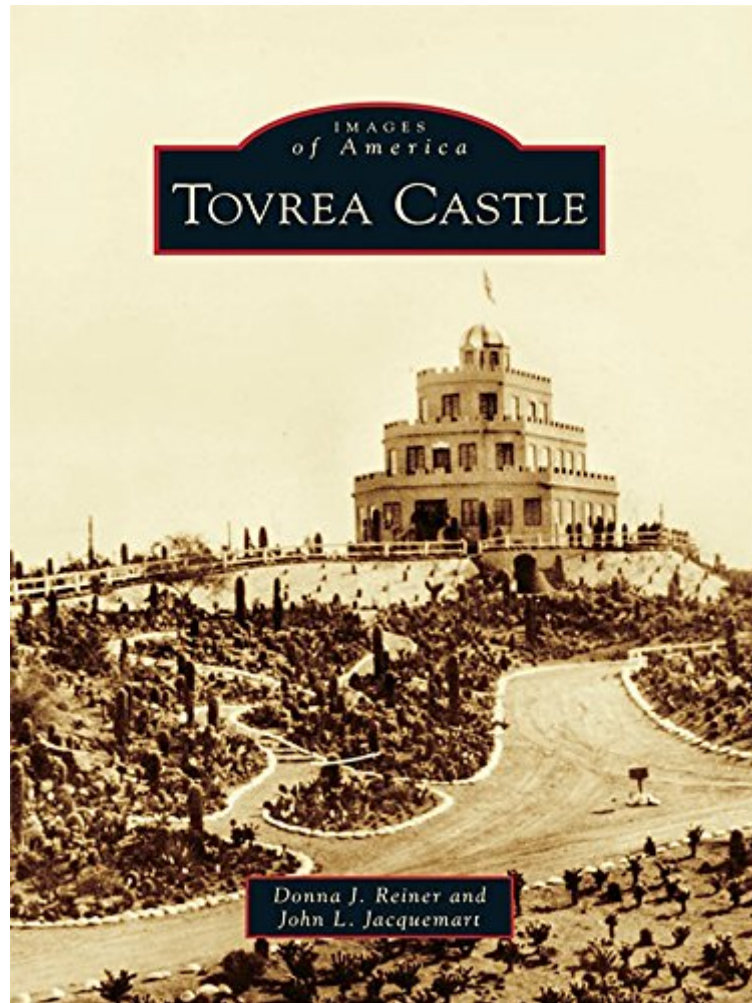




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Tovrea Castle is a Phoenix landmark started by Alessio Carraro in 1929 and intended as a resort near the Salt River. The Great Depression brought funding problems, and it was purchased by E. A. Tovrea in 1931. Tovrea's family continued the construction and added a nearby feed-lot and packing plant for cattle. (The packing plant was eventually acquired by Cudahy, and I worked there part-time for awhile.) Tovrea's widow lived in the castle until her death in 1969 after a robbery attempt in which she shot a hole in the ceiling that remains to this day. 'Tovrea Castle' provides an excellent collection of photos taken at the site over the years.

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