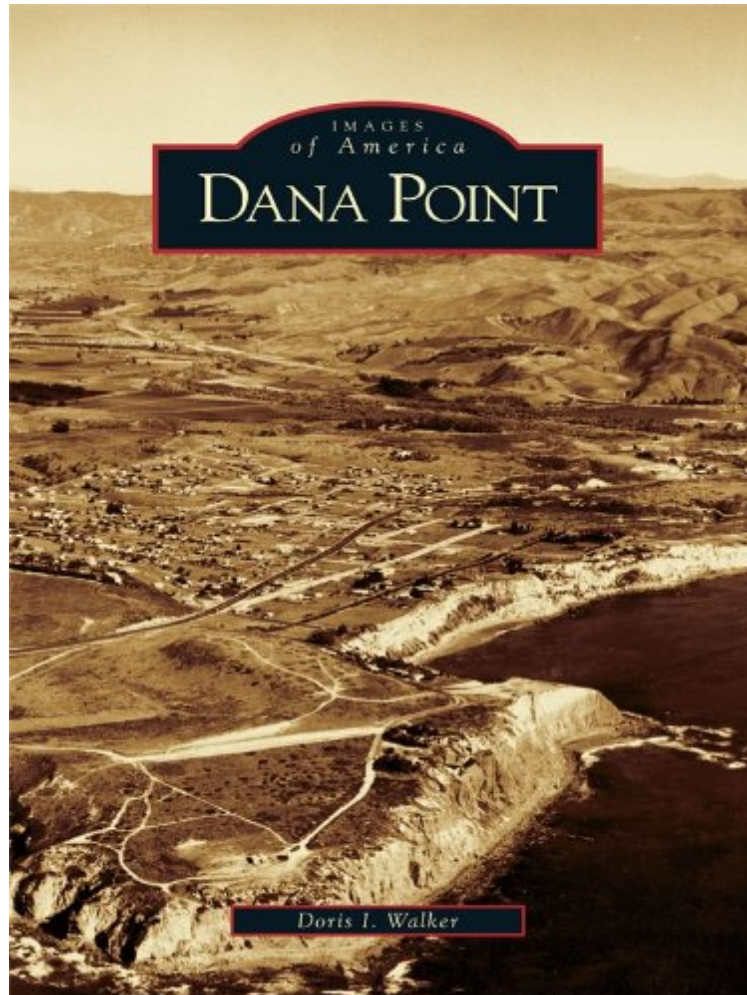


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Doris I. Walker : Dana Point before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dana Point:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. yes, i liked the photos. By MPS bought as a prelude to a stay in Dana Point. interesting in light of all the current day and very much ongoing development. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. "A Coastline Mecca in Southern California" By Russell A. Rohde MD "Dana Point: Images of America", by Doris I. Walker, Arcadia Publishing, CA 2007. ISBN 978-0-7385-4732-9. SC, 128 pages. Intro., 9 Chapters, many B W photos. 9 1/4" x 6 1/2". Accomplished, published writer, Doris Walker (Dana Point resident of 44 years OC commissioner) provides an authentic historical-to-modern-day times chronicle of Dana Point's development from a towering majestic rocky prominence and watery cove (as narrated by Richard Henry Dana's 1840 classic "Two Years Before the Mast") into its present time status as a world-class modern city marina for thousands of private boats, visitors and its residents. The story is narrated, importantly, by c. 250 B W semi-gloss photographs, both from archived files and taken by the author include aerial views, showing the progressive development of an undeveloped sailing

ship port, halfway betwixt San Diego and San Pedro. Early development plans, thwarted by the Great Depression of '29, ultimately, with perseverance and development of roads, railroads freeways, grew into a spectacular magnificent attestation via marine and land engineering marvels, mostly between the late 1950's and 1971, so its largely pristine, new clean but retaining significant cultural reminders of its earlier days including the famed Latern Streets (their colored lamps once denoting specific ships in bay), rugged landscaping, large recreational areas for townspeople and visitors, and an active Ocean Institute at the Harbor. In 1989 the consortium of Monarch Beach (north) and towns of Capistrano Beach (south) joined Dana Point to form the new City of Dana Point, an awesome gem of developed coastline between Laguna Beach and Doheny Beach. The photographic narrative is splendid as it traces the progressive development of a rocky promontory into the distinctive cultural Mecca in Southern California. The marina boasts eateries, small shops and paths along the shoreline and breakwaters frequented with brown pelicans, herons, gulls making walking enjoyable for landlubbers in fresh ocean breezes. As a California Native, I found the author's book accurate, timely and highly informative.

For two centuries before it was sculpted into a modern marina, the curve of the Pacific coast that is now Dana Point Harbor was a natural anchorage within Capistrano Bay for winddependent trading ships. Boston sailor Richard Henry Dana arrived on one and later described the site as "the only romantic spot in California" in his 1840 classic, *Two Years Before the Mast*. Situated halfway between San Diego and Los Angeles, Dana Point's rugged coves attracted mainly fishermen and surfers. Then in the 1920s, the marine terraces above the surf were carved into streets, but the community's development was stilled by the national financial crash of 1929. Now Dana Point has matured into a popular recreation and resort port, as well as a thriving residential city, while much of the natural beauty that inspired namesake Dana has been preserved.

Title: Arcadia Author Earns Top State and National Awards
Date: November 2008
Doris I. Walker's Arcadia book "Images of America: DANA POINT" has been awarded first place as Best History Book in this year's national communications contest sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women. The coveted honor was presented at the professional group's annual conference in Idaho Falls, Idaho. This book had already been accorded first place among the year's California history book entries by Southern California Media Professionals, an NFPW affiliate. First place winners from all state affiliates become the entries in the national contest. The announcing judge called the winning book: "A lovely way to get a full history of Dana Point with ease and emotion, because of Ms. Walker's vivid portraits and pointed captions. Well done!" A resident of this Southern California coastal city for more than four decades, the author dedicated her book to the Dana Point Historical Society, which she co-founded 20 years ago. She is the author of 11 other books about her county, including its official centennial edition in 1989, and has served as an appointed Orange County historical commissioner since 1994. The author-historian's current Arcadia work-in-progress is "Orange County, a Natural History." About the Author
Award-winning author Doris I. Walker has been a resident of Dana Point since 1963. Through photographs she has taken and collected through the years, Dana Point's acknowledged historian creates in this volume the definitive tour of her infinitely photogenic home port. An Orange County historical commissioner, Walker has penned a dozen books, including *Home Port for Romance*, a comprehensive history of the Capistrano Bay area, and *Adventure's Guide to Dana Point*.