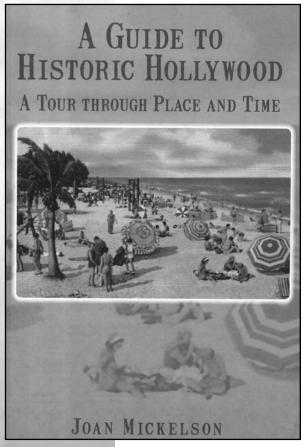


book review

Hollywood By-the-Sea

A Guide to Historic Hollywood Brings the City's Past to Life, from the Roaring 20s to the Fabulous 50s

by Catherine McElrath



A Guide to Historic Hollywood – A Tour Through Place and Time, by Joan Mickelson. The History Press, 2005, 254 pages with index and extensive bibliography

Observe history up close with Joan Mickelson's *A Guide to Historic Hollywood*, a well-researched, fast-moving account of the rapid birth and growth of the city of Hollywood. Filled with pages of vintage black-and-white photos, postcards and diagrams of historic streets and homes, the book is a comprehensive and (just as important) interesting narrative that weaves tales of starry-eyed developers and brave pioneers into a neat timeline that begins in the fun-loving 1920s and continues to the 1950s. Filled with eyewitness accounts and direct quotes from major players, *A Guide to Historic Hollywood* was written by native born historian Joan Mickelson, whose parents were among the first Hollywood settlers.

A Guide to Historic Hollywood is divided into two parts — the story of Hollywood's history and a convenient, street-by-street guide of historic homes, buildings and other significant sites, complete with street numbers and brief histories of the locales. The perfect companion for a do-it-yourself historic driving or walking tour, the book's conversational style combined with its thorough and fascinating account of Broward County's first planned community make it a must-read for anyone interested in the tumultuous origins and development of one of South Florida's original great city beutiful communities, a seaside paradise that is still evolving as one of the area's most dynamic cities.

For more information on Hollywood and Florida history, visit *www.broward.org/library* to access the Florida Electronic Library on Broward County Library's Free Online Resources.

Other books on the history of Hollywood, Florida:

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