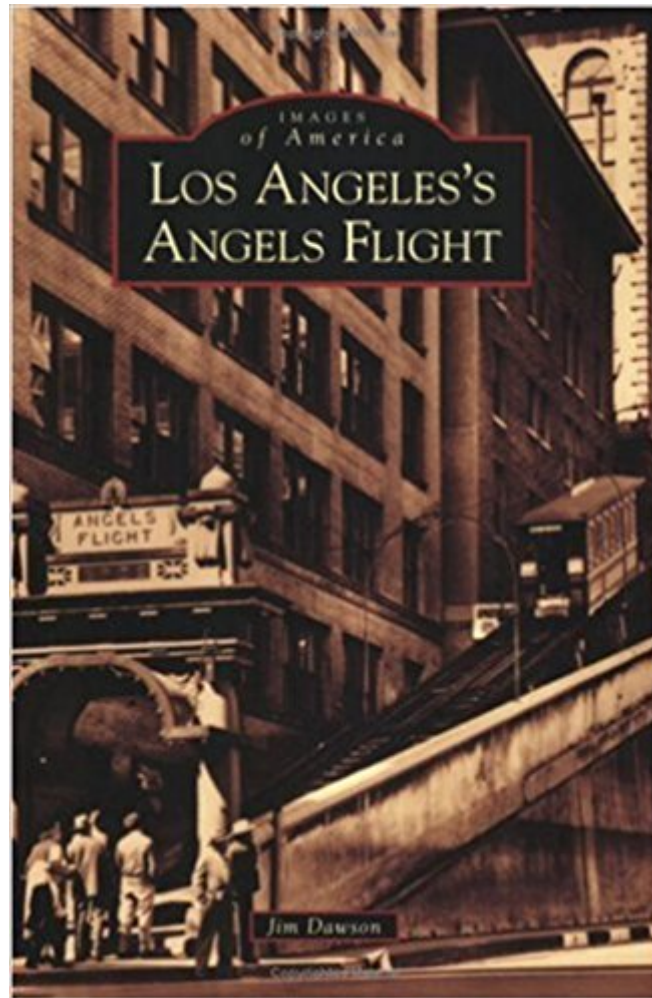




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From 1901 to 1969, Angels Flight was America's most famous incline railway, familiar from its many appearances on postcards and in pulp fiction and film noir. It inspired the titles of five novels, including a 1999 best seller, and three films. Angels Flight's two colorful trolleys glided up and down the side of Bunker Hill in the heart of Los Angeles, carrying 100 million passengers between a downtown business district and a Victorian aerie that gradually deteriorated into a gritty slum. When the city turned Bunker Hill into an acropolis of skyscrapers, Angels Flight was packed up like a boy's electric train set and stored away for nearly 30 years. After a restoration in the mid-1990s that led to a fatal accident, Angels Flight has reopened and is now ready to claim its next chapters in Los Angeles history.

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Jim Dawson is a West Virginia-born writer who has lived in Hollywood for 30 years. He is frequently cited for his excavation of Los Angeles's black musical history in such books as *Nervous Man Nervous* and *What Was the First Rock & Roll Record?* Dawson has written liner notes for more than 100 albums, including an essay in Rhino Records's award-winning 1999 box set *Central Avenue Sounds*.

What does Steam Punk, unicorns, and Angels Flight have in common? Probably everything. This is the type of place that you miss when you were never there; you miss it like a dream that escaped

recall. How could they destroy a magical corner, a place of quaintness that reached to the stars? Too soon gone, at least we have this book to help chart the way back to something ripped away from us by clods.

This book is absolutely terrific. It has great photos of Los Angeles in its early and "noir" years, around Angels Flight. A real find. I love this whole series.

We have quite a collection of these "Images of America" books and always enjoy the old photos and history. Never a disappointment. Brought back memories of riding the original Angel's Flight as a kid before they shut it down.

this book is in very good condition like new. All pages were fresh and not bent or faded. I enjoy reading this book of old Los Angeles.

I really didn't know much about the Angels Flight. Especially all the details behind all of it.

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