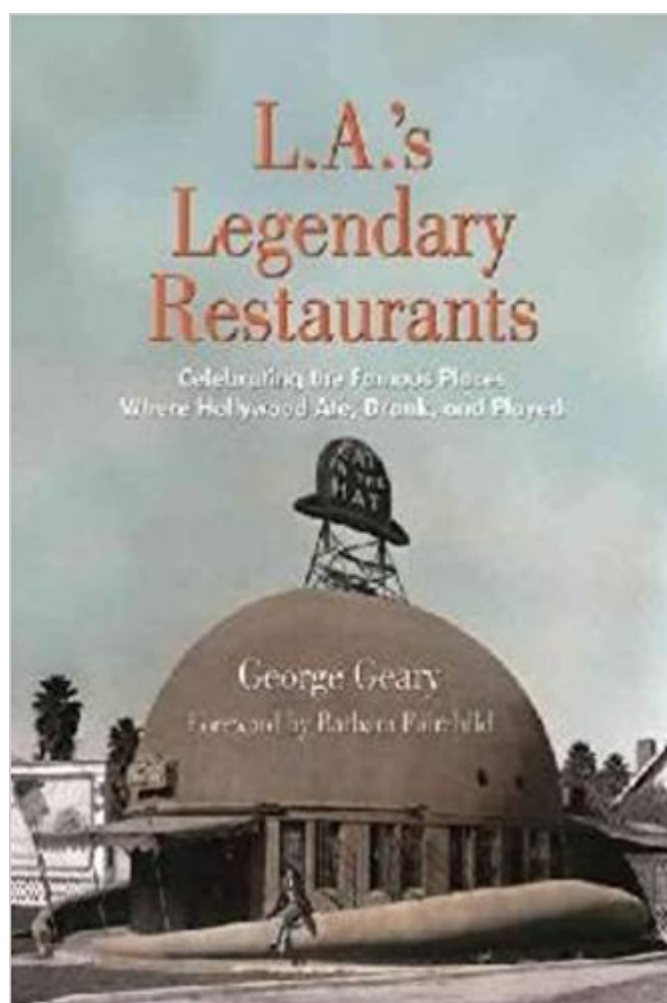


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L.A.'s Legendary Restaurants: Celebrating The Famous Places Where Hollywood Ate, Drank, And Played



Synopsis

L.A. *À la Mode* Legendary Restaurants is an illustrated history of dozens of landmark eateries from throughout the City of Angels. From such classics as Musso & Frank and The Brown Derby in the 1920s to the see-and-be-seen crowds at Chasen *À la Mode*, Romanoffs, and Ciro *À la Mode* in the mid-20th century to the dawn of California cuisine at Ma Maison and Spago Sunset in the 1970s and *À la Mode* 80s, L.A. *À la Mode* Legendary Restaurants celebrates the famous locations where Hollywood ate, drank, and played. Author George Geary leads you into the glamorous restaurants inhabited by the stars through a lively narrative filled with colorful anecdotes and illustrated with vintage photographs, historic menus, and timeless ephemera. Over 100 iconic recipes for entrees, appetizers, desserts, and drinks are included. But L.A. *À la Mode* Legendary Restaurants contains much more than the fancy, high-priced restaurants favored by the Hollywood cognoscenti. The glamour of the golden age of drive-ins, drugstores, nightclubs, and hotels are also honored. What book on L.A. restaurants would be complete without tales of ice cream sundaes at C.C. Brown *À la Mode*, cafeteria-style meals at Clifton *À la Mode*, or a mai tai at Don the Beachcomber? Most of the locations in L.A. *À la Mode* Legendary Restaurants no longer exist, but thanks to George Geary, the memories are still with us.

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Customer Reviews

“Even though some of these restaurants opened before I moved to the United States, I appreciate the style and flamboyancy of these historic establishments. They paved the way for

Nobu restaurants and I am honored that the old L.A. Orangerie restaurant is now Nobu Los Angeles. The book is fantastic and a must-read. Chef Nobu, Nobu and Matsuhisa Restaurants; The wake of Tinseltown's heyday left behind some of the most iconic art and culture in American history. This is the perfect book for the food-obsessed who are also romanced by L.A.'s rich history. Curtis Stone, chef and restaurateur; This is a wonderfully evocative look at L.A. dining in an earlier time; and a reminder of how many good and imaginative restaurants the city has had, and how much fun it was to eat in them back then, before the era of restrictive diets and hipper-than-thou cuisine. Colman Andrews, editorial director of TheDailyMeal.com; The best of L.A.'s food history is all bound together in George Geary's remarkable book. Our restaurants in Los Angeles would never exist without these legends. Jon Shook and Vinny Dotolo, Los Angeles chefs and restaurateurs; George Geary's book is a retrospective sublimely rich in history and flavor. It is a testament to L.A.'s diverse cornucopia of cuisine. Suzanne Tracht, executive chef and owner of Jar; From the Googie-inspired diners to the wholly fictional 'South Seas' of Don the Beachcomber and Trader Vic's to the movie star hangouts of the Brown Derby and Chasen's, L.A.'s Legendary Restaurants is a giddy, celebrity-filled look back at the culinary scene of twentieth century Los Angeles. I dare you to read this book and not feel nostalgic for those days. Russ Parsons, former food editor of the Los Angeles Times "A splendid ride through Old Hollywood! George Geary entices our sense of taste with his descriptions of famous dishes and recipes from L.A.'s classic restaurants and our sense of adventure with his antic tales of Golden Age celebrities. For me, the best part was the sense of preservation in the descriptions, facts, architect listings, and pictures of the fabulous buildings that housed these iconic restaurants, many of which have been lost to time." Joselle Celine Gilvezan, historic preservationist

