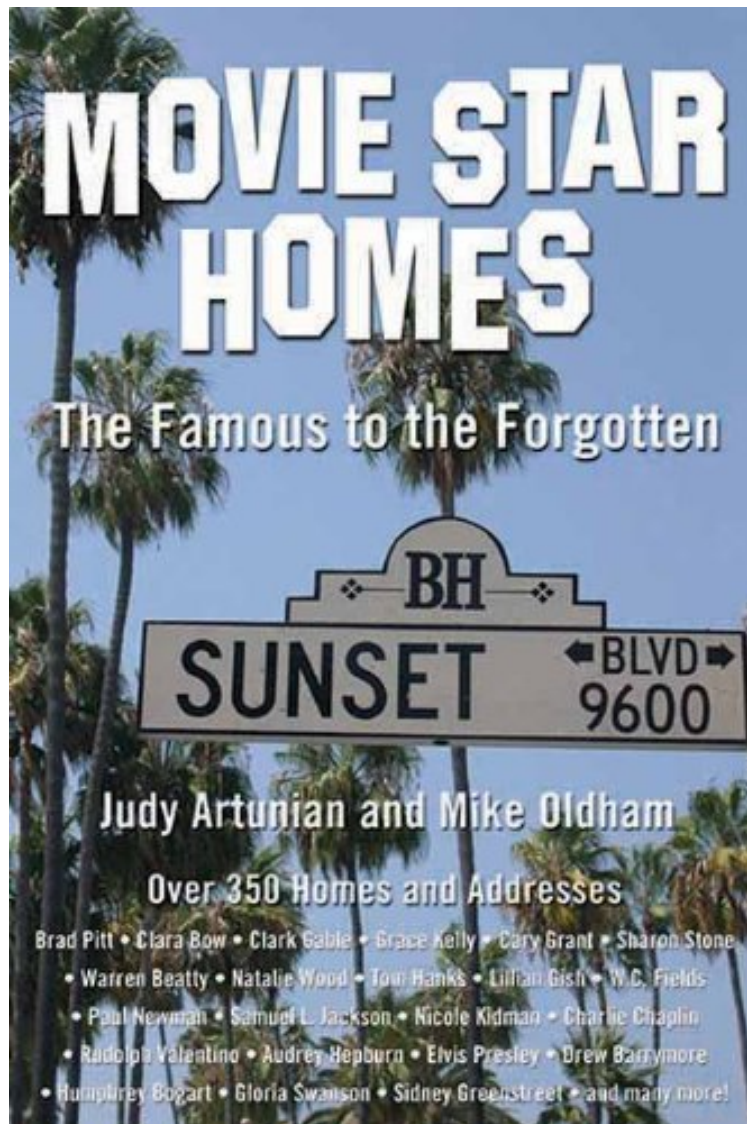


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Judy Artunian, Mike Oldham : Movie Star Homes: The Famous to the Forgotten before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Movie Star Homes: The Famous to the Forgotten:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Homes of rich and famous in HollywoodBy Rama RaoThis is a very interesting book for all fans of Hollywood stars, and for those who would like to visit Hollywood and Beverly Hills to see movie star homes. This book provides the address of many Hollywood stars from silent era to the currently active actors and actresses. Most of these houses are located in Beverly Hills and surrounding areas in Southern California.

So, if you are driving, then it is easy to cover a lot of houses in one day trip. The authors provide for each house, the street address, a picture of the house, and a brief profile of the actor/actress. In some cases the history of the house is also discussed. One of the reasons that this book interested me was that it contains the addresses of some of my favorite stars of 1920s and 1930s movies. I have NOT listed all the names here, but some of my favorite star's address includes; June Allyson, Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, Fred Astaire, Mary Astor, Theda Bara, Lionel Barrymore, Joan Blondell, Clara Bow, Louise Brooks, Billie Burke, Ruth Chatterton, Joan Crawford, Marion Davies, Bette Davis, Marlene Dietrich, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Clark Gable, Greta Garbo, Greer Garson, Janet Gaynor, Lillian Gish, Cary Grant, Jean Harlow, Barbara La Marr, Hedy La Marr, Carole Lombard, Myrna Loy, Jeanette MacDonald, Ramon Navarro, Mary Pickford, Norma Shearer, Barbara Stanwyck, Mae West, and Loretta Young. There are also some younger star home addresses that include; Kim Basinger, George Clooney, Nicole Kidman and others. I highly recommend this to anyone interested in Hollywood history.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great little read

By SalesmanI kept this book in the car with me and would whip it out if I had some down time in the area in between sales calls. I am also a fan of filming locations in the area such as the Brady Bunch house, the Poltergeist house, the ET house, and such. Many of the homes were ordinary or simply above average places where these stars would live, long before the paparazzi and TMZ would pester them. Google maps street view and satellite view has taken some of the allure away from a book like this but for the price and the readability it is a good paperback. The crooked Hollywood sign font on the cover with the palm trees and Sunset Blvd sign is so Los Angeles.

14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. FULL OF INACCURACIES AND OMISSIONS

By dearjanemarpleAs soon as I started leafing through this book I was appalled by its inaccuracies and omissions. For example William Holden: No mention is made of the apartment building on Ocean Ave in Santa Monica which he owned and where he died. No mention is made of Jimmy Stewart's home at 918 Roxbury Drive where he and his wife Gloria lived for 45 years until his death in 1989. Elizabeth Taylor is cited as living at Nancy Sinatra (the mother's) former home at 700 Nimes Road in Bel Air. The Sinatra pad was only a small modern house. The bulk of Elizabeth Taylor's estate is on the several acre 688 Nimes Road property originally belonging to Warner Baxter and later to Jack Ryan, designer of the Barbie doll. Warner Baxter's listing does not even mention the address of that estate. These are errors I saw in the first 15 minutes I skimmed through the book.

From Gloria Swanson's 1918 Hollywood bungalow to Brad Pitt's Beverly Hills estate, *Movie Star Homes: The Famous to the Forgotten* profiles the extravagant, lavish, and eccentric residences of the rich and famous. Each of the entries includes a photo of the star and brief summation of the star's career, the address of the star's home, a photo of the home as it looks today, and fascinating facts about the residence. In addition to magnificent mansions, the homes where celebrities lived before they became famous are also featured, such as Natalie Wood's humble 1945 residence and the home of Buster Keaton before he built his famed Italian villa in Beverly Hills.

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