

The Armchair Traveler Explores

California



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FICTION		
Allende	Daughter of Fortune	The story of a young woman's quest for love and fortune during the California Gold Rush in San Francisco.
Dubus	House of Sand and Fog	Three fragile yet determined people are drawn by their competing desires to the same small house in California and become entangled in an escalating crisis.
Great	Great California Stories	The ethnic diversity of California is reflected in a cast of story characters including Indians, Asians, Mexican Americans, and African Americans.
Maupin	Tales of the City	Maupin's alternately playful and sentimental tales depict an all-too-easily satirized population of transients and toffs living in and around San Francisco.
Otsuka	When the Emperor Was Divine	Chronicles the experiences of Japanese Americans in California caught up in the nightmare of the World War II internment camps.
Sinclair	Oil!	Sinclair's 1927 novel did for California's oil industry what The Jungle did for Chicago's meat-packing factories.
Stegner	Angle of Repose	Susan and her engineer husband live rough lives in California mining camps during the late 19th century, and their marriage cannot survive.
Steinbeck	The Grapes of Wrath	This Pulitzer prize winning novel chronicles the Joad family's flight from their dustbowl farm in Oklahoma to California's Central Valley.
Tan	The Joy Luck Club	Encompassing two generations and a rich blend of Chinese and American history, this is the story of four struggling, strong women.
Tolkien	The Player	Griffin Mill, a ruthless, ambitious VP at a major Hollywood studio, is shaken when a writer he has ignored threatens his life.
NON-FICTION		
BIOG Masumoto	Letters to the Valley: a Harvest of Memories	Explores personal memories of food and place in the Central Valley, including stories about how our food is grown, who grows it, and changing family farms.
130.979 Dennett	Supernatural California: a Golden State Guide to UFO's, extraterrestrials, ghosts, hauntings...	A guide to California's UFO's, extraterrestrials, ghosts, haunting, cryptozoological creatures, psychics, mediums, miracles, mystical spots, buried treasures, gravity hills, local legends, ancient civilizations, and other mysteries.
338.766 Siler	The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty	This scandal-plagued story of the immigrant family that built—and then lost—a global wine empire is set in Napa Valley and spans four generations.
551.22 Great	The Great San Francisco Earthquake	This DVD includes newly restored movie footage from the period of the earthquake as well as personal accounts of eyewitnesses.
624.55 Macdonald	Golden Gate Bridge: History and Design of an Icon	A friendly, informative look at the bridge's engineering and 70-year history.
641.5 Waters	The Art of Simple Food: Notes, Lessons, and Recipes from a Delicious Revolution	Alice Waters, founder of Berkeley's famous Chez Panisse, offers 200-plus recipes for simple but savory dishes, like Spicy Cauliflower Soup, and Fava Bean Purée.
641.5979 Worthington	The New California Cook: More Than 200 Timeless Recipes	This cookbook proves that California cooking isn't about living in California -- it's about appreciating seasonal produce, bold flavors, and adventurous ingredient combinations.
709.794 Catalog	Catalog L.A.: Birth of an Art Capital, 1955 -1985	A compendium of modern art, ephemera, critical texts, and revealing interviews, this archive chronicles L.A.'s thirty-year metamorphosis into an art giant.

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791.43 Biskind	Easy Riders, Raging Bulls: How the Sex, Drug and Rock n Roll Generation Saved Hollywood	In 1969 a new Hollywood was born when talented young filmmakers such as Scorsese, Coppola, and Spielberg, along with a new breed of actors, including De Niro, Pacino, and Nicholson, became powerful figures of innovation.
810.8 Berkeley	Berkeley!: A Literary Tribute	This original anthology contains important cultural insights on the California icon of liberal change as seen by Jack Kerouac, Jack London and many others.
810.809 California	California Uncovered: Stories for the 21 st Century	Hear and feel this dynamic California in the words of established writers like John Steinbeck, Maxine Hong Kingston, and Joan Didion.
811 California	California Poetry: from the Gold Rush to the Present	A comprehensive historical anthology of the state's poetry from the gold rush era to the present that offers the finest poetry by California authors.
917.94 Bishop	Weird California: Your Travel Guide to California's Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets	This book is chock-full of local legends, crazy characters, cursed roads, and bizarre roadside attractions.
917.94 San	Travelers' Tales of San Francisco: True Stories	San Francisco's rich history is captured in these true stories about San Francisco's diverse and colorful neighborhoods.
917.94 Wilentz	I Feel Earthquakes More Often Than They Happen: Coming to California in the Age of Schwarzenegger	An irreverent portrait of Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state of California presents a series of commentaries on such topics as politics, the water supply, mansions, fund raising, earthquakes, celebrities, and spiritual advisers.
917.946 Stich	Art-Sites San Francisco: the Indispensable Guide to Contemporary Art-Architecture-Design	A abundant compendium of practical information and in-depth discussions about the best places to see innovative work by local and international talents.
979.4 Didion	Where I Was From	For four decades, Didion has written about the contradictions of California. Here, she casts a critical eye on her own upbringing in the Sacramento area.
979.4 Guerrero	The Anza Trail and the Settling of California	Synthesizes firsthand documents and diaries from the Anza expeditions to retell the story of the settlement of the San Francisco Bay Area.
979.44 Starr	Coast of Dreams: California on the Edge, 1990-2002	From O.J. to Schwarzenegger, earthquakes to rolling blackouts, silicon valley to street riots, historian Kevin Starr has assembled the history of the Golden State since 1990 to create a vivid snapshot of a state constantly on the edge of tomorrow.
979.44 Yosemite	Yosemite: The World's Most Spectacular Valley	Muir's first book puts a pioneering conservationist's passion for nature in high relief. Muir celebrates the Sierra Nevada, which he dedicated his life to saving.
DVDs		
Drama Chinatown	Chinatown	Los Angeles detective Jake Gittes uncovers a vast conspiracy centering on water management.
Drama Crash	Crash	Issues of race and gender cause a group of strangers in Los Angeles to physically and emotionally collide in this Academy-award winning drama.
Drama East	East of Eden	In the Salinas Valley, in and around World War I, Cal Trask feels he must compete against overwhelming odds with his brother for the love of their father.
Drama Pursuit	Pursuit of Happyness	In 1981 in San Francisco, father and son struggle through homelessness and jail time in a quest that would make Gardner a respected millionaire.
Comedy Sideways	Sideways	Miles, a failed writer and divorcé takes his best friend, former actor Jack, on a week-long drive up to California's wine country.
Drama Sunset	Sunset Boulevard	A hack screenwriter writes a screenplay for a former silent-film star who has faded into Hollywood obscurity.
Drama Vertigo	Vertigo	A San Francisco detective suffering from acrophobia investigates the strange activities of an old friend's wife, all the while becoming obsessed with her.
Special Interest Wild	The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill	This film focuses on the flock of wild parrots who flock around the Telegraph Hill region of San Francisco and their closest human companion, Mark Bittner.
Drama Zodiac	Zodiac	Based on the real life notorious Zodiac, a serial killer who terrorized San Francisco with a string of seemingly random murders during the 1960s and 1970s.

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