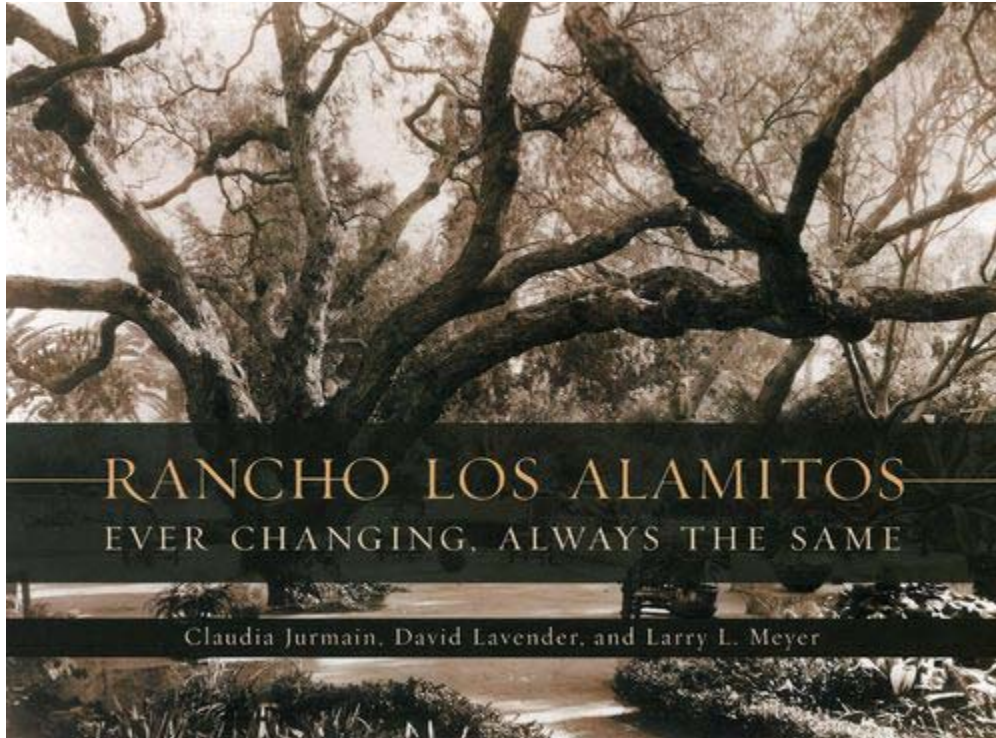


Another Reason I Love Rancho Los Alamitos

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As I mentioned in the [post above](#), one of the things I love about [Rancho Los Alamitos](#) is that it's not so grand you can't imagine living there.

The other thing I've always admired is the property's long history. Someone has always considered this a desirable location from the Tongva Native Americans through the Franciscan missionaries to restless New Englanders who migrated West to seek their fortunes like the Bixbys. The new educational center at The Rancho opening in 2012 I [mentioned above](#) will be dedicated to this story.

In the meantime the excellent new book shown above will take you there through words and tons of great historic photos and illustrations. Its authors are Claudia Jurmain, director of special projects and publications at [The Rancho](#); David Lavender, the author of over 40 books on the American West; and Larry L. Meyer, professor emeritus of journalism at California State University, Long Beach

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