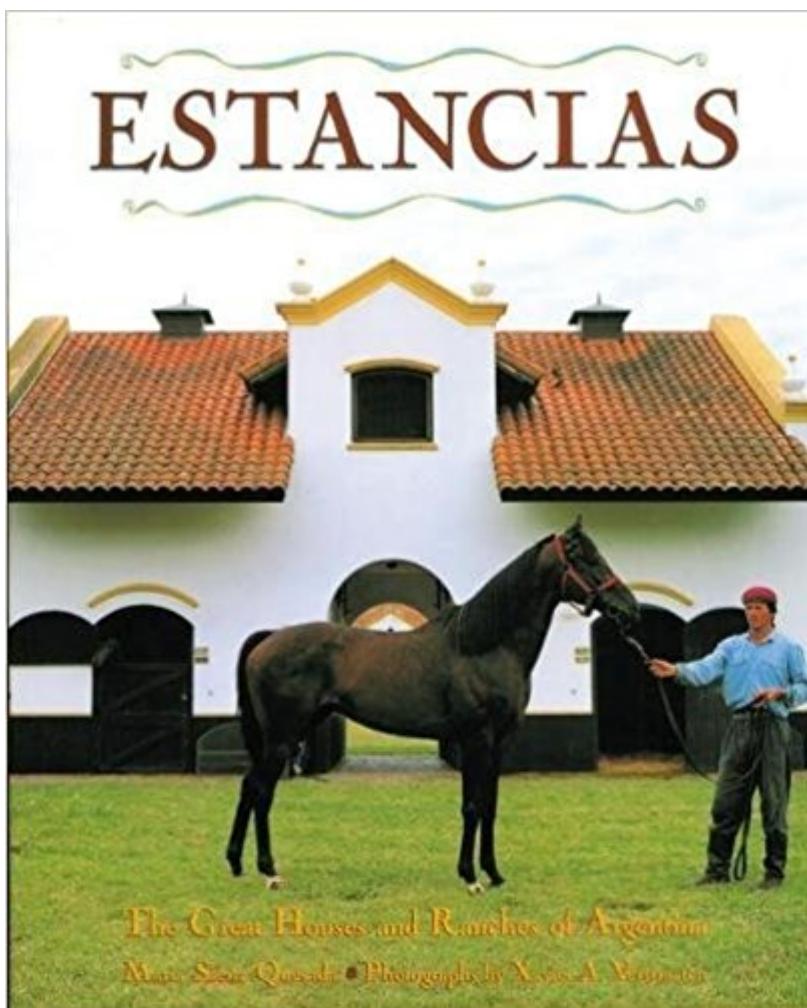


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# Estancias/ Ranches: The Great Houses And Ranches Of Argentina



## Synopsis

From the rocky terrain in the North through the fertile pampa of the central provinces, all the way to the mountainous West and cold, desolate provinces of the South, the estancias of Argentina produced the high-quality meat and grain that gave the country one of the world's most powerful economies at the turn of the century. Built in a diversity of architectural styles, from Spanish farm-house to Edwardian country home, the residences of the estancieros are a fascinating hybrid of European and Argentine cultural traditions. In an illuminating text, historian MarÃ±a SÃ¡enz Quesada explores the cultural and social history of Argentina and provides captivating commentary about the families who built or occupy the estancias. She also examines the distinctive style of these country estates, their interiors, and gardens. Illustrated with exquisite color and vintage photographs, this opulently designed volume captures the rugged, romantic flavor of the good life on the Argentina pampa.

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A coffee table book filled with exquisite photographs and detailed historical and cultural insight on Argentina's premier properties -- the estancias. Through this book we catch a glimpse of the Argentine estancias that rivaled the great homes of Europe and also formed the backbone of the Argentine economy. A must see for anyone interested in all things Argentine. In no other publication can you find such a profusion of photographic, historical and cultural information on Argentine architecture and society. Additionally, this book is a steal when purchased in the United States -- I have seen it retail in Buenos Aires for up to \$140.00 US.

Although now out of print and quite difficult to find this book is a rare gem. Beautifully photographed and rich in historical text concerning the Estancia system in general and 20-odd Estancias in particular. The reader is taken on a journey from Argentina's north to the Pampas outside Buenos Aires, to Patagonia and finally to the Southern most tip where Argentina meets the icy waters of the South Atlantic. Over all a great "Coffee Table" book and a wonderful read too.

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