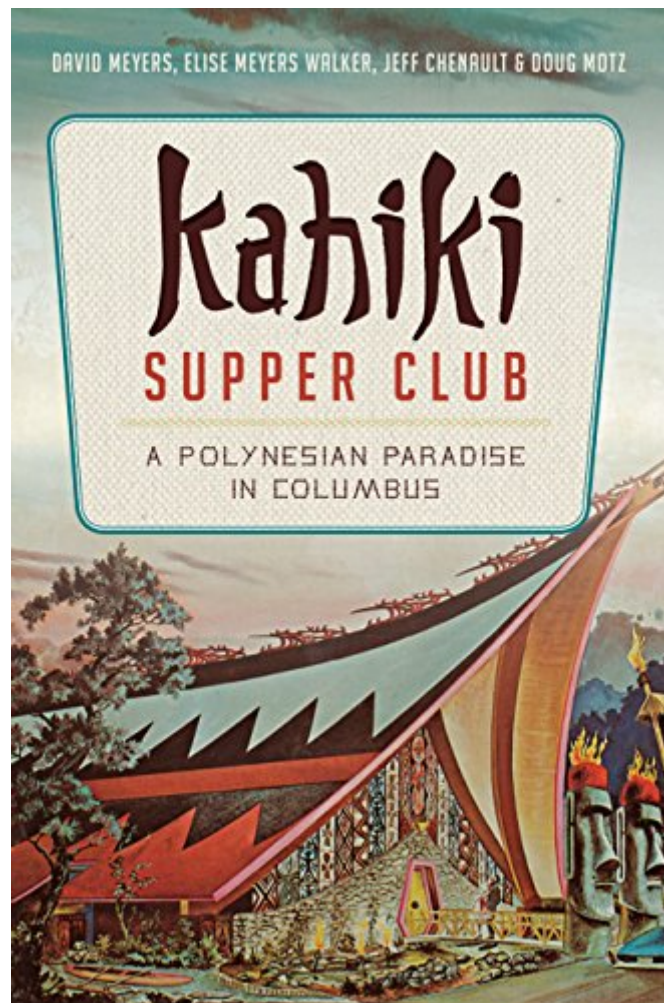




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Kahiki Supper Club: A Polynesian Paradise In Columbus (American Palate)



Synopsis

Inspired by Florida's famed Mai-Kai restaurant, Bill Sapp and Lee Henry opened the Kahiki Supper Club in 1961. They set out simply to build a nice Polynesian restaurant and ended up establishing the most magnificent one of them all. Patrons lined up for hours to see the celebrities who dined there--everyone from Betty White to Raymond Burr. Outside, two giant Easter Island heads with flames spouting from their topknots stood guard while customers dined in a faux tribal village with thatched huts, palm trees and a towering fireplace moai. One wall featured aquariums of exotic fish and another had windows overlooking a tropical rainforest with periodic thunderstorms. For nearly forty years, the Kahiki was the undisputed center of tiki culture.

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Customer Reviews

Used to go there as a kid. A surprisingly thorough history of the restaurant, including recipes for some of the dishes and drinks they served and a lot of photographs. If you had fond memories of the place, you're probably going to enjoy this quite a lot. Also a nice complement to a more general book, like the recent Tiki Pop from Taschen.

I loved the restaurant and miss it dearly: the quiet village, the mystery girl, drinks to die for (and some were wicked deadly!). This book is a wonderful glimpse behind the scenes and into the history of one of Columbus' lost treasures. I can't wait to try out some of the included recipes (I'm looking at you Tahitian Mermaid). Your tiki collection is not complete without this book.

Finally, the long awaited history of the Kahiki Supper Club. As a lifelong resident of Columbus, Ohio, I can certainly attest the authors have returned to us our beloved Polynesian restaurant. The book provides plenty of detail; the concept of Kahiki, behind the scenes information, rare photos & diagrams. The authors provide a balanced perspective; waxing nostalgic and not holding back when there was trouble in paradise. In all, this is a book you will want to share as it reads like good friend telling a story you wouldn't mind hearing a few times over.

A beautifully written history of the Kahiki. We wish it would be a series with Chin Tiki next and continuing on. These places were historically valuable and should never have been torn down. So sad. The book is great.

Thorough, clear and absolutely unique. Generally an excellent book, on a very interesting and well-loved topic. Strongly recommended if you have any interest in Tiki culture, the restaurant business, central Ohio history, or just like a good story.

Even though I didn't grow up in Columbus, OH or even set foot in the place...I enjoyed this loving tribute to an iconic Tiki palace. I feel like I know the Kahiki, due to the excellent writings of the the authors, the many great photos, and so many memories shared. I especially love the section on Kahiki food and drinks...real recipes from the day. Every classic Tiki joint needs a book this good!!

An excellent overview and detailed study of the old Kahiki Supper Club in Columbus. I've been there a few times and loved it and this book reminded me why I enjoyed the place so much. Many interesting details and behind-the-scenes anecdotes as well. It even includes a small (very small) reproduction of the lay-out and architectural plan. Very enjoyable.

A fantastic book about Columbus' premier Polynesian restaurant!! The research and stories are fascinating and fun to read and we've already enjoyed making several of the easy to re-create

recipes! The color photos are a pleasure to see and really take me back to my own memories of dining at the Kahiki!! If you have even a marginal interest in Americana/Tiki/Pop culture, get this book! You'll be glad you have it in your collection!

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