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THE BOOK

200 Salvadoran picture postcards from the period 1900–1950 are reproduced in color, with extensive commentary on 100. Typical scenes include early public buildings; streets and squares in the capital; ports and markets; hotels and lakes; groups of Indians. The book contains biographies of men responsible for the photography, production, and distribution of postcards. The author explains how one builds a collection and the methodology he used to investigate Salvadoran history to make the old postcards come alive today. *Early Salvadoran Postcards* is one of the first extensive studies published on the old postcards of a Latin American country. The book was conceptualized, researched, developed, designed, and printed in El Salvador. The financial sponsors were Banco Cuscatlán and the María Escalón de Núñez Foundation.

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