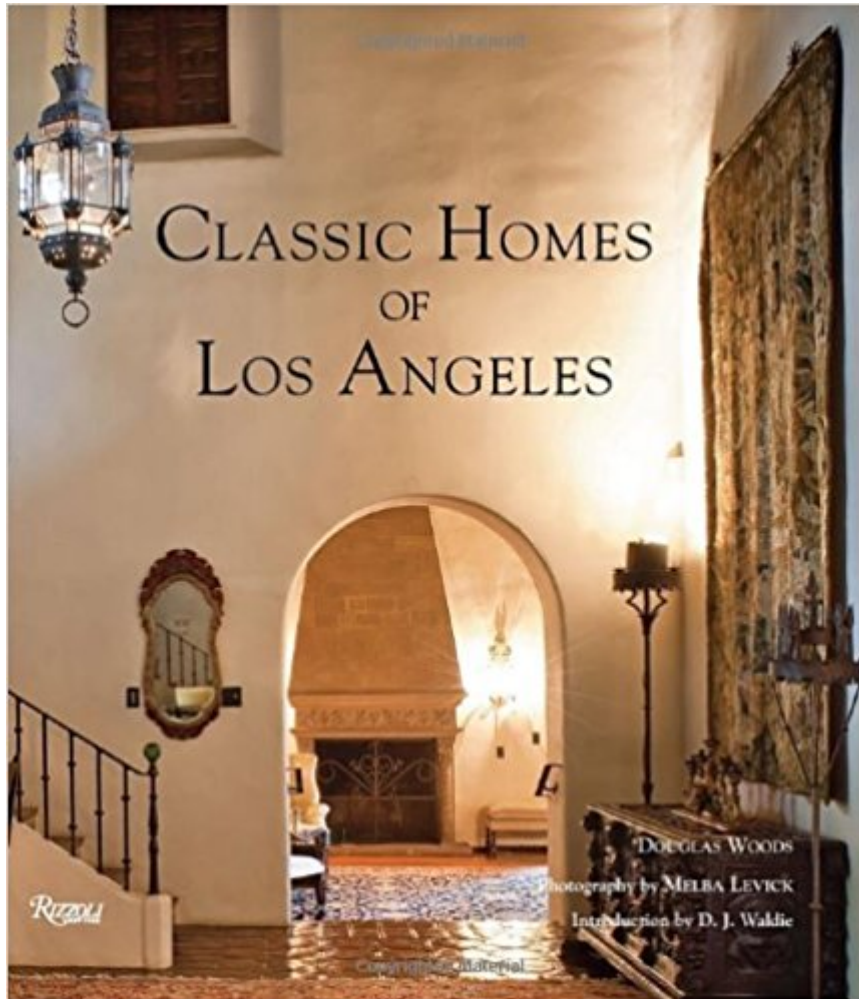




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Synopsis

A luxurious showcase of the finest homes in the oldest neighborhoods of Los Angeles and environs. This volume offers an exclusive look into the classic homes and gardens in the legendary neighborhoods in and around Los Angeles. Famed for its lavish homes and celebrity residents, one finds here a panorama of richly detailed architectural styles, from Craftsman, Tudor and Georgian to Spanish Colonial and Tuscan examples. Shown here is the estate of the great Hollywood producer and director Cecil B. DeMille, the former Danny Kaye house in Beverly Hills, and the wonderful Arts and Crafts masterwork by Greene and Greene--the Gamble House--in Pasadena. These works and others illustrate the wide range of period-revival styles popular in Southern California during its "Golden Age of Expansion" from 1899 to 1932. Lush, all-new color photographs capture the grandeur of these homes and their exquisite gardens in the present day.

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". . .stunning new book. . . an exclusive look into some of the finest period revival residences and gardens to be found in and around the area's legendary neighborhoods." ~Luxlist
"Any sense of envy should quickly give way to local pride for these historical gems." ~Los Angeles Times
"A showcase of classic homes and gardens in the neighborhoods of L.A." ~The Kansas City Star

Douglas Woods, a Los Angeles native, has spent the last twenty years as a book dealer, consultant, and private librarian specializing in architecture and the arts. Melba Levick is the photographer for Rizzoli's Cottages in the Sun and many other books. D. J. Waldie is a widely published author

and winner of the California Book Award for nonfiction.

This is a great coffee table book. Not obnoxiously large or heavy (books like that tend to never be read as people are intimidated to even lift them!). Unlike some of the other architectural books of LA, the photos in this book are contemporary, thus they are all in color. The styles presented have a little something for everyone...everything from Spanish to craftsman/arts and crafts to French regency to Georgian revival. In a city where so much of the architecture is mid-century modern, this book does a beautiful job of illustrating the wide variety of fabulous architecture that still exists in hidden pockets. Many thanks to the author/publisher. Please consider a second volume exploring even more of the undercelebrated architecture of LA...I will be your first customer!

We're going to use this for a fundraiser as a silent auction item

the longer I live the more I appreciate Los Angeles architecture. The early 20th Century design is tightly disciplined and elegant. I worked on restoration of a building designed by Paul Revere Williams, his theatrical (read movie) staging for his clients and the moving triumph as the first black architect licensed is credited by seeing his fine buildings.

I liked the book very much--the photos are outstanding--many of the "classic" mansions and historical homes you have read about in Gehard & Winter architectural guide to Los Angeles-- example: Gamble House in Pasadena, Adamson homes in Hancock Park and Malibu-- to name a few.

Classic Homes of Los Angeles is a wonderful coffee table book that no architectural nut should be without. The photos are crisp, and there are pages and pages of to spend hours basking in. I recommend this book without one reservation whatsoever.

This book is well worth the price. I've purchased other California architecture books and this one rates right up there with the best. I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in the 1920's-1930's architecture of Los Angeles.

Beautiful to look at, great intro to some major L.A. architects and building styles, kind of Hancock Park-centric, but there are a lot of great houses in Hancock Park. I would have liked it more if there

were "classic" lower-income homes, too -- prototypical cottages and more modest homes, some of which completely deserve to be described as classic. This is really a guide to L.A.'s great mansions.

What a marvelous book on some of the great early California homes. It is wonderful to see homes that were built to be beautiful and dramatic!

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