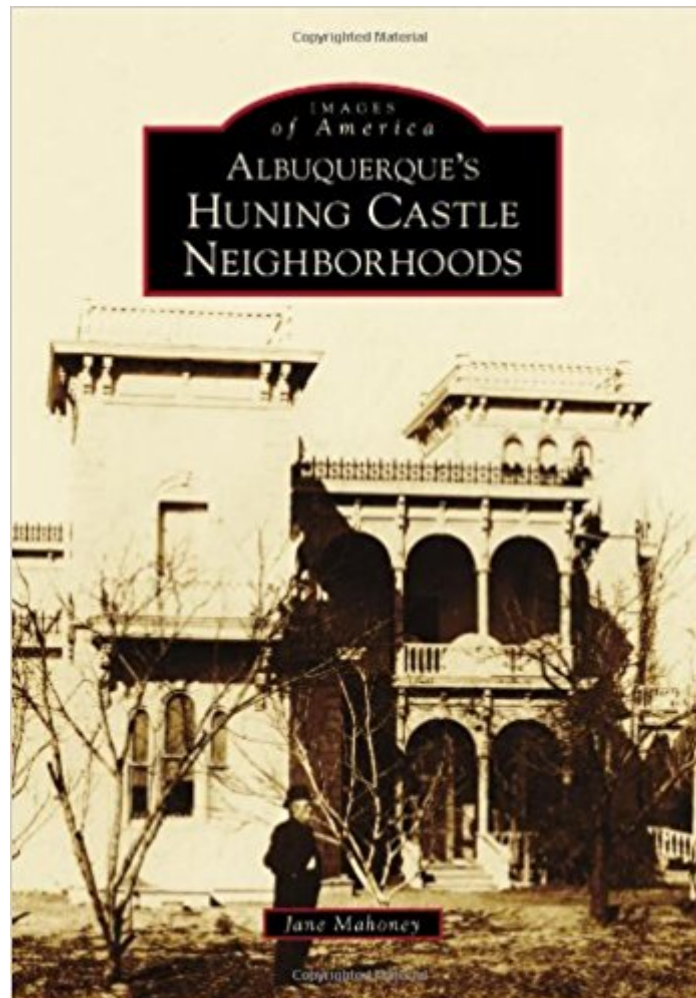




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Synopsis

As a 21-year-old German immigrant, Franz Huning could not have envisioned his future in New Mexico when, in 1849, he signed on as a "bull whacker" for a wagon train heading down the Santa Fe Trail. From his beginnings as a clerk in Albuquerque's Old Town, Huning's entrepreneurial talents flourished over the next half-century. He took on the roles of merchant, flour mill operator, and land speculator, helping to secure Albuquerque as a division point with a depot, offices, and major repair shops for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Huning's 700-acre estate, home to the once-legendary but now-demolished Castle Huning, fronted Albuquerque's main thoroughfare midway between Old Town and the bustling new downtown one mile east. It was a front-row seat to the city's development after the flood-prone Rio Grande was stabilized. Huning's former estate is now home to fine, diverse homes near the Albuquerque Country Club, as well as historic Route 66, Tingley Beach, the zoo, the Little Theatre, and a Christmas Eve luminaria tradition.

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Customer Reviews

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As an occasional visitor to Albuquerque, I was delighted and informed to read Ms.

Mahoney's new book. It's so much more than the history of one particular part of town. In fact, it's a wonderful addition to the history of the entire city for the time period between 1880 and the present. The sequence of chapters isn't necessarily chronological. Mahoney depicts how and why particular geographic areas in the heart of the city initially developed and then transitioned into their present configurations and characters. Her narrative informs the considerable array of archival photographs, but it isn't redundant. There is a satisfying blend of people pictures interspersed throughout the architectural and landscape photos. The book is infused with the personalities of the people who contributed their energies to make Albuquerque the city it is today. This is a cool book, not just for Albuquerqueans, but for anyone interested in New Mexico.

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