



# So You Think You Know the Golden State?

**A Story of  
Northern California  
Told In 100 Buildings**

If those walls could talk...this is what they would say. A story of Northern California.

Sardines... Spanish missions... counterculture... trolley parks... Eichler Homes... kissing bridges... Santa Rosa plums... Russian colonization... crime and punishment... camels... lawn bowling... Hetch Hetchy... skiing... blimps... landfills... fire lookouts... big trees... Japanese internment camps... octagon houses... Carnegie libraries... post office murals... Google architecture... Bear Flag Revolt. This book will have you telling stories like a native in no time.

The photos and stories collected here are a fast and fun way to learn the explanations behind the quirks, the traditions and the secrets that make Northern California uniquely California. Why did California's first railroad use a gauge seen nowhere else? Solved. Where was the largest ship ever constructed on the West Coast built? A mystery no more. Where was the U.S. Hickory Open contested in Northern California? Identified. Where is the world's first reinforced concrete bridge? Revealed.