochs brings to life stories of Wisconsin's past as told by communities that have faded from our roadmaps, but not our memories. She reveals how these places were rooted in the land's resources and the people who pinned their dreams on the prosperity they offered. These "ghost towns" whisper secrets that provide a glimpse of our past and lessons for the sustainability of our future." -Catherine Techtmann, author, *Rooted in Resources-Iron County, Wisconsin, 1893-1993* (Catherine Techtmann)"With the introduction to Wisconsin's Lost Towns, Author Rhonda Fochs states that she wishes she would have paid more attention to her grandparents, aunts and uncles, and parents growing up. How do we all? Through their stories family is revealed and, along with that family history, the development of the community. As time passes, those communities rise and fall. In this very rare gift of a book, Rhonda presents the reader with information about Wisconsin's lost towns that have been long sought out, but many of us have not had the time to research. The very definition of a ghost town is included here, along with the approximate location of each one of these once-thriving communities. This book is a must for historians through general readers and provides us with the next-best telling of our past save for the

family that's no longer around. Laurie Scheer, faculty associate/writing mentor, UW-Madison Liberal Arts and Applied Studies (Laurie Scheer)"The mills, schools, cheese factory, post office, and stores are all gone, but not so the memories of Knox Mills where I was born and spent my growing up years. As a place with so many fond memories, keeping the stories alive is special and important, as are all the tales of long ago, lost and nearly gone locations.

Rhonda's book tells their stories and in so doing keeps many towns alive, at least in the memories and in the heart. Joyce Bant, historian, Hazelhurst, Wisconsin (Joyce Bant)

After several years of working in the public and private sector, doing everything from assembling Tonka Toy trucks (when they were made in America), working in a LP record distribution warehouse, serving in a variety of public governmental roles, managing a construction office, to becoming a social studies teacher at the age of forty-two, Rhonda is recently retired. Her passion for history, especially local and regional history, has resulted in the Minnesota's Lost Towns series, which chronicles Minnesota used-to-be towns and communities. Readers can learn more about Rhonda and her exciting books at [www.rhondafochs.weebly.com](http://www.rhondafochs.weebly.com) or at [www.facebook.com/MinnesotasLostTowns](https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotasLostTowns)

Very disappointed in this book, I really expected more based on the publicity article I had read. Northern Wisconsin counties are rich in logging and railroad history and it really doesn't seem like the author did much, if any, research. Some counties have only one entry and the information provided could be just as easily accessed from a web search. I would not have made the purchase if I would have reviewed it in a bookstore and would return it if the option was available. You can find my copy at the local Goodwill Store.

It's ok but lacking in the detail I expected. Middle of the road, not good not bad.

Being a history buff, especially local history, this book is a fun read. While certainly there are many many more lost towns in Wisconsin, this book does a great job of sharing the tales of over 200 lost and long ago places. It would be impossible to cover every lost town in great detail, some lost towns stay well hidden. Some are covered briefly others in more detail. The photos bring the stories to life. A lot of history for an economical price.

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