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### Hot property

## Literary locations

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**10-13 Park Street, New Canaan, Connecticut, US, \$2.5m**

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Why The property was home to literary editor Harwell Perkins from 1925 until his death in 1967. Perkins worked with a number of famed American writers such as Margot Ravlings (pictured), F Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway and Thomas Wolfe. Who William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty willsellart.com, tel +1 203 321 9161




**Success House Farm, Cowden, Kent, UK, £5.5m**

Where Just outside the village of Cowden in Kent, south-east England, London is about an hour and 25 minutes drive away while Gatwick airport is half an hour.

What A Greek 17th-century, five-bedroom house, with a 16th-century structure dating from 1580. The property comes with 200 acres of land, three further cottages, an outdoor pool and a tennis court.

Why British author Roger Hargreaves (pictured) lived here in the 1970s and 1980s when he wrote his Mr Men and Little Miss children's books. Who Mr & Mrs Clutton, mrsclutton.com, tel +44 1322 40222




**11 Mark's Square is a seven-minute walk and Metro Polo International airport is about 40 minutes by water taxi.**

What A three-floor apartment overlooking the canal, with five bedrooms and four bathrooms. The building has Byzantine influences, and dates back to the 15th century and has the original leaf-molding.

Why Ernest Hemingway (pictured) stayed in the apartment when it was owned by Baron Hanyasi-Frensch's a hunting companion. Who Venice Sotheby's International Realty, venice@sothebysrealty.com, tel +39 041 5220095

**Apartment on the Grand Canal, San Marco, Venice, Italy, €5.5m**

Where Behind the Palazzo Fortuny, a Gothic palace that is now an art gallery, is Venice's San Marco sestiere, or neighbourhood.

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**Apartment off Rue Veris, Paris, France, €14.8m**

Where Next to the Jardin du Luxembourg, a picturesque park, in the 6th arrondissement. Only international airport is less than a 25-minute drive.

What A 300-sq-metre, five-bedroom apartment across four floors. There is lift access to each floor, while the ground-level living space opens on to a private garden.

Why The apartment is in the Rue Cauchy, or Left Bank, which has a history of attracting intellectuals and artists. Victor Gollancz (pictured) lived nearby at 27 Rue de France, where fellow authors and philosophers, including James Joyce, attended her literary salons. Who Agnès Varenne, an alumnus of Seville, agnèsvarenne.fr, tel +33 1 45 55 79 20




**Casa de Lanzarote, Playa, Brack, \$5.5/7.9m (C\$9.9m)**

Where In a remote community on the southern coast of Brack, Rio de Janeiro International airport is just under four hours by car, or 35 minutes by helicopter from the community's helipad.

What A 420-acre property with two private beaches. The main house has 11 bedrooms, with four further bedrooms in a guesthouse. Owners can use the tennis courts and pool in the gated community.

Why The property is a 35-minute drive from Playa, which hosted its literary festival, Rio, in July. Among this year's speakers was Booker Prize winner Marlon James (pictured).

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**Green Court Allen, Brooklyn, New York City, US, \$8.6m**

Where In Brooklyn Heights, an area known for its residential, brownstone buildings. The East River is two blocks away while JFK International airport is a 45-minute drive.

What An almost 30th-century renovated carriage house on a private street, with five bedrooms, three bathrooms and a garage. The property covers 5,200 sq ft set over four floors. Inside there is a large skylight over the living area, while outside is a terrace with fireplace.

Why American author Truman Capote lived a few blocks away on Wilcox Street, where he finished 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' and his essay 'A House on the Heights', in which he states 'I live in Brooklyn. By choice.' Who Compass.com/compass.com, tel +1 212 915 9062




**Torre di Chiaia, Ravella, Italy, €16m**

Where In Ravella, a town perched 362 metres above the Tyrrhenian Sea on Italy's Amalfi coast. Naples International airport is about an hour and 15 minutes' drive away.

What A former monastery on top of a hill with four acres of vineyards, orchards and vegetable gardens. There is a three-bedroom main villa, a 1,000-year-old tower which houses the master bedroom, and eight bedrooms throughout four additional buildings.

Why The combination of the ancient tower and sea views should be enough to fire any writer's imaginations. Dr Lawrence Lovelace (pictured) wrote Lady Chatterley's Lover while staying nearby in Ravella's Hotel Italia.

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