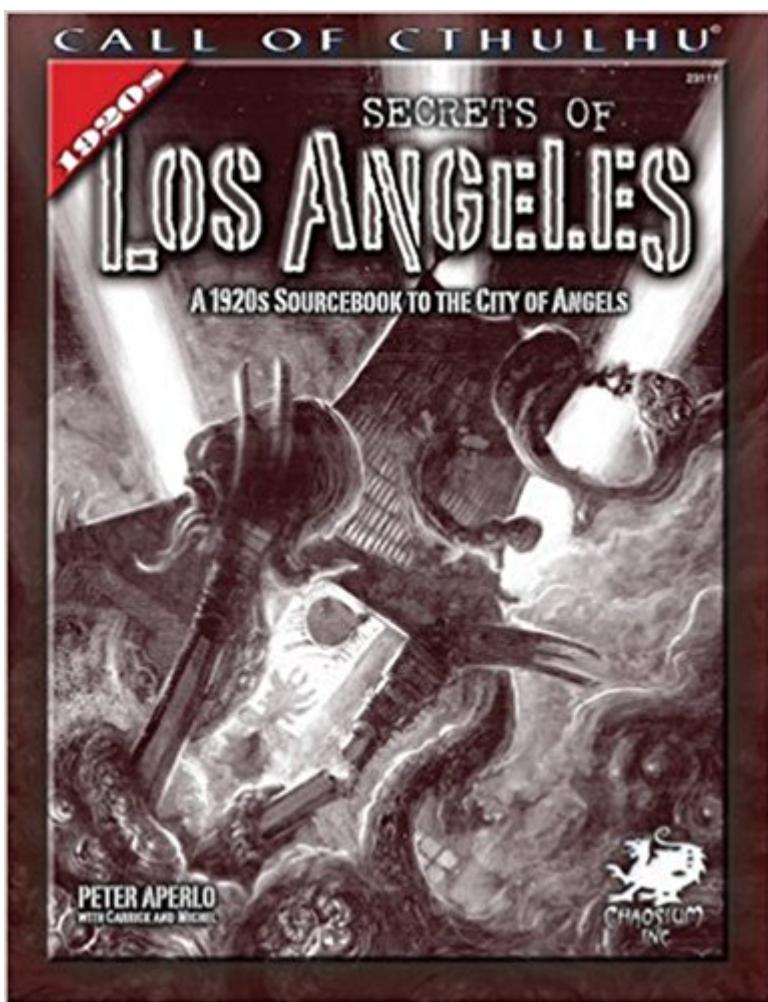


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I enjoyed this book immensely; the history and early photos were enjoyable and brought back many memories of my trip there some years ago. The book is very handy for role-playing because of the amount of background information given and the ideas for new adventures. Being that many of the sites are still there, it can also be used in a modern-day adventure also. Lots of maps, diagrams, and old photos are included to extend the use of this book.

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