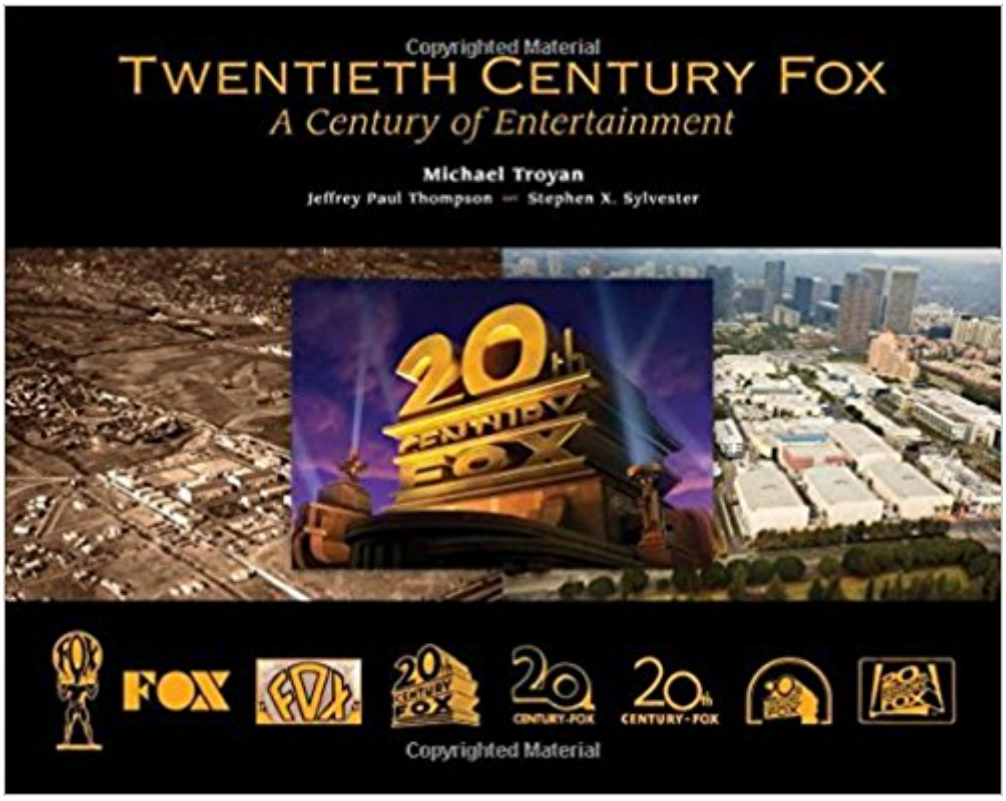
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Twentieth Century Fox: A Century Of Entertainment



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Synopsis

Here it is: the first-time look at the remarkable American multinational mass media empire and its century of entertainmentÃ¢â ¬â •the story of Twentieth Century Fox (1915Ã¢â ¬â œ2015). Or, to borrow the title of a classic 1959 Fox film, The Best of Everything. This is the complete revelatory storyÃ¢â ¬â •bookended by empire builders William Fox and Rupert MurdochÃ¢â ¬â •aimed as both a grand, entertaining, nostalgic and picture-filled interactive read and the ultimate guide to all things Twentieth Century Fox. The controversies and scandals are here, as are the extraordinary achievements. Among other firsts, the book offers fun tours of its historic production and ranch facilities including never-before-told stories about its stars and creative personalities (Marilyn Monroe, Elvis Presley, James Dean, and Shirley Temple got started there). Finally, it is the first such work approved by the company and utilizing its own unique resources. The authors primarily tell a celebratory tale, but most importantly, an accurate one.

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Through magical, never-before-seen archival photographs, you will be taken on a fabulous journey exploring the history of Twentieth Century Fox Studios. This book triggers so many fond personal memories: from the studio commissary to the schoolhouse where I spent endless hours, to a look inside the sound stages we used while working on The Sound of Music. (Angela Cartwright, actress whose work includes The Danny Thomas Show, Lost in Space, and The Sound of Music; artist; author of Styling the Stars)Twentieth Century Fox was a wonderful place. It was like a separate little

world of its own. I remember the huge buildings full of antique cars, stagecoaches and varied pieces of architecture. It was just incredible, and so much fun to wander through. There were New York, Western and Midwestern streets, a Roman square, the countryside . . . it was huge, and an extraordinary place. I worked them all. There was no other studio like it. (Debra Paget, Twentieth Century Fox contract player, 1948-1956)With each passing year, more pieces of Hollywood history are lost or forgotten. ThatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s why a book like this is so welcome, especially with the gallery of rare behind-the-scenes photos that take us back in time. (Leonard Maltin, American film critic and historian)I wish I'd had this remarkable book when I first toured Fox Hills! (Kevin Brownlow, documentary filmmaker, author, film historian)

Below is Sylvester's preferred bio for the jacket. Stephen X. Sylvester is a historic preservationist, filmmaker, author and lecturer. He lives in Los Angeles."

Fabulous book! A treasure!

As both a HOLLYWOOD historian and someone who actually worked at 20th Century-Fox, let me say that this book by Michael Troyan, Jeffrey Paul Thompson and Stephen X. Sylvester, is an absolute treasure...I make that statement unbiased, as I have never heard of or met these gentleman, but I do know the studio very, very well having spent 25 years there.Through this book TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX A Century of Entertainment, you too will come to know this studio very well. It has everything for both the movie buff and the novice. Incredible photos and 700 pages of detailed research, document the incredible history of this fine studio with the world famous searchlight logo.It will give the reader a studio tour that shows so much, from its creation to the present day. But for me, it was the rare "behind-the-scenes" photos of the studio sets and productions that really bring back the memories. You would never know or appreciate just what a fantastic studio lot it was visiting Century City in West Los Angeles today... Having sold off their back lot decades ago, and with all the skyscraper development since, this book is the only one that will show you all the iconic areas of western towns, churches, mansions, city streets, castles, lakes etc., that defined the only HOLLYWOOD studio purpose built for sound. It was MOVIETONE CITY, and Fox developed the sound system that became the industry standard.I produced a two-hour DVD history of the studio to celebrate it's 75th anniversary... This book though, goes way beyond that as it will give you many more happy hours when it brings back the memories of so many iconic movies that were made there!

Wow! From the outside, the size of it is like a college textbook. Inside it’s packed with lots of photos and text. Of all the recent studio books, this one seems to be the most comprehensive.

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