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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What a difference a decade makes!By ChristineFor anyone interested in New York history, architecture, photographs of days gone by, or who would like to make a then-and-now comparison, I recommend this book! What's especially fascinating for me is the fact that I've been in those neighborhoods (Manhattan and Brooklyn) after the renovations and have taken numerous photographs, so when I look through the pages of SOUTH STREET, I get the "before and after" effects, with the book's photos comprising the before and mine the after!But I can't help regretting that I didn't explore on my own back in the "before" days, as there must have been quite an aura of the past - despite how run down everything had gotten - that disappeared with all the commercialization (i.e. the shopping mall atmosphere that seems to be inevitable these days).You also get the impression of how architectural styles were viewed from the point of view of decades gone by: a look at the Fulton Market building that was put up in the 50's (plain, flat, boring brick) says a lot about attitudes back then, especially if you've ever seen a photograph of the market building that was there before (I have, and can't believe such a fascinating example of Victorian architecture was gutted and replaced with such a nothing! It's no wonder Pennsylvania Station got the treatment it did!) Thankfully, the present market building has brought back the old style, though in a modern

way. This book is lightweight, so it would be no problem to take it along on a tour of the neighborhood for a comparison. Have fun!

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