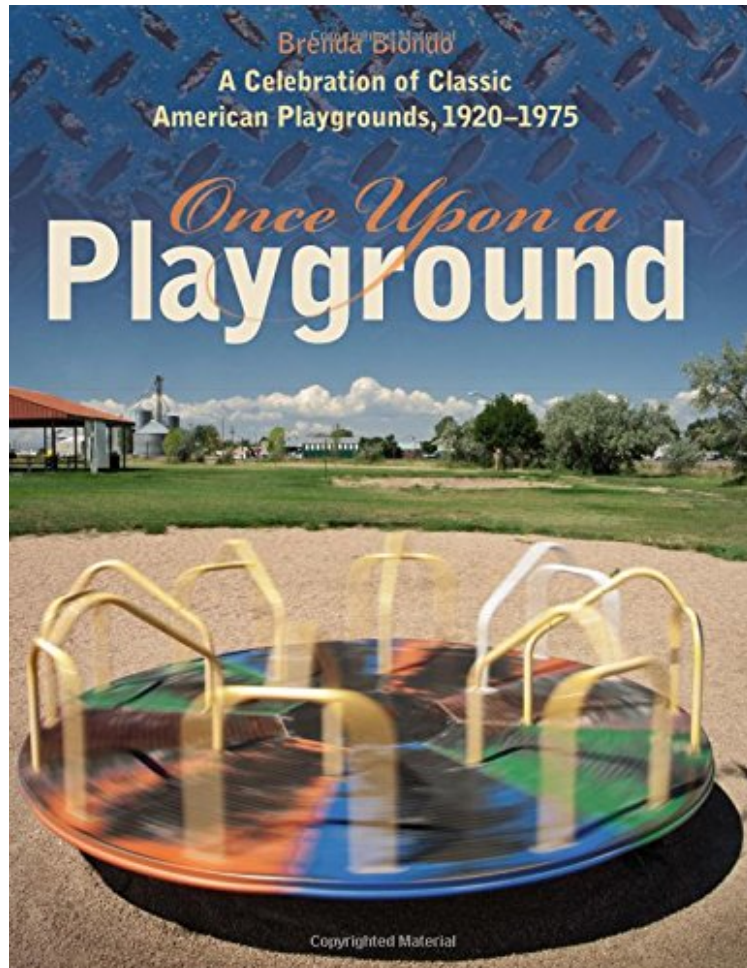


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them in print through this book, and would highly recommend this book to any vintage playground enthusiast.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Biondo thought to document the one thing a great many of us have share in common - hours ...By KIMBER"Once Upon a Playground: A Celebration of Classic American Playgrounds" really brings back the memories! I'm proud to say I think I've been on about 75% of the playground equipment in this book from a wee lass to some 50 years later! (I still play on playground equipment given the chance.) This is a delightful book and I can't express how grateful I am that Ms. Biondo thought to document the one thing a great many of us have share in common - hours on the school playground! I highly recommend this book.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great memories!By coachI loved this book. It reminded me of my childhood. I can remember many of those wonderful rides - as an adult I have been a physics teacher and much of the physics I learned was swing on one of those rides- I still use my playground experiences as illustrations of physics laws. Her pictures are beautiful and haunting!! This is going to be a great coffee table book and conversation starter for our home!

Before todays safety-minded structures of wood and plastic, Americas playgrounds were full of tottering seesaws, dizzying merry-go-rounds, and towering metal slides.Documenting the evolution of American playgrounds between 1920 and 1975, Once Upon a Playground is a visual tribute to these iconic structures, celebrating their place in our culture and the collective memories of generations. In it, contemporary photos of vintage pieces of playground equipment are juxtaposed with images of the very same pieces as they were shown in classic catalogs, postcards, and photographs. The result is a haunting time capsule showing a rapidly vanishing part of our countrys cultural heritage. Whatever the playgrounds of your childhood looked like, the gorgeous photographs in this book will transport you back in time and remind you of just how important play can really be.

Although Biondos goal was documentation, her arresting images will appeal to fine art lovers as much as nostalgic readers.Publishers Weekly