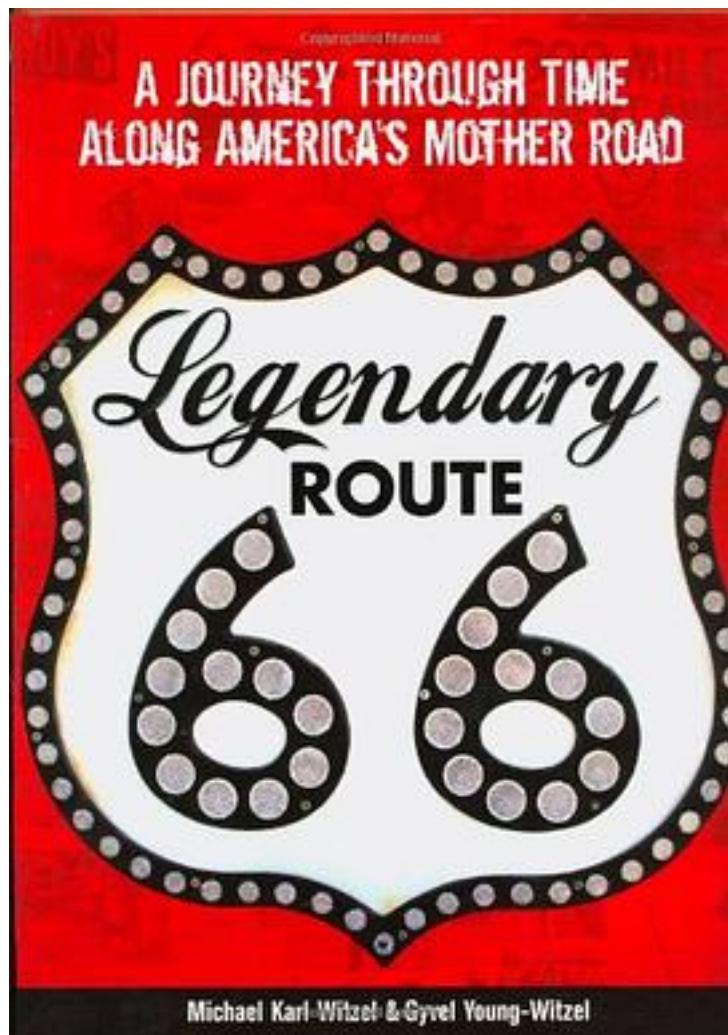


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Starting in Chicago and ending in Los Angeles, Route 66 is possibly the best-known

road in the world, full of travels, stories, histories. It carries truckers across country, Oakies fleeing the dust bowl in the Great Depression, GI's returning home after World War II, sun seeking vacationers, and inspired both Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath", and Kerouac's "On The Road", the latter establishing Route 66 in the collective consciousness of the world, and linking it with counter-culture, biker adventure and the freedom of travel in the new era of mass transport. "Easy Rider" was filmed on this iconic route, which takes in three different time zones on its 2,500 mile route, and has been called America's Main Street, Mother Road, Will Rogers Highway, Bloody 66, and has even had a song that names it: "Get Your Kicks on Route 66". This wonderfully illustrated book is a tribute to this iconic highway, full of images from past and present, a nostalgic tour of the charm and oddities of this road through cultural history. Highlighting sites along the road, in photographs of then and now pairings, it also includes postcards, road signs, trinkets, maps, brochures, and advertisements. The neon towns of yesterday contrast with the ghost towns of today, and there is a full account of the highway's history, its role in popular culture, individual stories of famous sights, and the story of its demise. Sure to appeal to readers everywhere, this is an unmissable book and sure to be eagerly received as Route 66 embarks on a long-term preservation project.

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