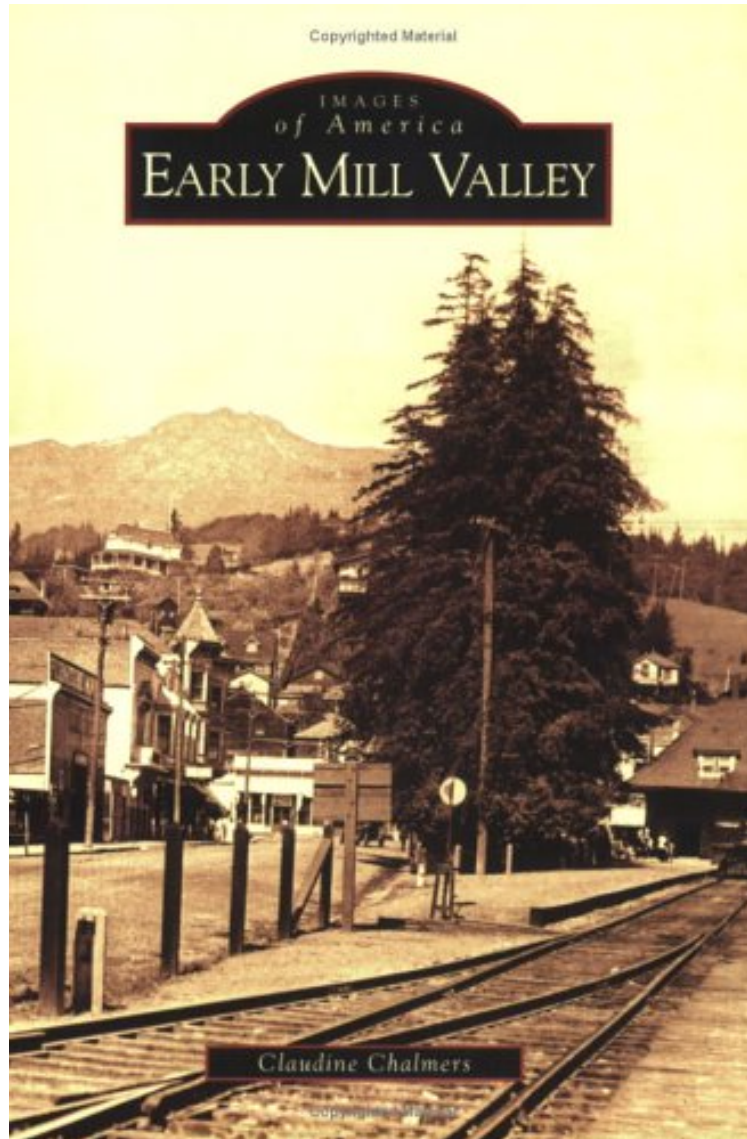


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displaying some of Mill Valley's most captivating inhabitants and charming businesses, founded by some of its earliest settlers. Dr. Chalmers also describes the enthralling stories of Mt. Tamalpais and some of the courageous journeys traveled by those who made the beautiful hike up to its summit, as well as those of the infamous Tamalpais Scenic Railway and the enchanting Muir Woods. Her book and the treasured collection of images therein provide insight into the many mysteries contained in Mill Valley's history, making it a fascinating literary journey for any reader! I highly recommend it! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. a brilliant history By Robert D. Harmon I've worked as a docent in the Mill Valley Library history room, and I can testify that this little book is a brilliant collection of photos and snippets of the town's history. Not only does it have a surprising number of photos for a book this small, but its selection shows a splendid sense of editing. The book covers the period from native American days before the arrival of the Spaniards -- it does not neglect the Coast Miwoks who were the original settlers, after all -- up to the WWII period. It's a book worth having, and worth giving as a gift. I do also recommend Barry Spitz' Mill Valley: The Early Years, which has more narrative material on the period from 1890, the time of the town's formal founding, to 1929 and the big fire. Also, the Crookedest Railroad in the World, by Theodore Wurm, concentrates on the railroad up Mt. Tamalpais from Mill Valley to the summit, also a must-have. But this book is a nice introduction to Mill Valley's feel and its past. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book By A. king I grew up in this town, and it was nice to see the historic pictures, and learn the significance of the downtown buildings.

Mill Valley rests in the shadow of Mount Tamalpais, the tallest peak of the Coast Range. Ancient redwood groves cloaking the mountains flanks and nearby canyons attracted a pioneer sawmill that gave the town its name. As the timber industry was replaced by dairies, Mill Valley became a destination for those drawn to beauty: hikers, campers, naturalists, artists, writers, and dreamers who gave the town its early bohemian atmosphere. Tamalpais Scenic Railway once ran the crookedest railroad in the world to the summit, where passengers exulted in the taste of salty ocean winds, rolling fog, and stunning vistas of the inner bay and ocean shores. Pres. Theodore Roosevelt reserved some of the areas majestic trees, now national parkland webbed with 200 miles of scenic trails, and named them Muir Woods for naturalist John Muir.

About the Author Author, historian, and scholar Claudine Chalmers, a resident of Mill Valley for 30 years, has published a book and many articles, and has mounted exhibits on early California art and history for the California Historical Society and Sacramentos Crocker Art Museum. Her probing and eloquent narration guides readers along a visual trail of the finest images from both public and private collections, winding back through the shadows into Mill Valleys early days.