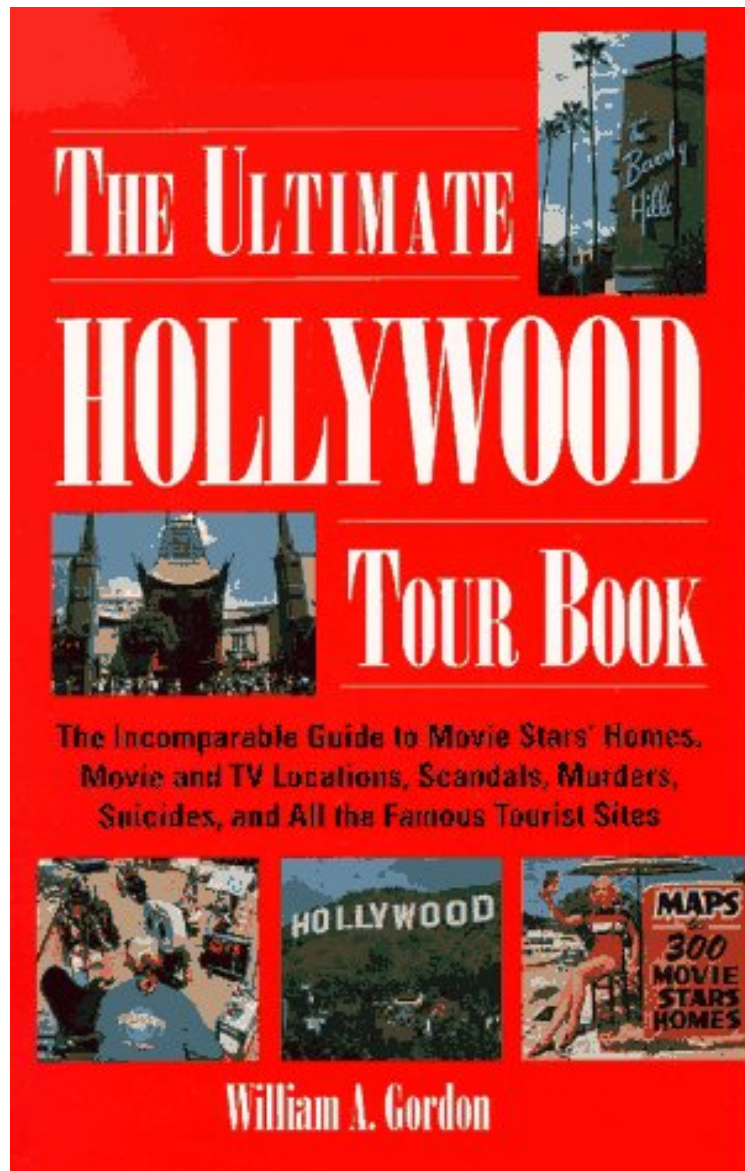


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book has a different appeal for me !!By Mike DirksenUnlike the other people who reviewed this volume, I do not ever expect to make it all the way out to Los Angeles to actually see some of these many fine attractions. What this volume shows me is that there at least 370 very interesting local

attractions in that area, that I counted, and this serves as a very exciting, point by point, historical description of people and events in that area for the past 100 years. What I am interested in is, perhaps a little different than, maybe the majority, would be interested in. The most interesting landmark I saw here does not even exist any more, and that is the house on Cielo Drive in Beverly Hills where the Manson Family Murders took place. I was surprised by the number of landmarks that were not really all that far from there. These include the house that silent film actor Harold Lloyd was still living in at the time, Falcon Lair, which used to be R. Valentinos hideaway house, the Superman Death house, where George Reeves committed suicide in 1959, the last home of Danny Kaye, as well as the former homes of Madonna, Peter Falk, Jack Benny, and the last home of Lucille Ball. This last mentioned home Lucy bought for 85k in 1958, and, 3 years after her death, in 1989, this home sold for 3.7 million dollars !!! another house of interest to me is the Beverly Hillbillys Mansion, and points of interest close to it include former homes of the following celebrities: The Mamas and the Papas, Johnny Carson, Sonny and Cher, Ronald Reagan, Elizabeth Taylor, and Nicholas Cage. There are a number of other locations where famous deaths, murders and suicides have happened, but one of the most famous is where mobster Bugsy Siegel was assassinated in 1947, in Bel Air. Houses close to this include the "Owlwood Estate where Joseph Schenk, Marilyn Monroe, Sonny and Cher, and Tony Curtis all lived in at one time, as well as the former homes of Howard Hughes, and Judy Garland, Buddy Hackett, Lana Turner, and Clara Bow. There are sooo many other positive surprises in this book, and it is a chronicle of local history like none other I have ever seen, and, I think, every city in the USA deserves such an extensive historical anecdote book, with a community by community, street by street map description. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Indispensible for the self-guided tourist

