



So You Think You Know the Golden State?

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

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

Koalas... Spanish missions... funiculars... amusement piers... Eichler Homes... sport fishing... stylish gas stations... Mid-century Modern... surfing... fast food... Harvey Houses... 20 mule teams... oil gushers... blimps... the CCC... fire lookouts... aviation milestones... Japanese internment camps... octagon houses... Carnegie libraries... post office murals... Googie architecture... railroading marvels... citrus... Frank Lloyd Wright... utopias... The Beatles... cliff swallows... 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 Southern California uniquely California. Why was the first lighthouse in SoCal a failure? Solved. Where did the tradition of the Hollywood studio tour begin? A mystery no more. Who had the idea for the world famous Muscle Beach? Identified. Where was the Golden State's first airport? Revealed. What company manufactured the kit house Richard Nixon grew up in? Nobody knows.