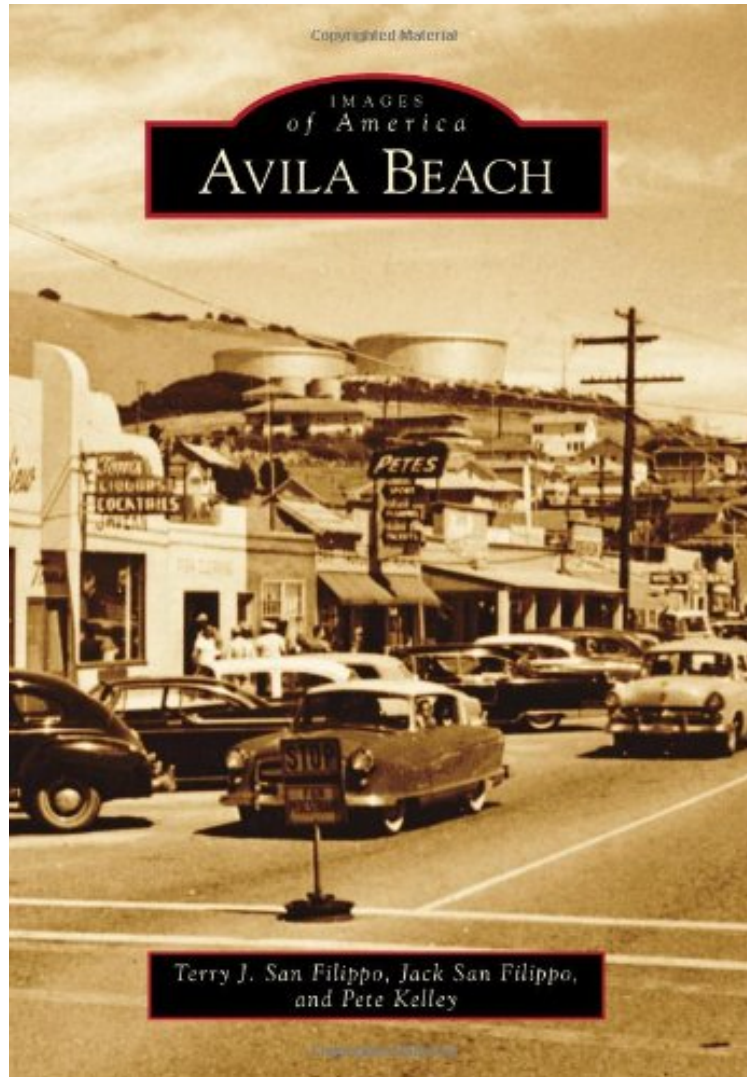


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For more than 100 years, Avila Beach has represented the best of what Californias Central Coast has to offer. Inhabitants of Avila have, since before its inception as a town, borne witness to the many changing faces and cultures representing the California landscape. Its earliest inhabitants were the Chumash Indians, who populated the Central Coast until the arrival of the Spanish missions. Later, the San Miguelito Rancho land grant was awarded to Don Miguel Avila, for whom the town itself was named. Avila eventually became a thoroughfare for the fishing industry. Other industries prospered as well, notably due to the ingenuity of early pioneer John Harford, who was instrumental in the development of numerous piers at Avila and at Port San Luis. The access to the sea allowed the region to benefit from the steamer ships that serviced Californias coast.

About the AuthorAuthors Terry J. San Filippo, Jack San Filippo, and Pete Kelley tell the story of Avila Beach and its many transformations throughout the years and of the people who lived here and who made it homefusing the best of their characters into the true spirit of what Avila Beach is all about.