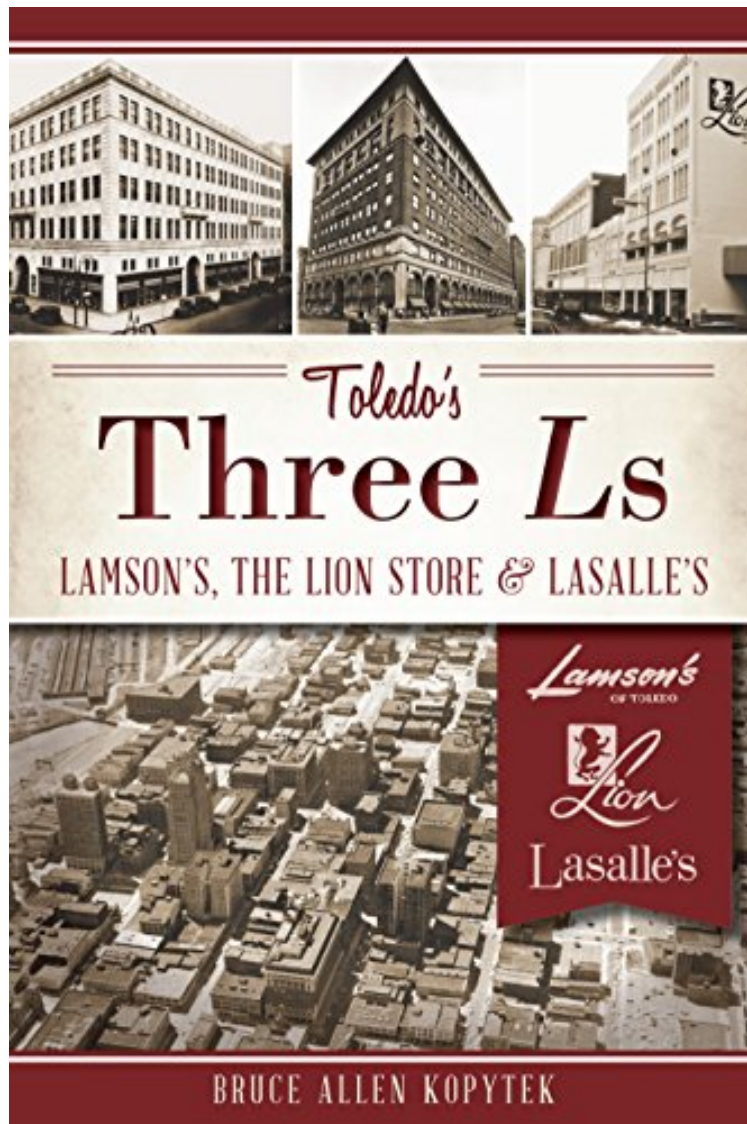


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**Bruce Allen Kopytek : Toledo's Three Ls: Lamson's, Lion Store and Lasalle's (Landmarks)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Toledo's Three Ls: Lamson's, Lion Store and Lasalle's (Landmarks):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Paradise lost...By Richard K.This is one of those books that was perhaps the hardest to write. To begin with there is very little source material to provide research enough to validate such work. The author somehow sifted through the rubble of this modern day Atlantis and produced a fragile and important record of Toledo, Ohio. At one time predicted to be the largest city in the world by 2000. Fate stepped in and decided otherwise. For whatever reason, Industrial failure-Jeep is still there, its proximity to Detroit-its already

starting to revive, so forget that thought or an old Indian curse, this once "city of tomorrow" is now mostly an abandoned parking lot. In my lifetime, I watched its tragic decline. I grew up in a small town east of Toledo near Sandusky and Tiffin and clearly remember Lasalle's. My grandmother loved shopping there. My father worked in Toledo and would take me shopping at Tiedkes that had a massive toy section. I never forgot those epic shopping experience. We travelled by train to Detroit by train and I was amazed at the Toledo skyline. It was sleek, industrial and ever so modern to my little eyes. I was born in the year they tore down the Paramount Theater. My father told me stories of spending the day watching movies in its cavernous darkness while his mother and her friends shopped at Lasalle's and The Lion store. The 1970s brought hideous glass towers that somehow didn't feel or look right. I forged on however. I remember the Toledo Speedway Jam with Journey as the headlining act. I always felt that Toledo was the real rock and roll capitol. Yes, I drove out to the malls and shopped at Lions and was offered a credit card. Fate stepped in and I moved to Columbus and Toledo was just a memory. Upon seeing it again in 2009, I have to wonder what happened here? This book was a great trip to my misty childhood memories. Don't it always seem to go that we don't know what we got till its gone? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Surprising Gift of Toledo History By DoctorD This is a welcome history for anyone with roots in the Toledo area. I remember these wonderful icons vividly. My father was Head of Advertising for Lion Store in the 50's and 60's, after working for Lamson's and Lasalle's. I see his hand in many of the historical illustrations. Fashion was king, and Kopytek captures the mood accurately. This book is valuable for anyone wanting to learn how American cities were hollowed out in the late 20th Century. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Shopping in Toledo's past. By Glenn1104 Bought this as a gift for my sister-in-law who has lived in Toledo ohio for nearly 40 years, and is involved in its history. Believe it or not it came with a inscription to another person who was getting it as a gift over two years ago. Didn't feel right giving it to her that way. Anyway this is a great memory lane book about three famous dept. stores in Toledo's past for any one whose interested in things like this. Lots of pictures!

Remember the days when shopping meant white gloves, suits for men and leisurely lunches in tearooms? Toledo, an industrial powerhouse and Ohio's third-largest city, once had it all, and Lamson's, the Lion Store and Lasalle's were where it all happened. Reminisce with author Bruce Allen Kopytek about a time when these three great department stores dominated Toledo's retail scene and offered their customers anything they could want. Revisit their downtown competitors like Tiedtke's, B.R. Baker, Milner's and Stein's, which also added their own touch to Toledo's life. Through written history, photographs and personal recollections a lost era comes to light--an era when business was personal and local and shopping was more of a cherished event rather than a chore.

About the Author Bruce Kopytek is the author of Jacobson's: I Miss It So! and runs the popular Department Store Museum website.