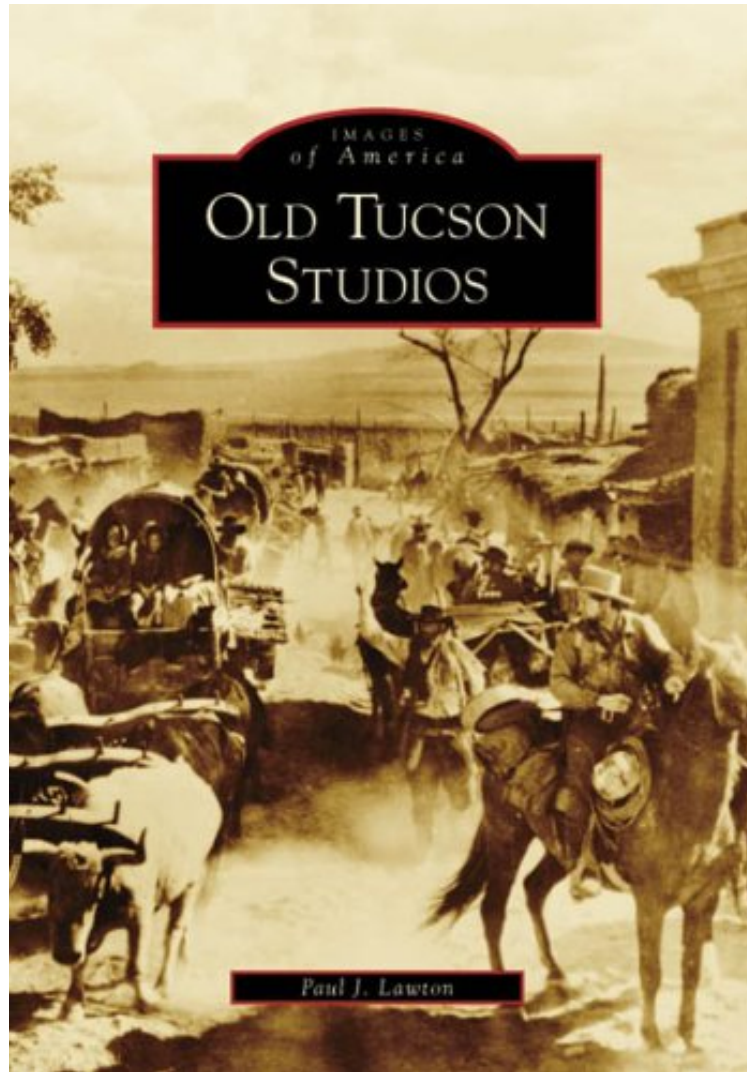


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informative. And despite the limitations of that format, if you read them all you do get a clear history of the studio. The best and most informative photos show the filming process, less useful are the shots of the stars just standing around. But they do remind us of many long-forgotten films and series. I found myself wishing that some of the productions were covered in greater detail, but 40 years on, many of the principals involved are no longer with us, so this is as much as we're likely to get.

In 1939, Columbia Pictures based a film on Clarence Kellands book *Arizona*, set during the Civil War in Arizona Territory. To accurately portray the novels landscape, Columbia selected a spot about 10 miles from what is now downtown Tucson in the middle of a large Pima County park for the filming. In 1959, Bob Shelton, a Kansas City developer, purchased the lot, determined to build an active movie studio and tourist attraction. His vision was successful, and Old Tucson Studios has set the stage for over 200 movies and television shows. As Western movies regain their popularity in the box office, the future looks bright for Old Tucson Studios to become a premier filming site in Arizona.

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