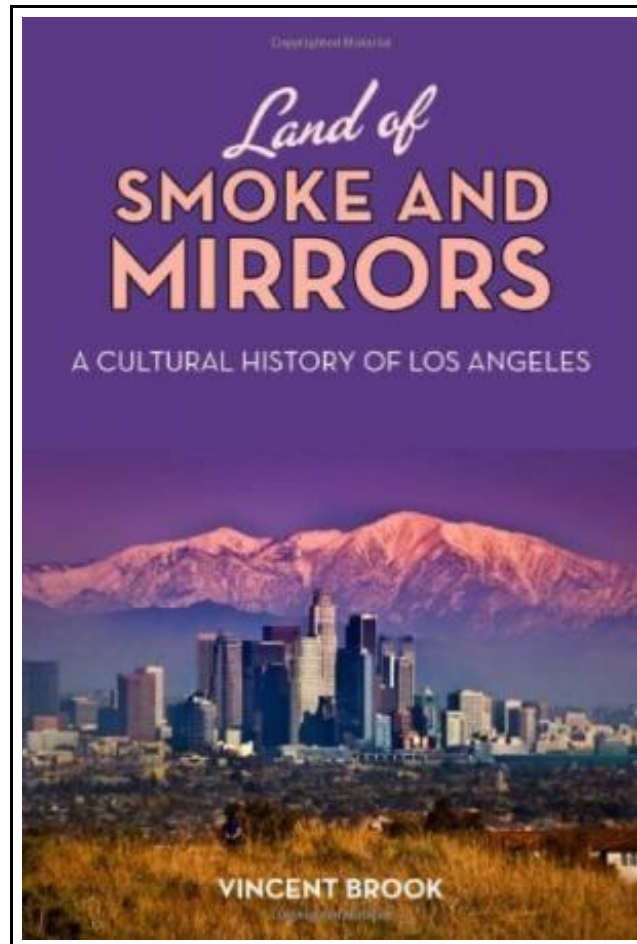


Land of Smoke and Mirrors: A Cultural History of Los Angeles



Filesize: 4.55 MB

Reviews

I actually started reading this article publication. We have read and that i am confident that i am going to planning to study yet again once again later on. You can expect to like how the author compose this pdf.

(Zoe Hilpert)

LAND OF SMOKE AND MIRRORS: A CULTURAL HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES



Rutgers University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 320 pages. Dimensions: 9.1in. x 6.0in. x 1.0in. Unlike the more forthrightly mythic origins of other urban centers—think Rome via Romulus and Remus or Mexico City via the god Huitzilopochtli—Los Angeles emerged from a smoke-and-mirrors process that is simultaneously literal and figurative, real and imagined, material and metaphorical, physical and textual. Through penetrating analysis and personal engagement, Vincent Brook uncovers the many portraits of this ever-enticing, ever-ambivalent, and increasingly multicultural megalopolis. Divided into sections that probe Los Angeles's checkered history and reflect on Hollywood's own self-reflections, the book shows how the city, despite considerable remaining challenges, is finally blowing away some of the smoke of its not-always-proud past and rhetorically adjusting its rear-view mirrors. Part I is a review of the city's history through the early 1900s, focusing on the seminal 1884 novel *Ramona* and its immediate effect, but also exploring its ongoing impact through interviews with present-day Tongva Indians, attendance at the 88th annual *Ramona* pageant, and analysis of its feature film adaptations. Brook deals with Hollywood as geographical site, film production center, and frame of mind in Part II. He charts the events leading up to Hollywood's emergence as the world's movie capital and explores subsequent developments of the film industry from its golden age through the so-called New Hollywood, citing such self-reflexive films as *Sunset Blvd.*, *Singin' in the Rain*, and *The Truman Show*. Part III considers LA noir, a subset of film noir that emerged alongside the classical noir cycle in the 1940s and 1950s and continues today. The city's status as a privileged noir site is analyzed in relation to its history and through discussions of such key LA noir novels and films as *Double Indemnity*, *Chinatown*, and *Crash*. In Part IV, Brook examines multicultural...



[Read Land of Smoke and Mirrors: A Cultural History of Los Angeles Online](#)



[Download PDF Land of Smoke and Mirrors: A Cultural History of Los Angeles](#)

Other PDFs



Read Write Inc. Phonics: Blue Set 6 Non-Fiction 1 Save the Whale

Oxford University Press, United Kingdom, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 185 x 72 mm. Language: N/A. Brand New Book. These decodable non-fiction books provide structured practice for children learning to read. Each set of books...

[Download eBook »](#)



Minecraft Diary: Minecraft Zombie World Book 1. Better of Dead (an Unofficial Minecraft Book): (Minecraft Books, Minecraft Diaries, Zombie Minecraft, Minecraft Comics, Minecraft Adventures)

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Minecraft Diary Minecraft Zombie World Book 1. Better of Dead The dead came...

[Download eBook »](#)



To Thine Own Self

Dog Ear Publishing, United States, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Carefree and self assured Carolyn loves her life. Her uncle runs...

[Download eBook »](#)



Because It Is Bitter, and Because It Is My Heart (Plume)

Plume. PAPERBACK. Book Condition: New. 0452265819 12+ Year Old paperback book-Never Read-may have light shelf or handling wear-has a price sticker or price written inside front or back cover-publishers mark-Good Copy- I ship FAST with...

[Download eBook »](#)



Book Finds: How to Find, Buy, and Sell Used and Rare Books (Revised)

Perigee. PAPERBACK. Book Condition: New. 0399526544 Never Read-12+ year old Paperback book with dust jacket-may have light shelf or handling wear-has a price sticker or price written inside front or back cover-publishers mark-Good Copy- I...

[Download eBook »](#)