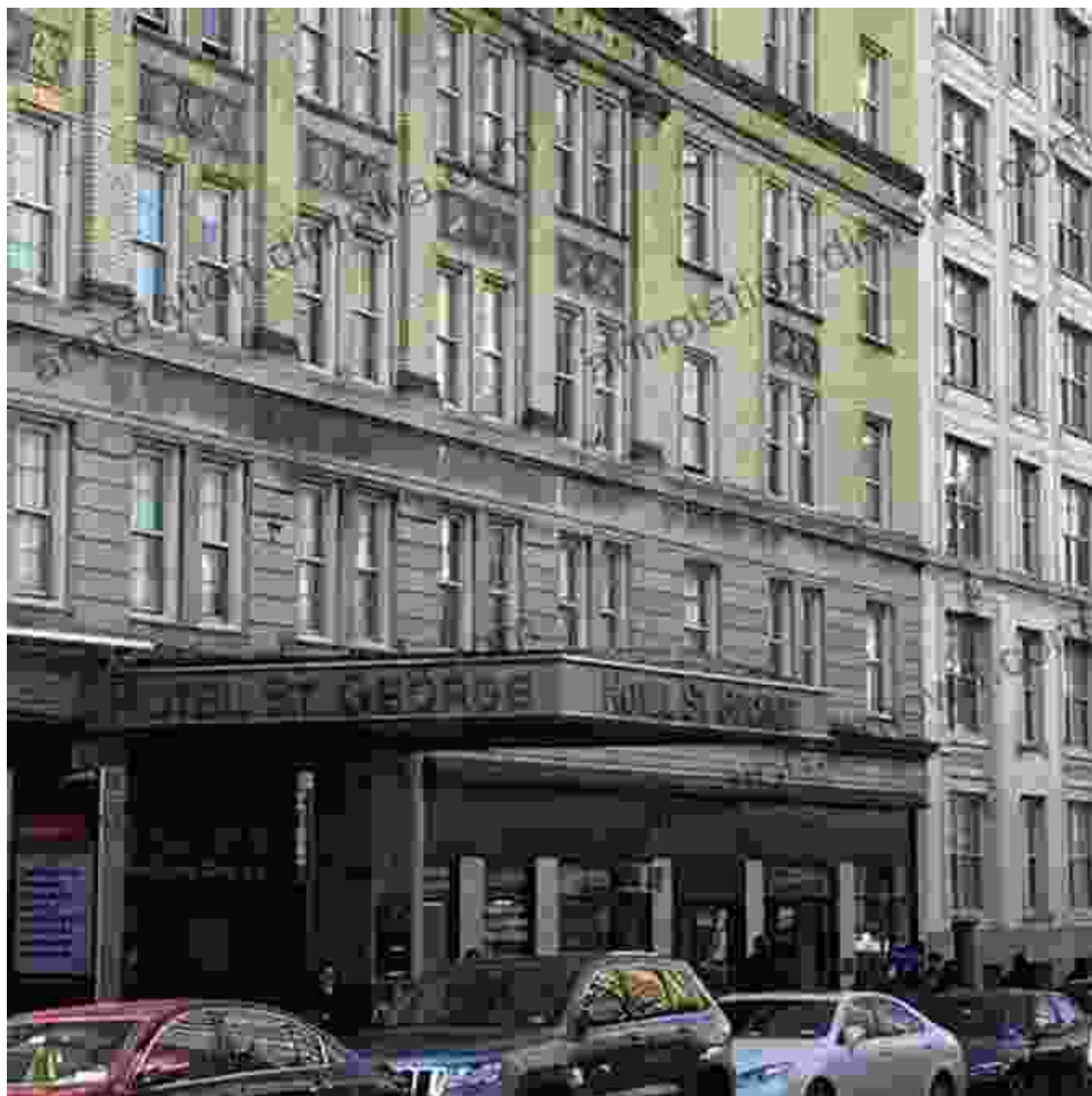


# **Saving the Hotel St. George: Preserving a Southern California Landmark**

Nestled in the heart of Huntington Beach, California, the Hotel St. George stands as an iconic landmark, a testament to the city's vibrant history and architectural heritage. For over a century, this majestic building has welcomed countless guests, played host to grand events, and served as a symbol of community pride. Yet, in recent years, the hotel's future hung in the balance, its fading grandeur threatened by time and neglect.



