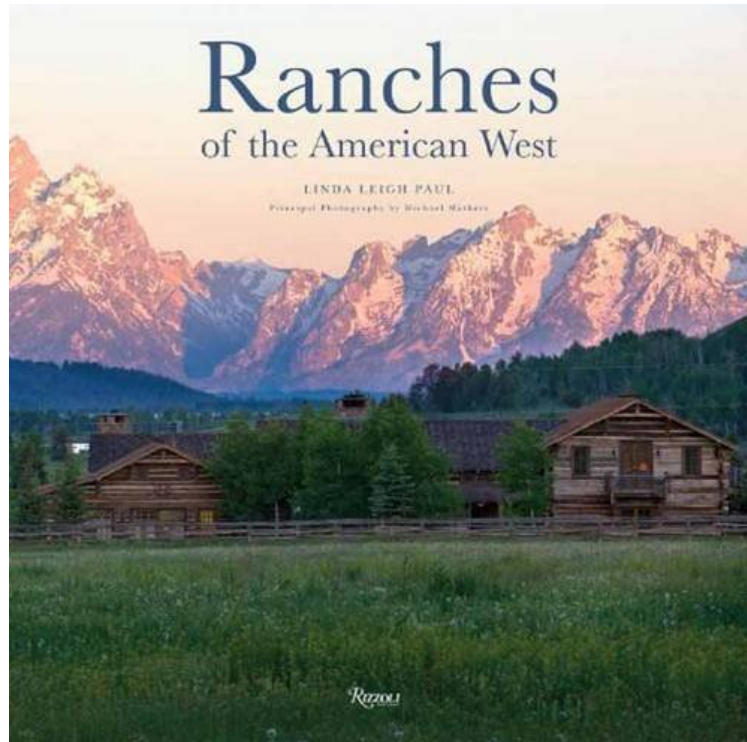


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This glorious volume showcases the finest American ranches, from century-old working ranches to rugged new compounds designed for life in the West. About the Author: Linda Leigh Paul is the author of eight books published by Universe/Rizzoli, including *Cottages by the Sea*, *The Cabin Book*, and *Haciendas*.