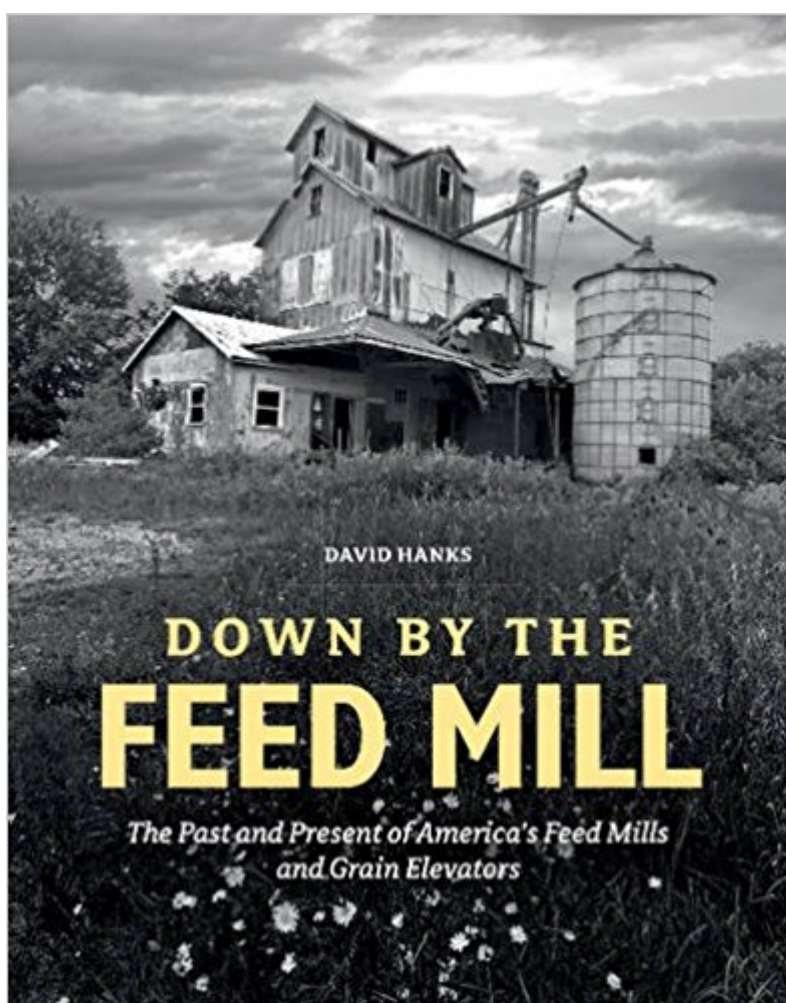


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# Down By The Feed Mill: The Past And Present Of America's Feed Mills And Grain Elevators



## Synopsis

More than 240 fascinating photos bring to light the importance of feed mills to American townspeople, economies, and heritage. This wealth of contemporary new photos, together with some vintage images from museum collections, give us a visual record of a changing, and passing, American institution. Covering a time frame of more than 150 years, the book's illuminating text explains what feed mills and grain elevators do, how they work, the role they have played in the American agricultural economy, and the relationship of these businesses to their farmer customers. By focusing on three mills in depth we learn the changing technological and economic conditions that shaped, and sometimes destroyed, mills. These evocative photos capture mills in the southern half of Michigan's lower peninsula, chosen to be representative of the US mills as a whole in terms of their variety, historic evolution, and characteristics.

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David Hanks is an industrial photographer and a film and video producer. He has traveled extensively across the US with a camera close at hand, and his focus on building a comprehensive photographic record of feed mills spans several decades.

Fantastic book of pictures

Book may be misnamed. It really doesn't deal with American feed mills, but it does deal with

Michigan feed mills and elevators. Very good book. I got it @ public library, where I get most of my books. Very seldom buy them. I loved it. It sounds really silly and I found myself actually apologizing for reading it @ municipal pool when a guy asked about it. I should not have apologized. Very good for those of us w western Michigan roots. All sorts of wonderful black and white photos of abandoned and still used elevators and feed mills in our part of the world. Hanks is quite a good photog. His photos are very well planned and use light and shadows so very well. Take a chance with this one. I would bet you would not be disappointed. I wasn't. Was somewhat surprised he had no section on Holland, MI, Dutch windmill, however.

This book takes you on a journey back in time. The author has done a wonderful job of photographing and describing a disappearing way of life. He really captures the loneliness and haunting aspect of these forgotten towns and feed mills. Along with the photographs the author does provide interesting text on the mills pictured, the operation of mills and suggestions on enjoying mills in your area. Anyone with an interest in local history, agriculture history, photography, and armchair travel will enjoy this book.

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