## Saving the Hotel St. George by Greg Plank

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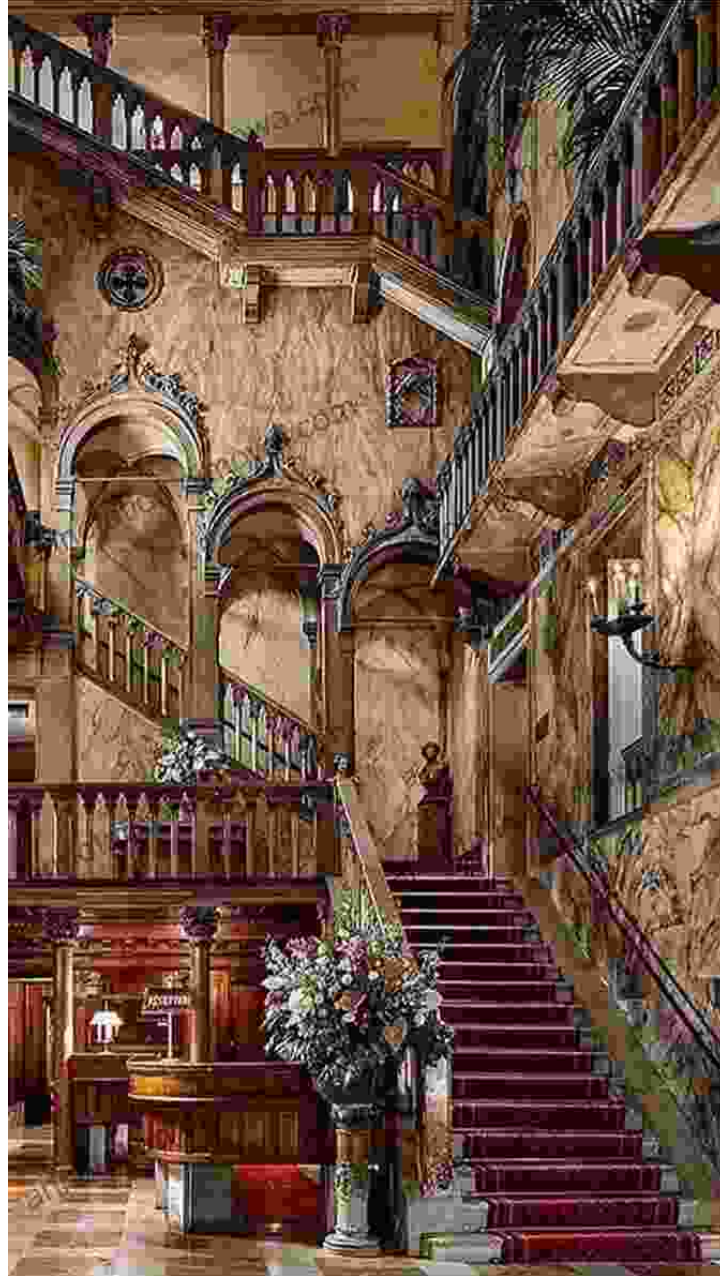
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But a group of dedicated individuals, recognizing the irreplaceable value of the Hotel St. George, embarked on an ambitious mission to save it. Led by the Huntington Beach Historical Society, they rallied community support, raised funds, and partnered with the city to embark on a comprehensive restoration project. The book "Saving the Hotel St. George: A Community's Effort to Preserve Its Past," chronicles this remarkable journey, showcasing the passion, perseverance, and transformative power of preserving our cultural heritage.

### **A Historic Legacy**

The Hotel St. George was built in 1925 by developer Louis St. George, who envisioned it as a luxurious resort destination. Designed in the Beaux-Arts style, the hotel boasts an opulent facade adorned with intricate moldings, cast-iron balconies, and a grand porte-cochère. Its interior features spacious guest rooms, a magnificent ballroom, and a cozy lobby that exudes old-world charm.



Over the years, the Hotel St. George became a hub of social life in Huntington Beach. It hosted countless weddings, proms, and civic events. Celebrities and dignitaries alike graced its halls, including President Richard Nixon and actress Grace Kelly. The hotel's reputation for excellence extended beyond its walls, earning it a place in the National Register of Historic Places.

## A Call to Action

As time took its toll on the Hotel St. George, its grandeur began to fade. Paint peeled, plaster crumbled, and its once-elegant facade showed signs of wear. In 2011, the building was closed due to safety concerns, leaving a void in the heart of Huntington Beach.

