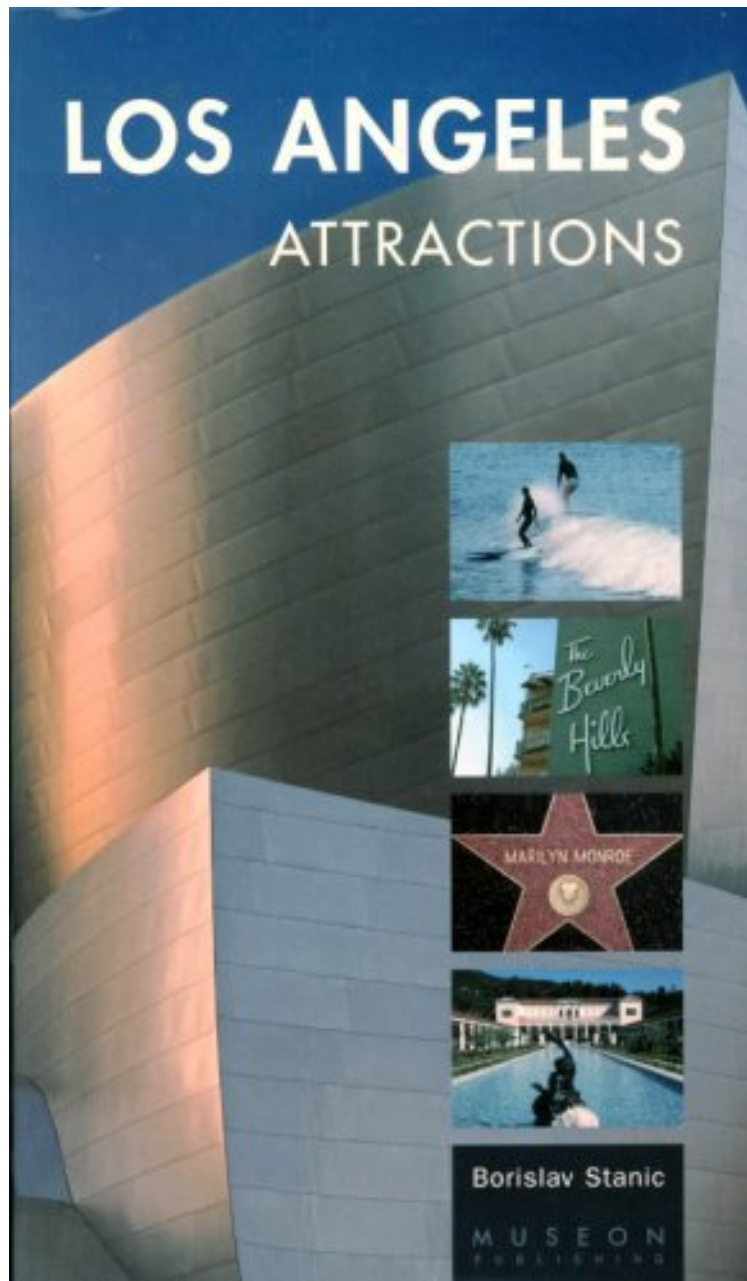


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**Borislav Stanic : Los Angeles Attractions** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Los Angeles Attractions:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A credible guide to the LA area  
By Ursiform  
The obvious comparison this book brings to mind is with "An Architectural Guidebook to Los Angeles" by Robert Winter and (the late) David Gebhard, which (through several editions) has been a favorite of mine. (I doubt it will be updated again.) But that is a more architecture-focused book, and this one is somewhat broader, though it has more architecture than anything else. (As it happens, both books have similar views of the Disney Concert Hall on the cover.) Winter and Gebhard include a lot more buildings, and are more insightful and critical, while Stanic is simply descriptive. But Winter and Gebhard's book is really designed for touring neighborhoods, while Stanic's is more a guide for someone with some time to hit the highlights around LA. (And the book does cover the county, not just the city.) I think this would be a good book for someone planning a trip to the LA area, or someone living in the area who has never really gotten out and seen it. For someone who knows the area well, there won't be much new.  
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By M.A.R.  
Got this for a relative overseas who is not able to travel anymore also doesn't get out much. I read it myself before sending thought it was a great book filled with tons of information about the city that would keep him entertained with reading for a while. He sent a thank you card that loved the book found it really fascinating.  
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I could have bought a new one. The shipping added on to the used book was not that much of a discount considering the cover is a mess and all taped up. I almost always get lucky with used books. However, the book it's self is a great book; old, but good; and the information isn't up-to-date, but I gave it 3 stars, because there is a lot of content in this heavy paperback. I'm glad I have it.

