

Coast to Coast

Two new books released this month offer fascinating pictorial histories of LA and NYC



On the east side there's New York, the Big Apple, home to art deco skyscrapers, Central Park and Times Square. On the west side there's LA, the City of Angels, home to Hollywood, Rodeo Drive and Venice Beach. The two heavyweight cities capture the imagination of travellers from all over the world, and these books are a photographic tribute to

both. New York, *Portrait of a City*, lays out photos from decades past that truly capture the energy, diversity, soaring ambition and attitude of the people and places that make up what's often dubbed the world's greatest city. The images, a mix of colour and black and white, include this 1950 shot of former boxing champion Sugar Ray Robinson

(left), standing aside his flamboyant flamingo-pink Cadillac outside his café in Harlem. Meanwhile, Los Angeles, *Portrait of a City*, features iconic shots of famous (or, in this case, infamous) characters like gangster Micky Cohen, pictured here in 1953 amid the front pages of newspapers that helped make him the city's most notorious citizen. taschen.com



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