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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent pictorial history of New Zealander's relationship with the beachBy Janna JansenThis book was really interesting, from the earliest beachgoers (this is a European history, not so much Maori) 200-odd years ago to the recent past.In the beginning people would go to the beach dressed in suits (for the men) and long dresses -the children were allowed to remove their socks and shoes for a paddle but the adults were confined to the beaches in the interests of decency.There are some fantastic photos... a marlin caught at Hobson Bay in Auckland (now you have to take a boat a good 2-3 hours off shore to even glimpse this huge gamefish), swimsuits in the 1900's -which covered more than your average street-going outfit would today.I liked this book -it gives a good history of New Zealander's love affair with the beaches.