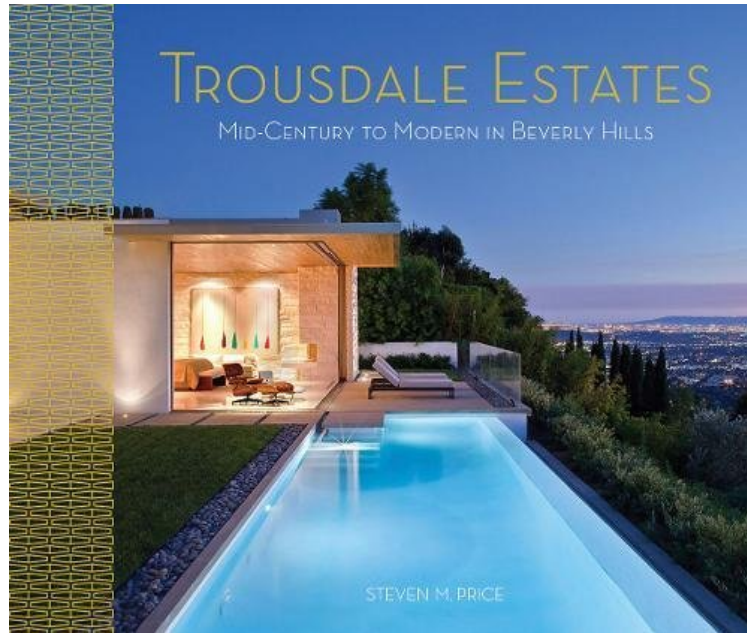


## Trousdale Estates: Midcentury to Modern in Beverly Hills

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place where wealthy Angelenos of the 50s and 60s commissioned houses by almost all of L.A.'s top architects of the time, and in fact some made their names there. Price's book includes profiles of some 50 Trousdale homes and background on many others, all in all about 10% of the total built. The design of the book is glossy and graphic, a good mix of new and archival photography, architect and owner histories and floor plans, tying together about 50 different looks and stories that make up the history and style of Trousdale from its creation to the present day including a chapter on houses that have been demolished to make way for new ones. This is certain to become the definitive history of Trousdale, documenting a previously inaccessible aspect of a golden L.A. era, while providing a glimpse of its future as well. Highly recommended. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Beverly Hills Luxe! By Leon Pascucci Stunning survey of this marvelous collection of modern luxury houses. With archival and contemporary photography, the stories of specific houses fascinates. A bit unwieldy to hold it nevertheless gives great pleasure in its text and photos.

Filled cover-to-cover with beautiful, vivid photographs, Trousdale is the definitive history of the architecture and design that defined both Beverly Hills and the ultimate American Dream. Trousdale Estates is a 410-acre enclave of large, luxurious homes in Beverly Hills, California. Primarily developed in the 1950s and '60s, it quickly became famous for its concentration of celebrity residents and the unrestrained extravagance of its midcentury modern architecture. Often working with unlimited budgets, these designers created sprawling, elegant backdrops for the ultimate expression of the American Dream in the mid-to-late twentieth century. In Trousdale, Price explores the architectural backgrounds, details, and floor plans of the amazing homes, giving readers an inside view of the world-famous Beverly Hills style. Lavish new photography is interspersed with archival and historic images, illustrating the glamour of Trousdale both then and now. Some of the architects of Trousdale include Lloyd Wright, Wallace Neff, Paul R. Williams, Harold Levitt, and A. Quincy Jones.

About the Author Steven Price is an author, producer, speaker, historian and preservation consultant based in Los Angeles. A native Angeleno, Steven came of age in the 1960s and '70s, a golden time and place for the architecture and design style later to be known as Mid-Century Modern. After a nearly 20-year career in the entertainment industry, Price is now a recognized authority on the subject, with sold-out speaking engagements on the subjects of Trousdale Estates, developer Paul Trousdale, and Mid-Century Beverly Hills. He has briefed the Beverly Hills Cultural Heritage Commission on the history of Trousdale Estates and contributed to the list of Master Architects under the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance, enacted in 2012.