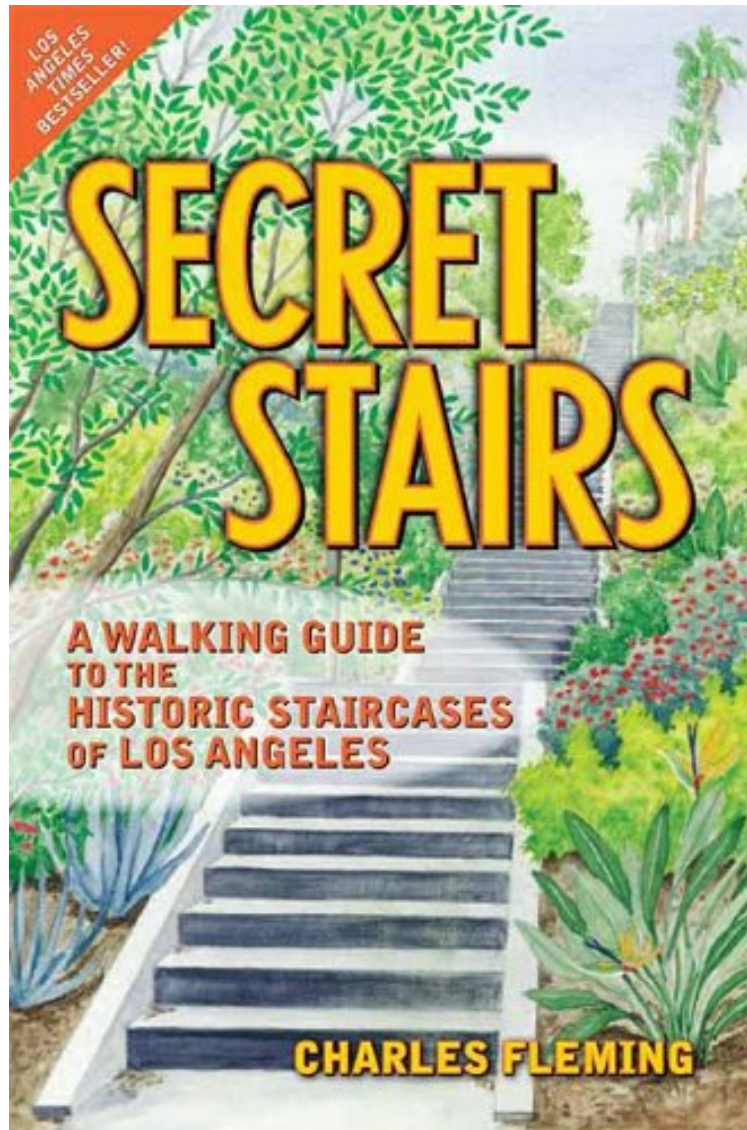


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Charles Fleming : Secret Stairs: A Walking Guide to the Historic Staircases of Los Angeles before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Secret Stairs: A Walking Guide to the Historic Staircases of Los Angeles:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By BeeJay This book is an excellent guide to interesting walks in the older parts of L.A. I've tried the Pasadena La Loma walk and am looking forward to the others. The map,

while not to scale, and the written guide are easy to follow. Pretty soon you can differentiate the public stairs from any private stairs at street level as they were constructed in a uniform manner. The only alteration in this walk over the last few years is that it is not as shady as described. Many of the homeowners have removed older growth and replaced it with drought resistant plants. I would advise an early walk of warm or hot days. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book for sightseeing! By Lisa Price Love this book! Would highly recommend the series for your own area. Some cover local monuments or tourist attractions, whatever is particular to your town but I love how this particular book mentions not only the steps in the title but interesting statues, gardens or local historical houses. Super way to find little-known gems in your own town. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. We had such a great time discovering a part of LA we'd never seen ... By Lorraine T. Read about the Secret Stairs in the newspaper, then visited the website and took one of the walks posted there with my family. We had such a great time discovering a part of LA we'd never seen before. Had to buy the whole book after that. Can't wait to visit all these other magical staircases. This is such a fun book! Easy to follow and a great way to see Los Angeles on foot :)

Containing walks and detailed maps from throughout the city, *Secret Stairs* highlights the charms and quirks of a unique feature of the Los Angeles landscape, and chronicles the geographical, architectural, and historical aspects of the city's staircases, as well as of the neighborhoods in which the steps are located. From strolling through the classic La Loma neighborhood in Pasadena to walking the Sunset Junction Loop in Silver Lake, to taking the Beachwood Canyon hike through Hollywoodland to enjoying the magnificent ocean views from the Castellammare district in Pacific Palisades, *Secret Stairs* takes you on a tour of the staircases all across the City of Angels. The circular walks, rated for duration and difficulty, deliver tales of historic homes and their fascinating inhabitants, bits of unusual local trivia, and stories of the neighborhoods surrounding the stairs. That's where William Faulkner was living when he wrote the screenplay for *To Have and Have Not*; that house was designed by Neutra; over there is a Schindler; that's where Woody Guthrie lived, where Anais Nin died, and where Thelma Todd was murdered . . . Despite the fact that one of these staircases starred in an Oscar-winning short film *Laurel and Hardy's The Music Box*, from 1932 these civic treasures have been virtually unknown to most of the city's residents and visitors. Now, *Secret Stairs* puts these hidden stairways back on the map, while introducing urban hikers to exciting new trails all around the city of Los Angeles.

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