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Hot property

Literary locations

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► **63 Park Street, New Canaan, Connecticut, US, \$2.9m**

Where In central New Canaan, a town 20 minutes outside Stamford. JFK international airport is an hour and 15 minutes by car.

What A three-bedroom, four-bathroom house with 5,700 sq ft of living space. The house was built in 1836, in a Greek revival style with columns lining the front. A workshop above the

garage could be used as a writer's study.

Why The property was home to literary editor Maxwell Perkins from 1924 until his death in 1947. Perkins worked with a number of famed American writers, such as Marjorie Rawlings (pictured), F Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway and Thomas Wolfe.

Who William Pitt Sotheby's International Realty, williampitt.com, tel: +1 203 321 9361

► **Sussex 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 Grade II*-listed, five-bedroom house, with a timber-frame structure dating from 1580. The property comes with 203 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 RH & RW Clutton, rhwclutton.com, tel: +44 1342 410122



▲ **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, in Venice's San Marco sestiere, or neighbourhood.

St Mark's Square is a seven-minute walk and Marco Polo international airport is about 40 minutes by water taxi.

What A third-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 boat mooring.

Why Ernest Hemingway (pictured) stayed in the apartment when it was owned by Baron Nanyuki Franchetti, a hunting companion.

Who Venice Sotheby's International Realty, venicesothebysrealty.com, tel: +39 041 5220093



▲ Apartment off Rue de la Gauche, Paris, France, €14.8m

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

What A 364 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 *Rive Gauche*, or Left Bank, which has a history of attracting intellectuals and artists. Writer Gertrude Stein (pictured) lived nearby at 27 Rue de Fleurus, where fellow authors and philosophers, including James Joyce, attended her literary salons. **Who** Agence Varenne, an affiliate of Savills, agencevarenne.fr, tel: + 33 1 45 55 79 20



► Casa de Laranjeiras, Paraty, Brazil, R\$47.47m (\$15m)

Where In a remote community on the southern coast of Brazil. 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 Paraty, which hosted its literary festival, Flip, in July. Among this year's speakers was Booker Prize winner Marlon James (pictured).

Who Christie's International Real Estate, christies-realestate.com, tel: +55 11 30743600



▲ Grace Court Alley, Brooklyn, New York City, US, \$8.8m

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 30ft-wide renovated carriage house on a private mews, 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 Willow 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, compass.com, tel: +1 212 913 9062



▲ Torre di Civita, Ravello, Italy, €45m

Where In Ravello, a town perched 365 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 imagination. DH Lawrence (pictured) wrote *Lady Chatterley's Lover* while staying nearby in Ravello's Hotel Rufolo. **Who** Sotheby's International Realty, sothebysrealty.com, tel: +39 06 7925 8888