Includes Over 100 Iconic Recipes Adapted by Chef Geary! L.A.'s Legendary Restaurants is an illustrated history of dozens of landmark eateries from throughout the City of Angels. From such classics as the Musso & Frank Grill and the Brown Derby in the 1920s, to the see-and-be-seen crowds at Chasen's, Romanoff's, and Ciro's in the mid-twentieth century, to the dawn of California cuisine at Ma Maison and Spago Sunset in the 1970s and '80s, L.A.'s Legendary Restaurants celebrates the famous locations where Hollywood ate, drank, and played. Award-winning chef, best-selling author, and renowned educator George Geary leads you on a tour of these glamorous restaurants through a lively narrative filled

with colorful anecdotes and illustrated with vintage photographs, historic menus, and timeless ephemera. Over 100 iconic recipes for entrées, appetizers, desserts, and classic drinks are included, and all have been updated by Chef Geary for today's cook and kitchen. L.A.'s Legendary Restaurants is sprinkled with fun facts and trivia, from Elizabeth Taylor's craving for Chasen's chili on the set of Cleopatra, to Bob Hope's favorite place to enjoy a hot fudge sundae after the Academy Awards, to the restaurant where a table was sawed off to accommodate a pregnant Lana Turner, to the soda fountain counter where composer Harold Arlen wrote "Over the Rainbow" for The Wizard of Oz. The book runs the gamut of L.A.'s restaurant scene, covering not only the fashionable, high-priced eateries favored by the Hollywood cognoscenti, but also the drive-ins, drugstores, nightclubs, and bars frequented by the average Angeleno. What book on L.A. restaurants would be complete without tales of ice cream sundaes at C. C. Brown's, cafeteria-style meals at Clifton's, late-night breakfasts at Ben Frank's, or mai tais at Don the Beachcomber? Most of the locations in L.A.'s Legendary Restaurants no longer exist, but George Geary has brought their memories back to life. And with Chef Geary's updated recipes, we can still enjoy many of the same iconic dishes that kept customers coming back to their favorite haunts again and again.

I have been a fan of George Geary for close to 20 years and have taken classes from him, traveled to France, Scottsdale, New Orleans and taken many other day trips he has hosted because he is a story teller, history buff and one of the most entertaining and likeable people I've ever met. In his newest book, L.A.'s Legendary Restaurants, he takes his love of history to a new level. Growing up in Long Beach, CA, in 1947, I had heard of many of the places he writes about in his book. My parents went dancing at the Palladium, we ate lunch at Bullocks Wilshire tea room, and the Coconut Grove was our "grown up" venture for date night graduation. The list goes on and on. To have all of the pictures and history in one book takes me back so many years and just makes me smile. I have all of George's other books (all cook books) that are easy to duplicate (mostly) with unfailing results. They elicit rave reviews and make me feel like a seasoned baker! Bravo George. This is such a delightful addition to your repertoire!

This is a gorgeous book. Beautifully crafted and well-written. I've been in LaLaLand all my life, and enjoyed not only the memories of places long gone, but many of which I'd had the opportunity to enjoy in their heydays. Historically, it's fascinating, and what a treat that so many recipes are

included. I've given it as a gift to three other folks now, and will again.

An absolutely joy to read. So many great recipes, and so many great stories about the restaurants and the owners/chefs and patrons who visited. Also, great pictures. I would recommend to anyone who loves food, history, and restaurants of Los Angeles.

Right product, good price, received quickly.

Best cookbook I bought in years. It includes amazing recipes from all the legendary LA restaurants but so much more. This is a tribute and love story re Los Angeles. This book captures so much that made LA an amazing city to grow up in. My mother cried with joy when I showed her this book.

Excellent book. My parents and I are enjoying it immensely and made the Leon chopped salad for dinner. Delicious! I can't wait to try the other recipes. It mentions so many great long gone restaurants. Excellent compendium.

George is a rock star but this is his best book ever. The pictures, the recipes and the historical information are super. I can not wait until George comes to Las Vegas to teach us how to make these great recipes. great gift for your friends for the holidays.

This book is beautiful! Full of fun stories, histories and recipes from all these restaurant. It's a coffee table book so it's meant to be looked at over and over again. Gorgeous!

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