By John S Harris Used an earlier edition of this book when I took a self-guided tour in 1997, and bought this newer edition for my trip to L.A. in 2007. Indispensible! Better than a "map of the stars' homes" any day. Thoroughly recommended if you are planning to drive yourself around the various parts of L.A. looking for your particular favorite haunts. Thanks to this book, in 1997 I got to see (and exchange waves with) Jack Lemmon as he drove out of his driveway (no, I wasn't lying in wait. I'd pulled over to double check my location). Though I had far less time to use it on my 2007 trip, I would have felt naked and unprepared just travelling without it. Another great feature about this book is that the author encourages submissions/corrections/additions to add to future editions, so if you discover the rare incorrect or out-of-date piece of info, he wants you to submit it to him so the next edition will be just that much more accurate. Used the info in the book to track down the Playboy Mansion in 1997. Had a neat experience at the mansion gates that trip and have pics to prove it. When I drove by it again in 2007 a few hours before I was to attend a party there that evening, I glanced at the book over in the passenger seat of my rental car and gave it a knowing smile. My copy is autographed. Don't know if that increases its value, but it is a nice touch. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Tinseltown Mania

By Brad Baker There must be 50 Hollywood homes books on the market. If you visit Beverly Hills, a tour-bus or map salesman will gladly take your money. But W. Gordon's remarkably accurate and truthful guide will spell out where the buses point out homes where movie stars never lived. Gordon provides detailed directions and maps to the sites you want to see. And loads of "goodies" and information. He shows you how to get to Arnold's palatial block of homes in Brentwood, and warns that driving there is a \$ 500 fine and possible jail time! Wow! He also gives directions to Rudolph Valentino's original 1920's mansion (and much, much more). Forget the B.S. Here it is. When I e-mailed him for an up-date, he gladly provided it for free (see the book). Why waste time driving around freeways?

The self-guided tours in this book help travelers discover where today's Hollywood lives, works. The book covers a little of everything: celebrity homes and haunts; locations all over greater Los Angeles where popular and classic motion pictures and television shows were filmed; the studios; sites of infamous Hollywood scandals, murders, and suicides; and other sites where entertainment history, including sites that inspired songs. The book is updated annually and covers 17 different areas of greater Los Angeles (from Pasadena to Malibu and the northern San Fernando Valley to the South Bay.) Readers can also ask the publisher to send e-mail updates.

.com The Ultimate Hollywood Tour Book is the joyously affirmative answer to the question "Is there an alternative to the prepackaged bus tour of Tinseltown?" William Gordon's guide delivers all the juicy scandal you've come for, but at your pace, at your discretion, and without crackly speakers blasting in your ear. You want to see former homes of Fred Astaire, Lucille Ball, or Elvis Presley, current homes of Elizabeth Taylor, Ronald Reagan, or Hugh Hefner, and the site of the Charles Manson cult murders? Gordon helps you conduct your own exploration, and supplies invaluable tidbits of information, such as how Jayne Mansfield came to receive \$50,000 worth of free merchandise to decorate her Pink Palace. Gordon covers 32 neighborhoods, providing a practical tour guide as well as a fun gift for the star-struck and Hollywood-bound. It is a terrific book, with maps and information that you really would find nowhere else. -- Paul Wallach, syndicated broadcaster This guide spotlights the hidden dirt that standard star tours never uncover. -- New York Daily News This guide spotlights the hidden dirt that standard star tours never uncover. -- New York Daily News We would rate this "Hollywood Tour Book" Number 1+ of all the tourist guides that have been written on Hollywood. -- John Austin, Hollywood Inside Syndicate We would rate this book as Number 1+ of all the

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