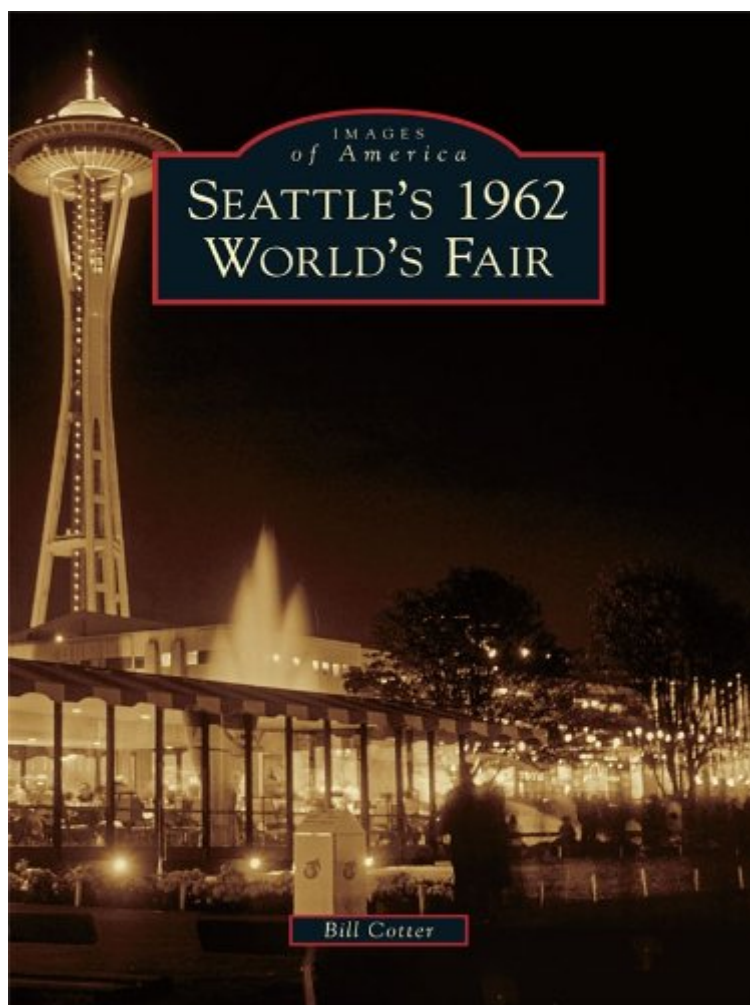


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# Seattle's 1962 World's Fair (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

When the United States entered the 1960s, the nation was swept up in the Space Race as the United States and the Soviet Union competed for supremacy in rocket and satellite technologies. Cities across the country hoped to attract new aerospace companies, but the city leaders of Seattle launched the most ambitious campaign of all. They invited the whole world to visit for the 1962 Seattle World's Fair, and more than nine million people took them up on the offer. A colorful collection of exhibits turned 74 acres of rundown buildings into a futuristic wonderland where dozens of countries and companies predicted life in the future. The entire city was transformed with the addition of the soaring Space Needle and the futuristic monorail. When the fair ended, the site became a complex of parks and museums that remains a vibrant part of Seattle city life today.

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## Customer Reviews

I have a few of these little historical photo books and enjoy flipping through them. Mostly they are of fairly remote eras and therefore, a collection of black and white photos is entirely appropriate. However, this fair took place in 1962 at the height of the Populuxe era and while it's nice to have

photos of this event collected in one place, it's somewhat unsatisfying to see an entire book of this subject without the bright colors associated with documents we otherwise have of the era. I found myself wondering if some photos were originally shot on Kodachrome and wondering what the original shots would have looked like. Additionally, the small size of this series makes them somewhat unsatisfying when depicting events like world's fairs - luckily with others (the AYPE, etc.) there are competing/additional book choices which are more satisfying considering the scale of an event like this. If you're familiar with this series and would like one about Century 21, though, don't hold back...it gets the job done and has a nice selection of photos.

I did not attend this world's Fair, I was too young. I did attend the 1986 Vancouver Expo and the 1992 Sevilla Expo But the Seattle Fair started my interest on these events. A very informative book on how the whole Fair became a reality. Thanks, Jorge

A great compilation of photos from The Seattle World's Fair. Many are rare. This told the story. This is black and white photos and these Images of America books go that way. Bill Cotter has done the New York World's Fair edition (1964-1965) as well. This is the first book I have purchased in the series and I might buy a few more.

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