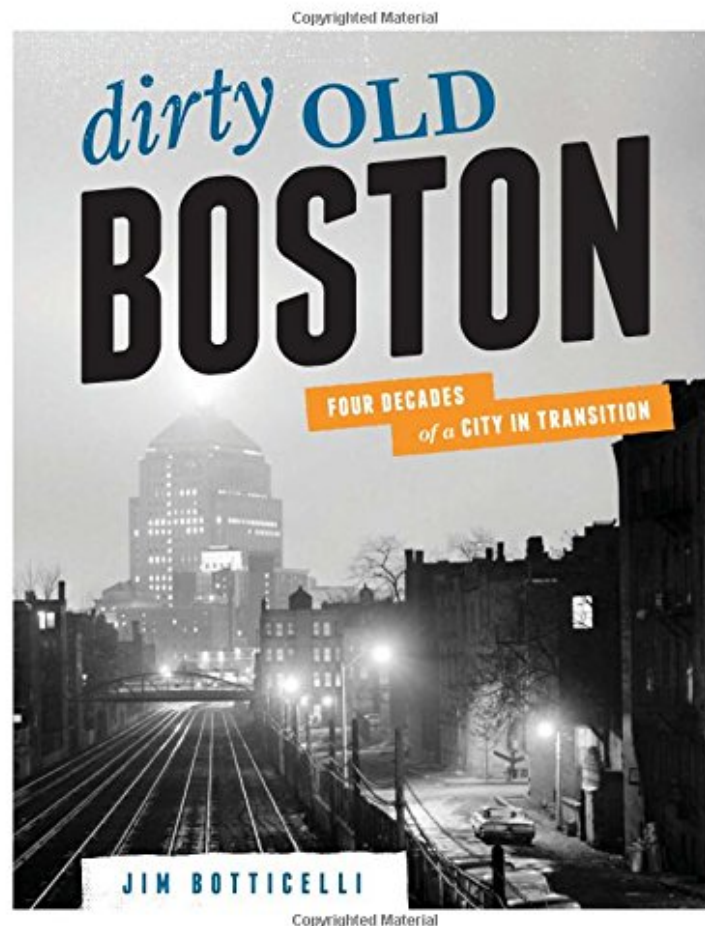


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When Jim Botticelli launched the Dirty Old Boston Facebook page as a salute to the gritty city he once knew, he discovered that thousands of people were equally nostalgic and curious about Boston's recent past. And for good reason; after World War II, Boston changed rapidly, without apology, for better and worse, and in many ways forever. Dirty Old Boston chronicles the people, streets, and buildings from the postwar years to 1987. From ball games to dive bars, Dirty Old Boston also covers some of the city's most tumultuous events including the razing of neighborhoods, Boston's busing crisis, and the continual fight for affordable housing. Photographs assembled from family albums, student projects, institutional archives, and professional collections reveal Boston as seen from the streets. Illuminating Boston's tenacity and spirit, Dirty Old Boston presents our proud moments and our growing pains. Raw and beautiful, this book is an evocative tribute to the city and its people.

...Such transplants should study Dirty Old Boston, the essential new pictorial softcover ... from local armchair anthropologist Jim Botticelli. His history skips over the safe stuff and picturesque renditions of the Freedom Trail. As Botticelli explains in the intro, his book conjures "a place where you could find a parking spot if you needed it." -Chris Farone, Dig BostonSharing the fun of exploring this book with others who love this city and learning from some of the people who have lived here through these decades will be half the fun of having it. ... Some pages will hit emotional hot buttons. ... It's that kind of book - one that will bring back memories for some and show others what was here before they were. Dirty Old Boston: Four Decades of a City in Transition will also make a wonderful holiday gift for any fan of this city and its history. - Penny Cherubino, Boston Zest... Just days before his official retirement from the Boston Public School system, and on a whim created a Facebook page where he could post images of the city's pre-gentrified past... Fast forward to 2014, and that page, called "Dirty Old Boston," has now ballooned to more than 100,000 "likes," and, to Botticelli's complete surprise, has been turned into a 271-page coffee-table book that's packed with rare photos and stories provided by the people who have been rooted in the city for decades. -Steve Annear, Bostonmagazine.com