

What's on the Shelf?

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CLEVELAND SUMMERTIME MEMORIES

Author Gail Ghetia Bellamy

After the winter season we have been having, it is refreshing to think about warm days, road trips, ice cream scoops or lounging at the beach. *Cleveland Summertime Memories* by Gail Ghetia Bellamy (Gray & Company Publishers, 2013) is the perfect book to sift through the memories summer days gone by in Cleveland and surrounding areas. The book shares memories and events from summer camps, sporting events, amusement parks, concerts and more. Reading the book will take you through your own summertime memories as we recall the activities we used to do, favorite foods we liked to eat and the style of clothes we used to wear. *Cleveland Summertime Memories* has many photos sprinkled with historical notes and fun anecdotes to bring our good ole days back to life.

"Nostalgia is fun. The summer memories are great because the weather is good and people can travel outside of their own area," said Gail. "Summer experiences expand the entire shoreline of Lake Erie. Photographs trigger a lot of memories."

It took Gail nearly one year to complete her book. She is also the author of two more Cleveland favorites, *Cleveland Food Memories* and *Cleveland Christmas Memories* (Gray & Company Publishers). "I first got the idea for this book while I was working on the Christmas Memories," said Gail. "I thought it would be an ideal topic. As I started talking with people about their Christmas moments, they were also interested in sharing about their summertime memories."

Fond memories stretch from Euclid Beach to Edgewater Park where they keep traveling along the Lake Erie coast to make a stop at Cedar Point in Sandusky then continue on to Catawba Island and Port Clinton. There are many memories that people reflect upon and more to create as we adapt to new places or revisit what remains. *Cleveland Summertime Memories* is a book you will enjoy reading over a cool glass of lemonade as you sit on the porch during the summer. It is also a book you can curl up on the couch to read as you dream of summer.

"People enjoy sharing their memories and photographs," said Gail. "I start talking with people I know then it becomes an ever broadening circle as every contact knows someone else. I have found that people are usually open to talking about memories that are very close to their heart."

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