Los Angeles Attractions is the ultimate guidebook to one of the world's most glamorous and exciting cities. The definitive resource for visitors and residents alike, it describes both world-famous as well as hidden landmarks, many of them listed nowhere else. It is the only complete guide where readers can find detailed information and all the hard-to-find facts in one place. Inside you will find: \* world-renowned architecture, from Frank Lloyd Wright's classic Ennis House to Frank Gehry's cutting-edge Walt Disney Concert Hall \* museums, galleries and live music venues, along with in-depth arts and cultural coverage \* legendary film studios and Hollywood historic landmarks \* movie stars' homes -- Marilyn Monroe, Brad Pitt, Sharon Stone, Tom Cruise \* the graves of your favorite stars -- Rudolph Valentino, Jean Harlow, Humphrey Bogart, Natalie Wood, Marilyn Monroe and many more \* filming locations of Hollywood's classic movies -- from The Gold Rush and Sunset Boulevard, to Terminator and Forrest Gump \* best beaches to catch a perfect wave \* extensive listings of hotels, restaurants, bars, clubs and cinemas, complete with detailed practical information. More than 1,000 descriptive entries, 40 easy-to-read maps and over 1,700 photographs, many taken specifically for this book, make Los Angeles Attractions the most comprehensive guide to the city ever published.

Palm trees, hard bodies, sun 'n' surf, movie stars, earthquakes.... Los Angeles is arguably the world's most diverse, fascinating, colorful, and evolving city-and one difficult to capture in a book, but Stanic has miraculously succeeded. With a combination of no-nonsense writing (e.g., By the 1970's famed Hollywood Boulevard had become a seedy mix of shabby T-shirt and souvenir shops) and superb photographs of as high a quality as those that Dorling Kindersley publishes, the book takes readers on a realistic tour of Los Angeles, both laudatory and critical. A thorough introduction to the city's history sets the stage for a look at Lifestyles, Culture, and Exploring Los Angeles. Along the way, readers learn who the most prolific graffiti tagger is, where celebrities repose in famously over-the-top cemeteries, which buildings were used in the making of movies and TV shows, and much, much more. Southern California librarians will definitely want this book to show their readers just how little they really know about this unique city, while other libraries should stock their shelves with it for the many people planning to visit El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula. Highly recommended! -- Joseph L. Carlson, Allan Hancock Coll., Lompoc, CA. Copyright Reed Business Information. --Library Journal (starred review) Travel Bookshelf: Nobody asked me, but I have a gift recommendation for everybody who thinks they know Los Angeles well. It's a new guidebook: Los Angeles Attractions, by Borislav Stanic (Museon Publishing, \$24.95). Don't let the drab title deceive you. Since it landed on my desk some weeks ago, I've been dipping into this 512-page first edition, looking for flaws. But the time has come to acknowledge that this book, published this year, is a gem, jam-packed with photos (1,770 of them) and maps (40) and details that reach beyond the usual guidebook fare... After seeing so many versions of the Los Angeles 101 course from all the usual guidebook series suspects, it's nice to see an upper-division approach to the city from an independent. --Christopher Reynolds, Los Angeles Times. BUZZ At Your Service: The Best of L.A. Though an all-inclusive guidebook for L.A. would be virtually impossible to produce, Borislav Stanic's LOS ANGELES ATTRACTIONS (Museon, 512 pages, \$24.95) comes close. It has an artistry that Fodor's and TimeOut lack. Its glossy pages are jam-packed not only with maps, photos, and concise descriptions of landmarks but also with contextual historical information. Surprising spot: Who knew that Blue Jay Way in the Hollywood Hills inspired the Beatles song of the same name? Navigation tools: Vintage photos and succinct overviews explain how the region became a center for agriculture, architecture, transportation, fashion, and beach culture. Star smarts: Maps to celebrity

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Borislav Stanic, the author of *Los Angeles Attractions*, has won top awards in four national book awards competitions: WINNER 2009 Benjamin Franklin Award in the Travel category WINNER 2008 Foreword Magazine's Book of the Year Award-Silver in the Travel Guide category WINNER 2009 National Indie Excellence Award in the Travel Guide category WINNER 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Award in the Travel/Travel Guide category Stanic's work (including the critically acclaimed book *Museum Companion to Los Angeles*) has been praised by USA Today, Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Examiner, Arizona Republic, Los Angeles Magazine, Booklist, Choice and Library Journal.