

Lost Burbank

by Wes Clark & Mike McDaniel

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Burbankers will learn at least ten things about their hometown that they didn't know. We promise.
- Many of the historic illustrations included in Lost Burbank have never been published in book form before.
- Lost Burbank looks at the total picture: History, Media Center, Crime, Burbankers, Inventors and Musicians.
- Lost Burbank describes the fascinating, little known facts about life and town that are lost to general knowledge.
- Burbank is the Nation's Media Center. What happens in Burbank has global impact!

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Beautiful Downtown Burbank

Slowly fading with the city's ever-changing landscape, the places and people of Burbank's past tell a vibrant story. Before the arrival of Warner Bros. and Walt Disney, First National Pictures built its original studio lot on Olive Avenue in 1926. For over sixty years, Lockheed Aircraft Company produced some of the nation's best airplanes where the massive Empire Shopping Center now stands. Heavyweight champion James Jeffries turned his Burbank ranch home and barn into a beloved landmark and boxing venue. And inventor Joseph Wesley Fawkes's scheme to build a monorail to Los Angeles became a local laughingstock. Die-hard Burbankers Wes Clark and Michael McDaniel collect these and many more forgotten local stories where they can finally be found.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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We thank our Biology teacher for having the foresight to seat us together in class so we could be friends for the past 41 years! An interest in history is one of the many things we have in common hence this book.