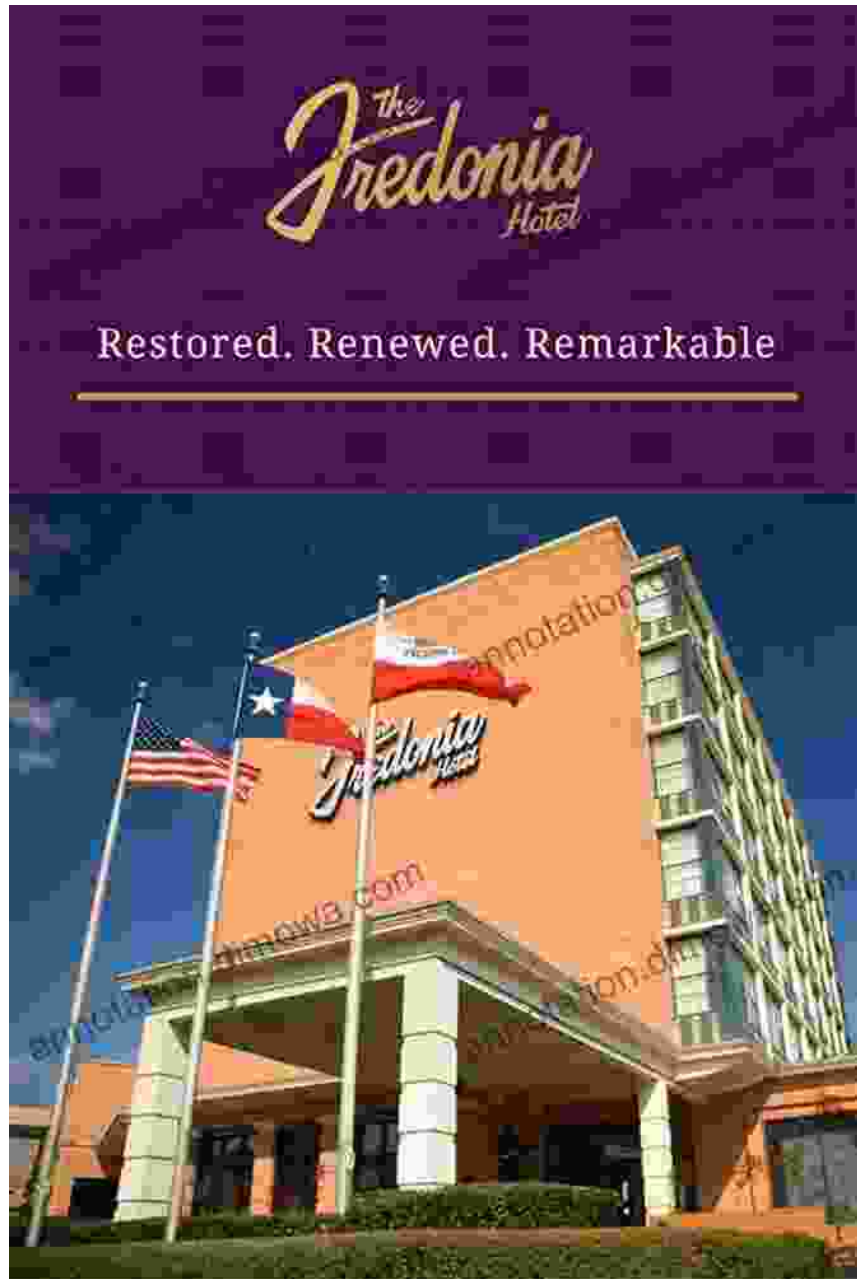


Recognizing the urgency of the situation, the Huntington Beach Historical Society sounded the alarm. They organized community meetings, rallied support from local businesses, and petitioned the city for assistance. Their efforts caught the attention of hotel developer and philanthropist Michael

Freed, who offered to Free Download the building and invest in its restoration.

## **A Labor of Love**

The restoration of the Hotel St. George was a monumental undertaking. A team of skilled artisans, architects, and engineers worked meticulously to preserve the hotel's historic integrity while modernizing its amenities. The facade was meticulously repaired, the interior was restored to its former glory, and new features were added to enhance guest comfort.



Throughout the project, the community remained actively involved. Volunteers assisted with fundraising events, historical research, and outreach programs. The city provided financial support and partnered with the historical society to ensure the hotel's long-term preservation.

### **A Triumphant Return**



In 2017, the Hotel St. George reopened its doors to the public, showcasing its restored splendor. The community celebrated with a grand ribbon-cutting ceremony, attended by local dignitaries, residents, and visitors alike. The hotel once again became a vibrant hub of activity, hosting weddings, conferences, and community events.



