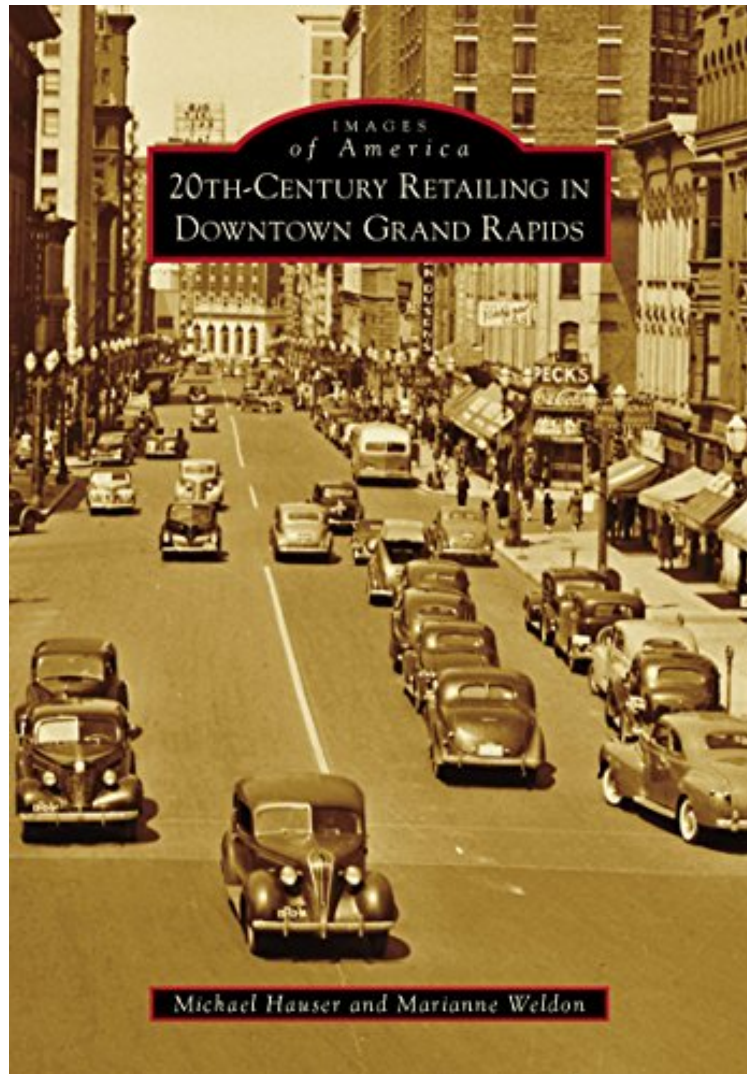


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About the AuthorThanks to unique images from the Grand Rapids Public Museum, the Grand Rapids Public Library, and the Ella Sharp Museum, readers are able to enjoy revered views of the diversity of retailers, the exceptional selection and service, spectacular window displays, fashionable merchandise, and memorable special events. Michael Hauser, who worked at two of the department stores on Monroe Avenue, is the marketing manager and historian for the Detroit Opera House. Marianne Weldon is the collections manager for art and artifacts at Bryn Mawr College. The authors share a passion for architecture and the history of Michigan's built urban environment. This is the fifth Arcadia title that they have collaborated on.