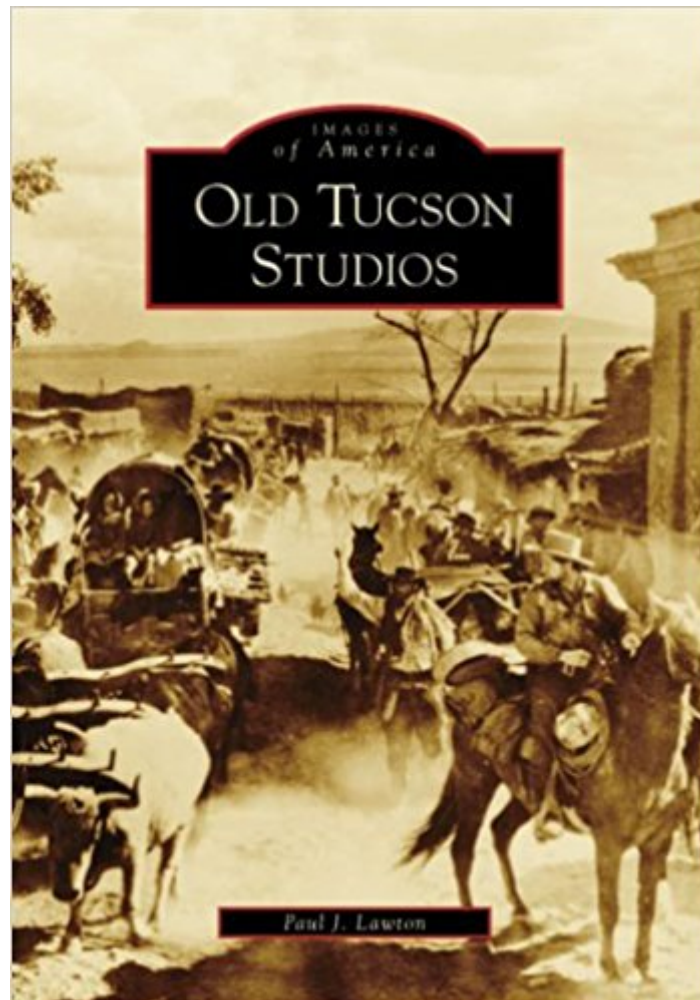




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Old Tucson Studios (Images Of America: Arizona)



Synopsis

In 1939, Columbia Pictures based a film on Clarence Kellandâ€™s book Arizona, set during the Civil War in Arizona Territory. To accurately portray the novelâ€™s landscape, Columbia selected a spot about 10 miles from what is now downtown Tucson in the middle of a large Pima County park for the filming. In 1959, Bob Shelton, a Kansas City developer, purchased the lot, determined to build an active movie studio and tourist attraction. His vision was successful, and Old Tucson Studios has set the stage for over 200 movies and television shows. As Western movies regain their popularity in the box office, the future looks bright for Old Tucson Studios to become a premier filming site in Arizona.

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Customer Reviews

Author Paul J. Lawton served as deputy sheriff of the Pima County Sheriffâ€™s Department for 25 years and, in 1998, became the chief pyro technician and armorer at Old Tucson Studios. He has previously written three other books: The Last Full Measure: Law Enforcement Deaths in Arizona, Old Tucson: Then and Now, and Hollywood in the Desert: The Films of Old Tucson. In this volume, he has gathered together more than 200 vintage photographs from a forgotten cache of records discovered in wake of a devastating 1995 fire at the studios.

Book was in like new condition, extremely happy with it!

I visited Old Tucson before getting the book and found it to be a good book with a history of how the

studio came about.

If you want a quick primer on the history of of America's most famous non-Hollywood studio, this is it. In standard Arcadia style, the photos are well chosen, well reproduced, and the captions informative. And despite the limitations of that format, if you read them all you do get a clear history of the studio. The best and most informative photos show the filming process, less useful are the shots of the stars just standing around. But they do remind us of many long-forgotten films and series. I found myself wishing that some of the productions were covered in greater detail, but 40 years on, many of the principals involved are no longer with us, so this is as much as we're likely to get.

100% Satisfied! Just as described.

I searched the internet including the Old Tucson web page to find out what didn't burn in the 1990's fire. I couldn't find anything until I found this book. It covers much of the growth over the years and the rebuild after the fire. It seems a shame that they didn't rebuild the notable land marks such as the old stage depot and the old sheriff office on the south end.

As I was accumulating tons of material for a project of my own on Old Tucson, I should have known Arcadia would eventually put something out there. After all, they've covered just about everything from Lone Pine, CA to my own hometown of Grand Rapids, MI. Bravo! A fine work long overdue.

If you are interested in the history and origin of the Old Tucson Studios, this is an important document for you to own. It is full of photos from the beginning to nearly the present. This is a must have for local residents.

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