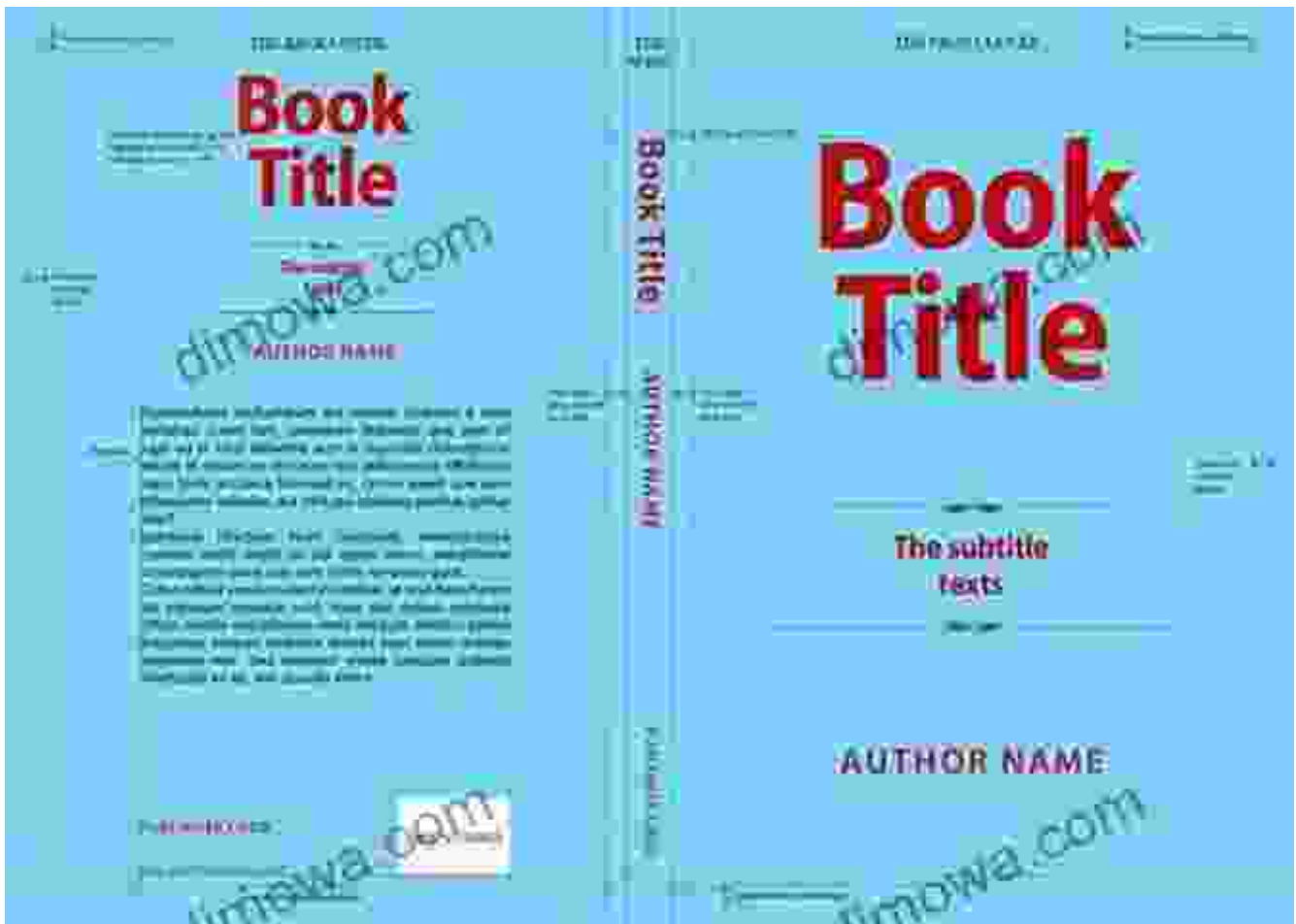
The restoration of the Hotel St. George is a testament to the power of community collaboration and the enduring value of our architectural heritage. It stands as a symbol of Huntington Beach's rich history and a beacon of hope for the preservation of historic landmarks across the country.

### **A Lasting Legacy**

The book "Saving the Hotel St. George" captures the inspiring journey of this historic landmark's restoration. Through vivid storytelling, compelling photography, and extensive research, it documents the challenges,



triumphs, and unwavering spirit that made this preservation success possible.



This book is more than just a chronicle of a building's transformation; it is an ode to the power of community, the importance of historical preservation, and the timeless beauty that endures within our architectural heritage.

### **Free Download Your Copy Today**

If you are passionate about history, architecture, or community preservation, then "Saving the Hotel St. George" is a must-read. This inspiring account will captivate you with its tales of perseverance, celebrate

the value of our built environment, and leave you with a renewed appreciation for the landmarks that shape our collective story.

Free Download your copy today and join the movement to preserve our architectural legacy for generations to come.



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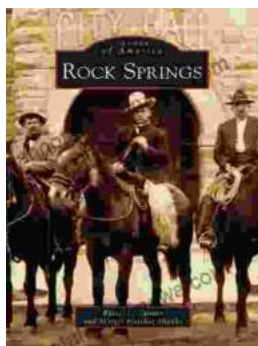
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