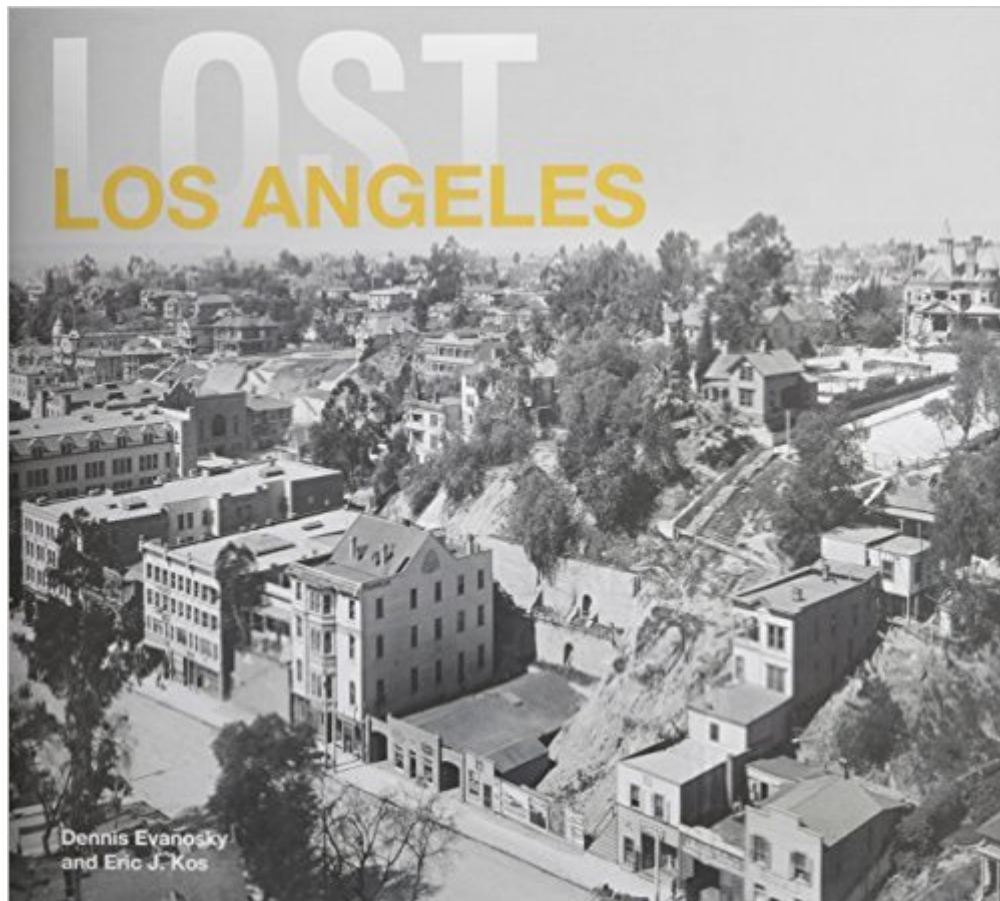


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# Lost Los Angeles



## Synopsis

Astonishing images of vanished Los Angeles, from the landmark Ambassador Hotel to the original life-sustaining Zanja Madre Los Angeles is less than 150 years old, yet in that short time a great deal has been built and torn down. Like most cities it has suffered the loss of classic old cinemas, Victorian hotels, and grand railroad stations, but L.A. has also seen the passing of major industries, film companies, film lots, hills, airfields, piers, and a speedway. Citrus groves have come and gone, oil derricks have sprung up in their place and been replaced by housing tracts. The movie industry moved in from New York and Chicago, expanded, contracted, and then sold off their lots. National radio stations built, then soon vacated, grand art deco studios around Sunset & Vine. Abbot Kinney's vision of a Venetian suburb was largely filled in after the banks eroded. This book displays an extraordinary variety of lost glories from this unique city: Barker Brothers, Beverly Hills Speedway, Bradbury Residence, Casa Don Vincente Lugo, Chaplin Airfield, the community in Chavez Ravine, Church of the Open Door, The City of Los Angeles train, County Records Building, Court Flight, the Egyptian marquee, Eternity Street, Fort Moore Hill, Grand Central Air Terminal, Helms and Van de Kamp bakeries, La Grande Station, the MGM backlots, Mount Lowe Railway, Pan Pacific Stadium, Jayne Mansfield's Pink Palace, Richfield Oil Building, Sears, the Temple Block, Theme Building at LAX, and Wrigley Field.

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So much of the historical Los Angeles has been lost to "progress". This book reminds us what a

wonderful place L.A. was when the buildings were Art Deco, and the neighborhoods quaint. What was amazing to see was what was torn down to build the Hollywood Freeway. It's nice that someone has taken on the job of preserving that history in photos.

I saw this book at my local Costco (and was several dollars cheaper than here on ) and was intrigued by its many rare photos that I'd never seen before. This coming from a rabid LA history buff with several dozen books throughout my bookcases. Anyway, I put the book down thinking that I'd purchase it the next time. But in typical Costco fashion, I came in the following week only to find the book was no longer stocked. Bummer. If you're into LA history, get this book! It's a bit disheartening to see how many beautiful buildings our city has torn down in the name of "progress."

An amazing collection of photos with very informative descriptions. I was raised, lived in and worked for the City of Los Angeles from 1944 to 1997. Thought I knew most everything about this great City, but this publication held a few surprises. A must for any fan of one of the world's best cities.

What a loss for art, architecture and Los Angeles, that's all I could think about looking through this photo book. It has photos of many Los Angeles hotels and buildings. Most of it was torn down to accommodate the ugly sprawl that was created in the 1950's to make room for super freeways and lackluster corporate buildings that have no character. Bunker Hill, Los Angeles was completely flattened in 1955.

For anyone who loves Los Angeles or grew up there in the late 1930s early '40s. Nice gift....Lita

I just now received this book in the mail (very quickly with Prime). I haven't read it yet, naturally, but I would like to say it is stunningly beautiful and such a bargain for \$15.74. I had thought the subject might be too heart-wrenching for someone who loves Los Angeles and California history, but one immediately becomes so intrigued and delighted by the extensive use of rare photos and detailed narrative that the overwhelming emotion is appreciation for such an outstanding book being produced, rather than anything else. The description on its listing is very accurate, so I will leave it at that with a thank you to the authors and publisher.

Great photos, excellent research. Cool book

The best thing about this book are the large, clear photographs of long gone Los Angeles locations and buildings. A great coffee table book if you are intrigued by the historical Los Angeles.

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