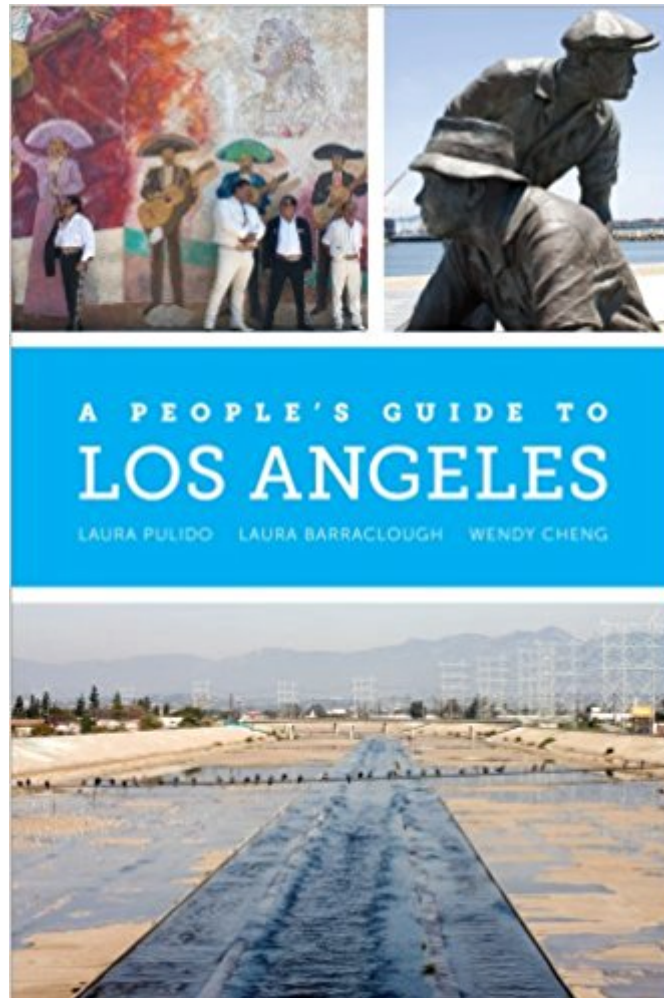


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# A People's Guide To Los Angeles (A People's Guide Series)



## Synopsis

A People's Guide to Los Angeles offers an assortment of eye-opening alternatives to L.A.'s usual tourist destinations. It documents 115 little-known sites in the City of Angels where struggles related to race, class, gender, and sexuality have occurred. They introduce us to people and events usually ignored by mainstream media and, in the process, create a fresh history of Los Angeles. Roughly dividing the city into six regions—North Los Angeles, the Eastside and San Gabriel Valley, South Los Angeles, Long Beach and the Harbor, the Westside, and the San Fernando Valley—this illuminating guide shows how power operates in the shaping of places, and how it remains embedded in the landscape.

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militant strikers, civil rights activists, and unforgettable feminists. A tour de force of imagination and memory. —Mike Davis, author of City of Quartz: Excavating the Future in Los Angeles

A People's Guide brings the reader to the Los Angeles I know and love. The amazingly diverse, vibrant, gritty LA filled with history and struggle. Finally, here's a guidebook that takes visitors to the places and people that make me proud to call Los Angeles my home.

—Madeline Janis, Executive Director, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)

Interesting book with lots of cool, off the beaten track places. It's kind of a sightseeing guide with a great historical narrative about each place. What is really different from other LA guidebooks is that it picks out the hidden history of less affluent or touristy areas. I go to USC so we're a bit far from a lot of the typical Hollywood stuff, but this book had plenty of fascinating history about South LA, Downtown, and such. After a semester of exploring on the weekends I still haven't been everywhere the guide talks about, but I haven't forgotten the places I have seen.

Very revealing of little-known facts of a well-known city.

Very good!^\_^

Detailed history, good maps, and a social justice bent to it all. See the unspoken conflicts and landmarks throughout LA. Know your rights at the beaches near Malibu. See where people have fought for freedom and equality, not where John Travolta decided to eat a hamburger. My only wish is that they do this kind of guide for every major city in the US.

It deserves 5 stars. Buy it. I love it and it's fun to read. Me, I hate LA, but reading this little guide reminds me that there's more than frustration, noise, dirt, and a giant parking lot called Los Angeles.

I bought this book for my son who just moved out to Burbank, CA. He really likes it! It will be really helpful when I go out to visit. :)

There are likely few cities that have been more examined or described in the pages of the tour guide genre than Los Angeles. A simple search gives you over 1,400 travel books on Los Angeles, many of which are excellent companions to a trip to the Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Ángeles

del RÃfÂ- o de PorciÃfÂncula -- whether it be Hollywood Star guides, books on the strange and bizarre, on local hikes, eating in the city, and so forth. Still, in the pages of those fourteen-hundred or so books, you will not likely find a book anything like this one. In its pages, three Southern California natives (no transplants, however long) have dug into the full depth and breadth of Los Angeles history, from its humble beginnings as a small satellite to the settlement at the San Gabriel Mission, on through the boom years at the end of the 19th century, the war years, and on toward the present. The book is broken into six regions, which is a good thing, since sprawl has meant that there are simply no easy ways to "see it all" in any practical way. In addition, the book offers a number of "thematic" tours that bring together a number of the 112 sites into common groupings, like: the independent and alternative media tour or the queer politics and culture tour, or the economic restructuring and globalization tour. Along the way, the authors not only give a snapshot of historical events and the current use/condition of each site, but they provide suggestions for further exploration, nearby sites of interest, and even nearby eating recommendations. A People's Guide to Los Angeles stands as an excellent specimen of alternative tourism, of local knowledge, of place-history from the bottom up. It may not be for the tourist who's headed first to Grauman's Chinese Theater, and then to the Santa Monica Pier, before heading out to Disneyland, but it'll serve those who are interested in finding out about the Los Angeles in which most of its 10 million inhabitants (in the county) reside, as well as a wealth of information about the fascinating path it has taken since its beginnings in 1771 by forty-four settlers, A People's Guide is an indispensable reference for the native Angeleno and world traveler alike.

How to describe to friends and family in other parts of the U.S. (and world) what makes Los Angeles such a meaningful, wonderful, challenging, joyful place to live, after their minds have been jammed full of images of a "Los Angeles" that is actually some amalgamation of Beverly Hills, Malibu, and West Hollywood? How to make real and visible the past and on-going struggles for justice and liberation that makes LA the heart of so many of today's national and global peoples' movements? Why, A People's Guide to Los Angeles, of course! A People's Guide to Los Angeles serves as an indispensable guidebook for the native Angeleno, the short-term visitor, and the newly-arrived-to-LA alike. Rich with history and images, it is a pleasure to read. Buy a copy for yourself and for a friend-- one who already loves Los Angeles, or does, and just doesn't know it yet.

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