



Chicago's Golden Age of Department Stores



For decades, Chicago was home to some of America's grandest department stores.

Clustered along a mile-long stretch of State Street, stores like Marshall Field and Co.; Carson, Pirie, Scott; Sears; Wieboldt's; and Goldblatt's set new standards for retail innovation, customer service and visual display. Generations of Chicagoans trekked to these stores for holiday shopping, celebrations, and fun.



In this illustrated lecture, historian and author Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., revisits Chicago's fabulous retail emporiums and explores their rise and fall.

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