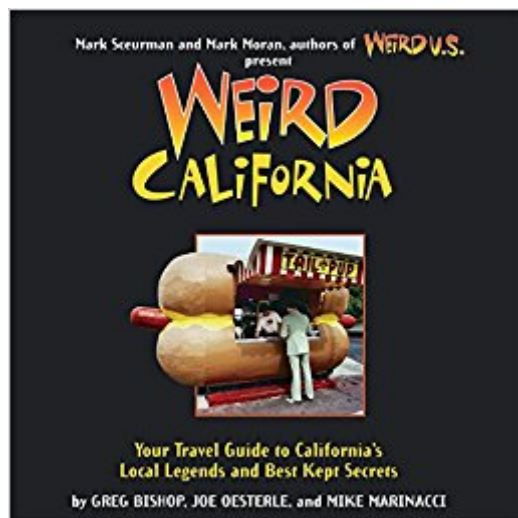




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Weird California: You Travel Guide To California's Local Legends And Best Kept Secrets



Synopsis

Praise for *Weird California*: "This book is filled with surprises; even if you never leave your house, this book is a trip." —*Sacramento News and Review*
"It's a handsome thing: nearly 300 colorful pages." —*San Francisco Bay Guardian*

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Customer Reviews

"'Makes me scared to stay' Los Angeles Times" --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Honestly, for a book comprised of nothing but research, it's the lack of research that really jumps off the page. Several times (and now finally) I've had to put the book down after bumping on some airy sentence wherein it's made clear that, while these authors may have researched the specific storyline they're including, their metaphors and explanations of the simplest pieces of context *within* that storyline are often unforgivably off-base. Just a few of these unforced factual headscratchers were enough to quickly rot my trust in the rest of book, because each confesses an alarming lack-of-grasp on the fundamentals of their reported topics in a published work, which further confesses an alarming lack of *even Googling one's own reporting* for a published work, further indicating that they simply don't care that much about the truth of what they're publishing in the first place. This is cheap work; not worth paying for. (I hate being mean to writers, and I truly apologize to the writers of this book, should they come across this review. You're better than this

work. Best regards.)

I'm 68 yrs. old; I've lived in CA all my life, and I love to travel thru CA and have been for over 20 yrs, and was interested in seeing if there are any places of interest I'd missed so far, so I enjoyed this book. However, there seemed to be more chapters in this book covering stories of places where "somethings" happened, but if one goes there, you will not "see" anything interesting. I was hoping for more chapters that would allow me to travel to a place to see odd/interesting things. But that's just "me" - - I'm sure others would read about what happened "here and there" and enjoy visiting "the spot where thus & such happened 50 yrs. ago or 100 yrs. ago, etc."

Well for me I am a HUGE California fan. I was born and raised in California so I had to buy this book. I'm glad I did. Some of the places in this book where things occurred is very interesting. It is a great coffee table book or a great conversation starter. I even found a couple of things in my city that were very interesting. I found a few close by that peaked my interest to go and visit in the future. I would recommend this book to anyone, a California buff, or anyone who has lived here or wants to visit. GREAT BOOK!

What a book, tons of stories, excellent content, that will entertain all ages, I bought it for my little brother, I wanted him to get interested in reading, on how fun and exciting, even thrilling, how many times is way better than a movie. This book has definitely done that and more, He can't wait to read a new story everyday! Seems to be the most exciting thing to do for him everyday. I highly recommend this book. when my mother it saw it and herd the stories from the book, she wanted to read it too, and now she waits for my little brother to read them to her, Its just a great book. I just can't emphasize how good this book is, I herd before some comments about how to know if a book will be good read, and they said that if you grab a book and just open and read a random page that page in itself should be able to captivate you and interest you in some way, so you will know its for you! and believe any page you open here will do that for you.

It can be a great gift for someone who likes travelling around California.

I havae lived in California for 60 years and many of the things in WEIRD CALIFORNIA are not weird at all; they are just things and places that I have known about and visited before. I also found many new places that will become road trips for me in the future. Forget about Disneyland, Knotts,

Universal, etc. Get yourself to Watts Towers, the Lost Continent of Lemuria, Mount Palomar, the Death Valley Opera House, Bottle Village, and many more places. Get this book and READ it, and then follow it throughout California. You will be amazed at all the wonderful weird things you did not know about. Don't forget Bottle Tree Ranch. Don't forget all the other WEIRD books about Los Angeles and Hollywood.

Whatever state you are living in, please go out and buy the corresponding WEIRD book - because it is full of local legend and lore that intrigues and invites even more urban myths. I live in California and was quite surprised by all the evil, haunted places that was within a short driving distance from where I reside. One such place that I drove to that I ordinarily wouldn't have gone was Turnbull Canyon Road that is featured in Weird California. The book is chock full of spooky stories about Turnbull Road, and they are based on actual crime facts. There was a church woman who had a friend who was into devil worship. She tried to talk with him to save his soul, but what he did to her atop the desolate hills of Turnbull Canyon makes me want to shudder! So, according to the book, you can see where all this scary stuff transpired. Other places give you reasons to visit if you are in need of finding your inner heebie-jeebies.....old vacant insane asylums, desolate jails and funny places to eat food. It's mostly all here - except for the maps detailing the exact locations. I guess the author is afraid of getting slapped with a lawsuit if he posted maps because local residents living near these curious places would be incensed should their quiet lifestyle become swamped and over run with lookie-loos eager to cast their prying eyes on unseen ghosts. Ho Hum. Read these books and decide for yourself which state is the weirdest!

It's just what you'd expect! Weird places to visit on your summer road trips. Like the other reviewers mentioned, I wish there was a map associated with the points of interest.

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