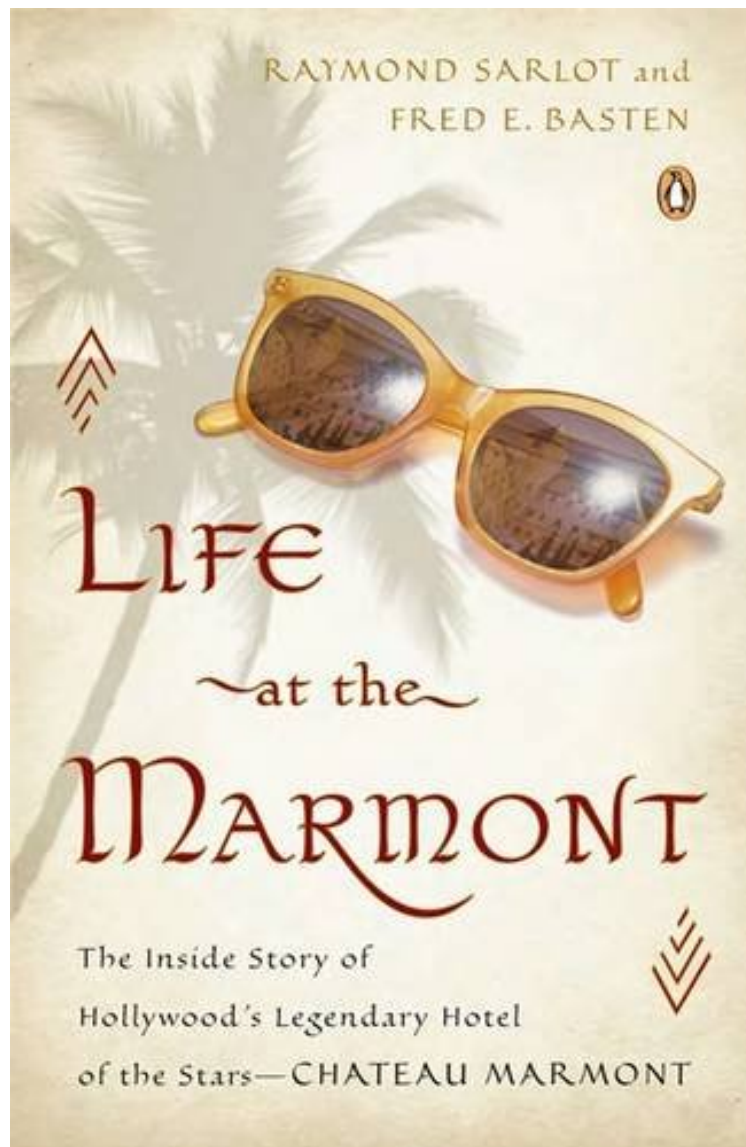


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Raymond Sarlot bought the Chateau Marmont in 1975, but what was originally a business purchase became a love affair as he delved into the hotel's incredible history. From its perch overlooking the Sunset Strip, the glamorous Marmont reigned for decades as the spot for artists, writers, musicians, and actors of every stripe and remains a home-away-from-home for A-listers like Scarlett Johansson and Johnny Depp. Here, Sarlot and co-author Fred E. Basten share a wealth of scandalous and intriguing tales about them all, from the stars of Hollywood's Golden Era like Jean Harlow and Grace Kelly to idols of the sixties and seventies like Jim Morrison and John Belushi (who tragically died there in 1982). Whether your obsession is Hollywood history or celebrity gossip, Life at the Marmont has plenty of gripping, juicy stories to fascinate.

From Publishers WeeklyBuilt in the late 1920s in the undeveloped region between Los Angeles and Hollywood, the Chateau Marmont, an apartment house, ran into the Depression and was converted into a hotel. The region became the Sunset Strip, and the Marmont was joined by other famed apartment-hotels and restaurants. From the start the Marmont attracted film's most famous stars and many noted writers as well. Its early guest list included Garbo, Harlow, Lombard, Bette Davis, Flynn, Stan Laurel, John Wayne and, later on, Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, Streisand and Sharon Tate. In the '60s and '70s the Marmont drew leading rock and folk stars, from Jagger to Baez, and TV performers like John Belushi, who died there. A favorite of Britishers as well, every U.K. actor worthy of the name has stayed there. An intriguing if self-promoting sidelight on cinematic history. Sarlot is co-owner of the Marmont; Basten is the author of Glorious Technicolor. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.About the AuthorRaymond Sarlot was the owner of the Chateau Marmont from 1975 to 1991. He lives in Los Angeles.Fred E. Basten is the author of more than thirty books, including Max Factors Hollywood and Steve McQueen: The Final Chapter. He lives in Santa Monica, California.