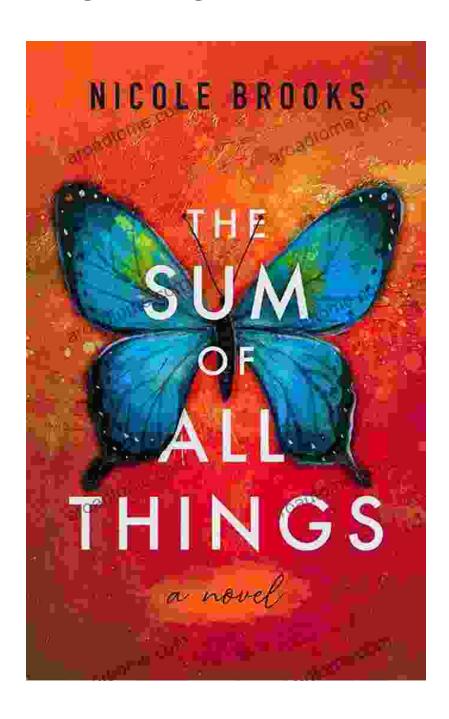
# Delve into the Golden Age of Chicago Horse Racing through "Images of America"



Prepare to be captivated as you embark on a nostalgic journey through Chicago's vibrant horse racing past through the captivating pages of "Chicago Horse Racing Venues: Images of America." This remarkable

book, meticulously researched by renowned historian Lou Sahadi, paints a vivid picture of the Windy City's storied equine legacy, showcasing a magnificent collection of over 200 vintage photographs and ephemera.



### **Chicago's Horse Racing Venues (Images of America)**

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Step back in time to the golden era of horse racing, when Chicago stood as a national hub for this thrilling sport. The book takes you on a captivating tour of the city's most iconic racetracks, including Washington Park, Hawthorne Race Course, Arlington Park, and Sportsman's Park, capturing their grandeur and the electric atmosphere that permeated these legendary venues.

**Washington Park: A Grandiose Haven for Equestrian Excellence** 



As you delve into "Chicago Horse Racing Venues," you'll be transported to the opulent setting of Washington Park, where society's elite gathered to witness some of the most extraordinary equine contests. This magnificent track, established in 1884, played host to legendary races such as the American Derby and the Washington Park Handicap.

The book captures the track's palatial architecture, its sprawling grandstand, and the meticulously manicured grounds that created an unforgettable ambiance. Through rare photographs, you'll witness the thrilling races, the spirited crowds, and the vibrant culture that defined Washington Park as a true racing mecca.

**Hawthorne Race Course: A Centennial Celebration of Racing Heritage** 



Journey to Hawthorne Race Course, a beloved suburban track that has witnessed a century of exhilarating racing action. Founded in 1891, Hawthorne quickly gained a reputation for its fast track and competitive races. The book unveils the track's rich history, from its early days as a dirt track to its transformation into a modern racing facility.

You'll marvel at historic photographs of Hawthorne's grandstand, its iconic paddock, and the legendary horses that graced its track. The book also recounts the track's role in shaping the sport of harness racing, making Hawthorne a true gem in Chicago's racing landscape.

Arlington Park: A Legendary Venue Steeped in History and Tradition



No chronicle of Chicago horse racing would be complete without delving into the storied history of Arlington Park, a legendary track that has played host to some of the sport's most iconic moments. Established in 1927, Arlington Park quickly became a national racing destination, renowned for its beautiful setting, world-class racing, and unforgettable traditions.

Through captivating photographs, "Chicago Horse Racing Venues" takes you behind the scenes of Arlington Park, capturing its grand architecture, its sprawling backstretch, and the countless champions that have graced its hallowed grounds. You'll witness the electrifying excitement of the Arlington Million, the track's signature race, and relive the triumphs of legendary horses like Secretariat and Citation.

### Sportsman's Park: A Multi-faceted Venue with a Rich Legacy



Complete your journey through Chicago's horse racing history with a visit to Sportsman's Park, a multi-faceted venue that has hosted a diverse range of sporting events throughout its long history. Founded in 1902, Sportsman's Park initially catered to the sport of baseball before embracing horse racing in the 1920s.

The book unveils the many faces of Sportsman's Park, from its early days as a bustling baseball park to its transformation into a successful horse racing venue. You'll witness the track's unique blend of sports and entertainment, including the popular "Night at the Races" events that drew massive crowds.

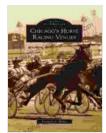
### **Preserving Chicago's Horse Racing Legacy for Generations**



"Chicago Horse Racing Venues: Images of America" is a testament to the enduring legacy of horse racing in Chicago. Through meticulously curated photographs and engaging historical accounts, authors Lou Sahadi and Jim Wolf have breathed new life into the Windy City's vibrant racing past. This book is not just a historical document; it is a nostalgic journey that captures the spirit and passion that have made Chicago horse racing a cherished tradition.

Whether you're a lifelong racing enthusiast or simply curious about Chicago's rich cultural heritage, "Chicago Horse Racing Venues: Images of America" is an essential addition to your bookshelf. Its pages are filled with the sights, sounds, and stories that have shaped the sport of kings in the Windy City. Grab your copy today and immerse yourself in the golden age of Chicago horse racing.

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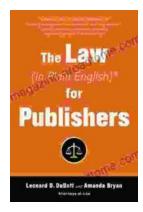
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