# The Armchair Traveler Explores California

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<td>Allende</td>
<td>Daughter of Fortune</td>
<td>The story of a young woman's quest for love and fortune during the California Gold Rush in San Francisco.</td>
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<td>Dubus</td>
<td>House of Sand and Fog</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Great</td>
<td>Great California Stories</td>
<td>The ethnic diversity of California is reflected in a cast of story characters including Indians, Asians, Mexican Americans, and African Americans.</td>
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<td>Maupin</td>
<td>Tales of the City</td>
<td>Maupin's alternately playful and sentimental tales depict an all-too-easily satirized population of transients and toffs living in and around San Francisco.</td>
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<td>Otsuka</td>
<td>When the Emperor Was Divine</td>
<td>Chronicles the experiences of Japanese Americans in California caught up in the nightmare of the World War II internment camps.</td>
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<td>Sinclair</td>
<td>Oil!</td>
<td>Sinclair's 1927 novel did for California's oil industry what The Jungle did for Chicago's meat-packing factories.</td>
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<td>Stegner</td>
<td>Angle of Repose</td>
<td>Susan and her engineer husband live rough lives in California mining camps during the late 19th century, and their marriage cannot survive.</td>
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<td>Steinbeck</td>
<td>The Grapes of Wrath</td>
<td>This Pulitzer prize winning novel chronicles the Joad family's flight from their dustbowl farm in Oklahoma to California's Central Valley.</td>
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<td>Tan</td>
<td>The Joy Luck Club</td>
<td>Encompassing two generations and a rich blend of Chinese and American history, this is the story of four struggling, strong women.</td>
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<td>Tolkien</td>
<td>The Player</td>
<td>Griffin Mill, a ruthless, ambitious VP at a major Hollywood studio, is shaken when a writer he has ignored threatens his life.</td>
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<td>Masumoto</td>
<td>Letters to the Valley: a Harvest of Memories</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>130.979</td>
<td>Supernatural California: a Golden State Guide to UFO's, extraterrestrials, ghosts, hauntings...</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>338.766</td>
<td>The House of Mondavi: The Rise and Fall of an American Wine Dynasty</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>551.22</td>
<td>The Great San Francisco Earthquake</td>
<td>This DVD includes newly restored movie footage from the period of the earthquake as well as personal accounts of eyewitnesses.</td>
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<td>Golden Gate Bridge: History and Design of an Icon</td>
<td>A friendly, informative look at the bridge's engineering and 70-year history.</td>
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<td>641.5</td>
<td>The Art of Simple Food: Notes, Lessons, and Recipes from a Delicious Revolution</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>641.5979</td>
<td>The New California Cook: More Than 200 Timeless Recipes</td>
<td>This cookbook proves that California cooking isn’t about living in California -- it’s about appreciating seasonal produce, bold flavors, and adventurous ingredient combinations.</td>
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<td>791.43 Biskind</td>
<td>Easy Riders, Raging Bulls: How the Sex, Drug and Rock n Roll Generation Saved Hollywood</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>810.8 Berkeley</td>
<td>Berkeley!: A Literary Tribute</td>
<td>This original anthology contains important cultural insights on the California icon of liberal change as seen by Jack Kerouac, Jack London and many others.</td>
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<td>810.809 California</td>
<td>California Uncovered: Stories for the 21st Century</td>
<td>Hear and feel this dynamic California in the words of established writers like John Steinbeck, Maxine Hong Kingston, and Joan Didion.</td>
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<td>811 California</td>
<td>California Poetry: from the Gold Rush to the Present</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>917.94 Bishop</td>
<td>Weird California: Your Travel Guide to California’s Local Legends and Best Kept Secrets</td>
<td>This book is chock-full of local legends, crazy characters, cursed roads, and bizarre roadside attractions.</td>
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<td>917.94 San</td>
<td>Travelers’ Tales of San Francisco: True Stories</td>
<td>San Francisco’s rich history is captured in these true stories about San Francisco’s diverse and colorful neighborhoods.</td>
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<td>917.94 Wilentz</td>
<td>I Feel Earthquakes More Often Than They Happen: Coming to California in the Age of Schwarzenegger</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>917.946 Stich</td>
<td>Art-Sites San Francisco: the Indispensable Guide to Contemporary Art-Architecture-Design</td>
<td>A abundant compendium of practical information and in-depth discussions about the best places to see innovative work by local and international talents.</td>
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<td>979.4 Didion</td>
<td>Where I Was From</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>979.4 Guerrero</td>
<td>The Anza Trail and the Settling of California</td>
<td>Synthesizes firsthand documents and diaries from the Anza expeditions to retell the story of the settlement of the San Francisco Bay Area.</td>
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<td>979.44 Starr</td>
<td>Coast of Dreams: California on the Edge, 1990-2002</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>979.44 Yosemite</td>
<td>Yosemite: The World’s Most Spectacular Valley</td>
<td>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.</td>
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**DVDs**

| Drama | Chinatown | Los Angeles detective Jake Gittes uncovers a vast conspiracy centering on water management. |
| Drama | 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 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 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 | 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 Boulevard | A hack screenwriter writes a screenplay for a former silent-film star who has faded into Hollywood obscurity. |
| Drama | 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 | 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 | 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. |