

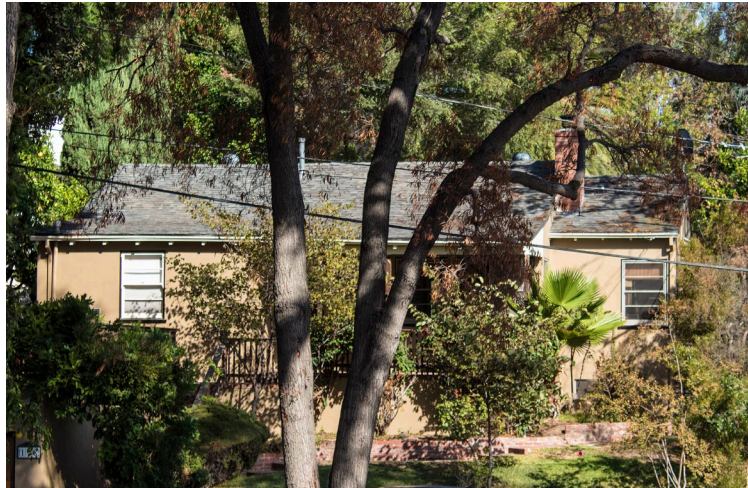
Ethel Jacobsen House

108 N. Buena Vista Drive

1941

Minimalist Ranch

**Status: Unrecognized
Significant Property**



This ranch style dwelling was the home of Ethel Jacobson, one of America’s premier light verse poets and the most well-known author to reside in Fullerton. A student at Parsons School of Design and the National Institute of Design, her education ironically centered on art, music, and everything “but poetry”. Like her mid-century counterparts – Dorothy Parker, Ogden Nash, and Richard Armour – Jacobson was able to capture a situation, moment or reflection in a few short lines.

Jacobson and her husband, Louis, moved to Fullerton in 1928, and the couple built this home near the Muckenthaler estate (now the Muckenthaler Cultural Center) in 1941. By the time of her death at age 91, Jacobson’s work was included in 40 anthologies, and she had written more than 6,000 verses printed in leading American, Canadian, and British publications, including the *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Redbook*, *Saturday Review*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. She also published four volumes of her collected works: *Larks in My Hair* (1952), *Mice in the Ink* (1955), *I’ll Go Quietly* (1966), and *Who, Me* (1970). In the 1960s, as Orange County’s unofficial poet laureate, she wrote commemorative odes for Orange County’s Diamond Jubilee and California Bicentennial activities, which were published by the Orange County Historical Society in a keepsake edition.