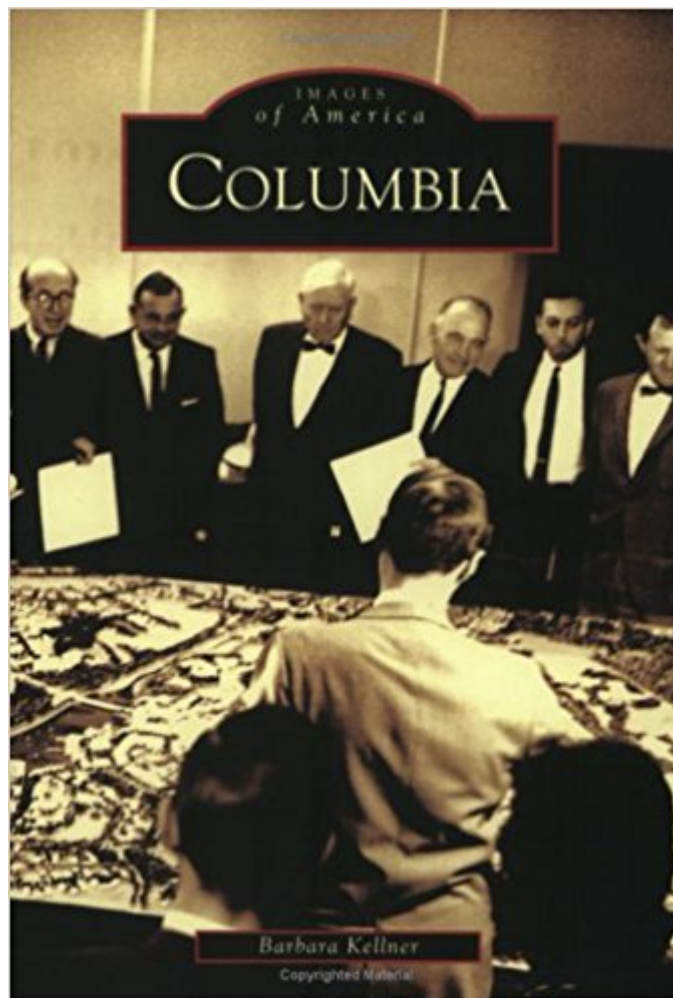


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# Columbia (MD) (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

Columbia is a planned community that has influenced suburban development since its creation in the mid-1960s. This city of 100,000 grew out of rural farmland, patterned by the best thinkers of its time, including visionary developer James Rouse and a team of consultants such as sociologist Herbert Gans and transportation planner Alan Voorhees. World-famous architect Frank Gehry designed key buildings. Oakland Manor, featuring a barn that is a historical landmark, is one example of the structures preserved to give roots to the new town. Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Michael Chabon grew up in Columbia and has said it altered the course of his life, making him into the writer he is today.

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The story of Columbia is one of visionary people, and Barbara Kellner, manager of the Columbia Archives, tells that story with love for the community and for those who developed it.

Move to Columbia in 1971 and lived on Rain Dream Hill (Next to the Ruins) until 2002. Seen many change and learn the History of Columbia, Maryland through this book. I was on the Columbia Youth Association (CYA) to bring a Beltsville Basketball Championship in 1972 for the first time in Columbia, Maryland History.

I grew up in Columbia from 1967 until I moved away in 1984. It was a very special time in Columbia and still under the control of James Rouse. I often wish that the country was like Columbia. We

certainly wouldn't have the hate crimes going on in such numbers. Columbia was all about integration encompassing income levels, ethnicity and religion. A beautiful childhood in a beautiful community.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. The pictures filled in the blanks from the places and stories I knew of growing up in Columbia. And the writing is clear, prosaic and informative. A very well done little memoir for my hometown.

Great bunch of pictures honoring the many phases of Columbia's development. Some depict things I never knew , others bring back warm memories.

Barbara Kellner's book accurately captures the spirit and emotion of Columbia from it early days to the time of its writing. The pictures are excellent and the writing excellent.

Another good historical book. I love all these books about Maryland.

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