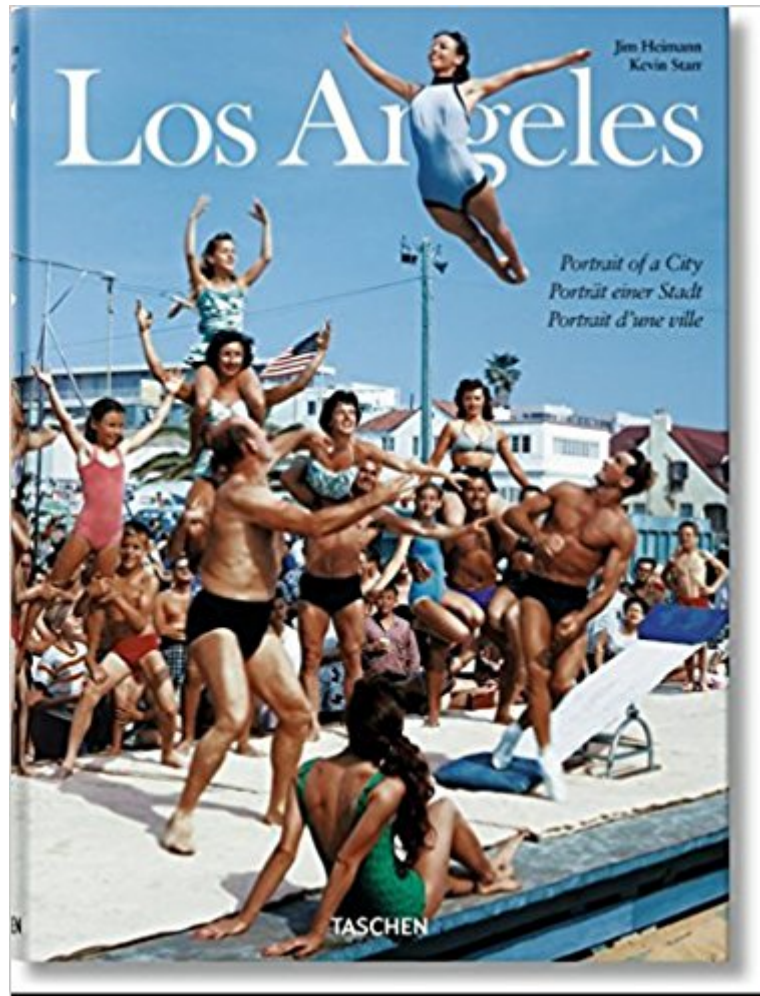




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Kevin Starr holds a PhD from Harvard University and is Professor of History at the University of Southern California. His many articles and books have won him a Guggenheim Fellowship, Gold and Silver Medals of the Commonwealth Club, the Centennial Medal from Harvard, and the Humanities Medal from the National Endowment of the Humanities. David L. Ulin is the books editor of the Los Angeles Times. He is the author of "The Myth of Solid Ground: Earthquakes, Prediction, and the Fault Line Between Reason and Faith," and the editor of "Another City: Writing from Los Angeles" and "Writing Los Angeles: A Literary Anthology." He has written for The Atlantic Monthly, The Nation, and The New York Times Book Review. Cultural anthropologist and graphic design historian Jim Heimann is Executive Editor for TASCHEN America, and author of numerous books on architecture, pop culture, and the history of the West Coast, Los Angeles, and Hollywood. His unrivaled private collection of ephemera has been featured in museum exhibitions around the world and in dozens of books.

Ordered for my father, an avid LA history buff, he loves it, and even shows it off to his friends.

Great, great coffee table collectors book of LA. Big & heavy loaded with the history of a great city. I love this book. Give as a gift or keep, it's awesome!

What a terrific coffee table book. It is a fantastic size (10.1 x 1.9 x 13.6 inches) and the quality is great. Love all the photos - some of which bring back a lot of memories. I've had fun turning the pages with my 18 year old daughter and talking about LA as it was.....back when.

I bought this book for my son 'n law, who is a major history buff. He had seen it while travelling in California and put it on his "wish" list. It is fabulous! The pictures are amazing, but it also has written history, making it an excellent source for both the picture lover who does not have a lot of time to read, and the historian. He is thrilled with it.

This massive book is loaded with a pictorial history of LA that will keep you captivated for hours on end. Love this one!

This was a gift for my husbands birthday. We all love it. Excellent coffee table book

I live on the East side of Hollywood (aka I'm not some Midwestern transplant working as a PA on the weekdays and telling people i'm a screenwriter on the weekends). I love this book. It's a great coffee table book. Every time a person comes over, the first thing they grab is this book and start flipping through it. A friend recommended this book after I mentioned a recent PBS documentary called, "Inventing LA: the Chandlers and their Times" . Each excerpt accompanying the photos and insets is written in three languages, which I think is a nice touch but can be annoying to navigate. Other than that, I believe this collection of photos is very thorough and representative of this great city.

Beautiful, with thoughtful texts.

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