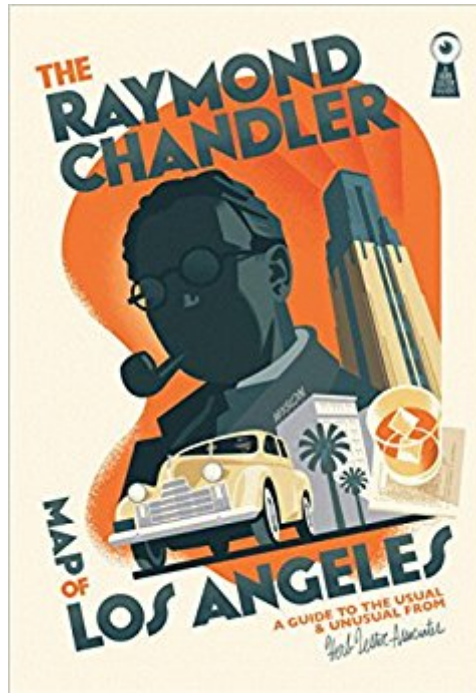




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The Raymond Chandler Map Of Los Angeles



Synopsis

Few writers are as inextricably linked with a city as Raymond Chandler and Los Angeles. The neon-lit streets, mobbed-up joints and seedy rooming houses portrayed in his fiction were real places, familiar to Angelenos of the time, and in some cases recognisable today. This is a guide to the world of Raymond Chandler and his noble alter-ego, the private detective Philip Marlowe. It mixes locations from the books, the films and Chandler's personal life. There's the crummy dive where Moose Malloy went looking for Velma; the actual lounge where Marlowe and Terry Lennox ordered gimlets; the top-floor suite where oil executive Chandler got his priceless education in how a dirty, sun-drenched city really operated. This is the Los Angeles that Raymond Chandler carried in his heart. And now, you can too.

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Crime historian and novelist Kim Cooper is co-creator and co-host of the Esotouric bus tours Raymond Chandler's Los Angeles, The Birth of Noir and The Real Black Dahlia. Her novel "The Kept Girl" follows the young Raymond Chandler on the trail of a real-life cult of angel worshippers in 1920s Southern California. When the third generation Angeleno isn't combing old newspapers for forgotten scandals, she is a passionate advocate for historic preservation of signage, vernacular architecture and writer's homes. Kim was for many years the editrix of Scram, a journal of unpopular culture. Her books include "How To Find Old Los Angeles," "Fall in Love For Life: Inspiration from a 73-Year Marriage," "Bubblegum Music is the Naked Truth," "Lost in the Grooves," and an oral history of Neutral Milk Hotel.

Unfolded, the map is just under 16" x 24

I love this map, my only issue is that I want to hang it on the wall, but the references are on the back. It's not really that large, so if you really want to make use of it, buy two and hang them side by side, back and front. I'm not going to do that because I don't have the wall space. I may either try to photocopy the back, or just hand-write a key. That's my only gripe, really. In this format it would've made more sense to have a smaller, laminated foldout that would fit on a bookshelf, rather than a map that's so small when folded that it could easily be misplaced. But it's inexpensive and this is all nitpicking, but for practical purposes I wish it was something more "useable" as-is.

Handsome and helpful map: more helpful in suggesting the relationship between Chandler Sites and the general area in which they exist (or formerly, existed). As helpful to the armchairreader of Chandler as it might be to those who hope to visit.

If you are a fan of Los Angeles, especially "old Los Angeles" AND you are a fan of Chandler you will enjoy this. It is a fold out map of Los Angeles highlighting scenes from both books and films. There is a map key, quotes from novels, etc. Both sides have info so I bought two that I can frame and hang side by side.

Finally a map of Los Angeles that beautifully opens up a portal to the spots Raymond walked (stumbled) on when creating his dark world. I own other maps on the subject, but this one comes with notes that not only remind as to the relevance of the spot to the storyline, but also gives you a feel of what it meant then and what it is now. Kim seem to know quite a bit on the history of Los Angeles. The art is light and uses all available space expertly allowing for as many spots as possible without it looking crowded. This beauty should be up on the wall of some bar on Hollywood Blvd (or St. Monica city Hall, or a few hotels in downtown). Thank you for the labor of love

So much fun to see the different places Chandler referred to in his books, mainly north Los Angeles Hollywood area but some other scattered ones as well incl downtown and Bay City.

Perfection!

Nice print. I wish we could have gotten it rolled vs folded, but it works for what we want.

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