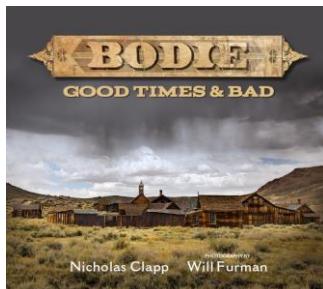




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Southwest Adventure and History



BODIE: Good Times and Bad

ISBN: 9781941384268, Retail: \$22.95

Author: Nicholas Clapp

Photographer: Will Furman

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 02/17, Format: SC

Experience the history of Bodie State Historic Park, just east of Yosemite National Park. Author Nicholas Clapp and photographer Will Furman portray Bodie in both vivid words and stunning photography - a town that had two sides, aptly described in a 1870's account...

On the eve of her family's departure for booming Bodie, a little girl was said to have gathered her dolls, that they might join her as she knelt by her bed, her prayer concluding with a somber..."Goodbye, God; we are going to Bodie!" Word was that the camp was hard-bitten, desperado-ridden.

Getting wind of the girl's farewell to the Almighty, *The Weekly Bodie Standard* reported that, oh no, that wasn't what the she had mind. Not. At. All. Someone had gotten the punctuation wrong. What she surely said was..."Good, by God, we are going to Bodie!"

There were, in fact, two Bodies. On one hand, it was "a fearfully and wonderfully bad place" stalked by shootist in black swallow-tailed coats. On the other hand, it was a town of hard-working pioneers who dressed their little girls in starched white frocks and met adversity with charity and good cheer. As he passed through, Mark Twain mused that in Bodie virtue versus vice made for exciting times, and he'd have it no other way. He was to add, "It was a plain wonder how man carried on under such circumstances."

THE WOODEN BELLS OF MISSION SAN BUENAVENTURA

ISBN: 9781532327605, Retail: \$18.95

Author: Max Kurillo

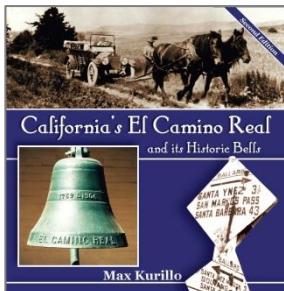
Publisher: M&E Books

Pub Date: 2016, Format: SC

While the intrigue and romance of bells have, for centuries, captured the imagination of people from all walks of life, the bells found in the museum of the mission in Ventura are so unique and so mysterious as to almost defy reason. Since early in the 1900s they have quietly resided there, inspiring awe and wonder in those who viewed them. For these bells are like no others, they are beautifully, masterfully hand carved from wood. With no recorded history to inform us, no memories among the living to guide us, no apparent logical reason for their being, they seem to be waiting for someone to uncover their secret...

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CALIFORNIA'S EL CAMINO REAL AND IT'S HISTORIC BELLS

ISBN: 9781532318948, Retail: 22.95

Author: Max Kurillo

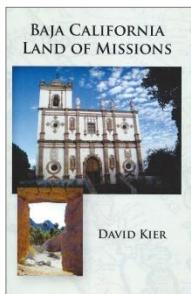
Publisher: M&E Books

Pub Date: 11/16, Format: SC

California's El Camino Real and Its Historic Bells is the first book to trace the history, development and preservation of this historic West Coast transportation corridor.

The "King's Highway" would eventually extend almost 2,000 miles north to a final destination in Sonoma, Alta California, and remained that region's main artery. Foot traffic and pack trains of heavily-laden mules dominated activity in the early days, followed bicyclist then the roar of automobiles. Yet despite its importance, the memory of this early road was almost lost.

Fortunately, a number of men and women's clubs, state and county governments and Caltrans came to its rescue. This book chronicles the determined efforts to renew El Camino Real and the familiar roadside bell markers, unique and enduring symbols of California's cultural heritage. With over 40 maps, and 70 illustrations, that focuses on documenting, and conserving the natural and historical heritage of this unique historical road.



BAJA CALIFORNIA LAND OF MISSIONS

ISBN: 9781495191213, Retail: \$29.95

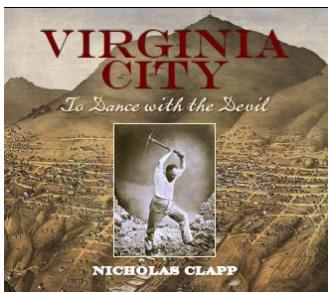
Author: David Kier

Publisher: M & E BOOKS

Pub Date: 02/16, Format: SC

This book contains a detailed history of the activities by the Spanish and others attempting to colonize the peninsula of California from 1535 to 1855. Over 125 photographs, maps, and drawings, provide the reader with a view of the actions of the Spanish Empire using missions to colonize California. The author's research resulted in new discoveries and facts which are included in this look at the history and the present conditions of the twenty-seven peninsula missions; many relocated to multiple sites. The nearly 200 missionaries who served in Baja California between 1683 and 1855 are also named. This book covers the period from the discovery of California in the 1530s through the establishment of all twenty-seven missions in Baja California to when the last missionaries left in 1855.





VIRGINIA CITY: To Dance with the Devil

ISBN: 9781941384152, Retail: \$25.95

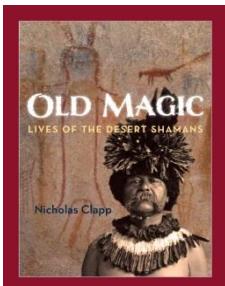
Author: Nicholas Clapp

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 11/15, Format: SC

Where else but in Virginia City could a penniless Irish miner in a few short years amass a fortune greater than any of America's robber barons, simply by dint of hard work and intuition, and remain a humble, caring human being?

Here as well Mark Twain discovered and honed his comic voice, and notorious badman Sam Brown was lined with lead, with a coroner's jury concluding, "It served him right." Here also Julia Bulette, a kindly harlot beloved of the city's firemen, was the toast of a rowdy Fourth of July parade. In Virginia City mines, men plunged into the scalding, hazardous heart of the earth, tantamount to partnering with hell's dread demon, so that they could enjoy five Shakespeare companies performing at once, food rivaling Delmonico's in New York, and frocks ordered directly from Paris that could be worn in this barren, windswept middle of nowhere. Virginia City's twenty turbulent bonanza years—what a time it was!



OLD MAGIC: Lives of the Desert Shamans

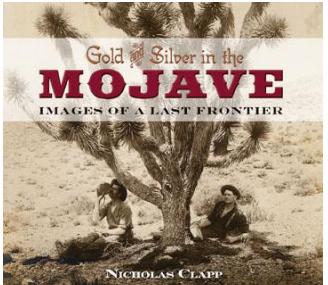
ISBN: 9781941384053, Retail: \$22.95

Author: Nicholas Clapp

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 01/15, Format: SC

For a thousand generations, desert shamans of the far West sought order in the stars and in the mysteries and wonder of their grand, if unforgiving landscape. Drawing on the lore of a dozen tribes, *Old Magic* conjures the year-to-year life of a shaman – a life of service to his people, a life fraught with torment and danger.



GOLD AND SILVER IN THE MOJAVE: Images of a Last Frontier

ISBN: 9780932653062, Retail: \$24.95

Author: Nicholas Clapp

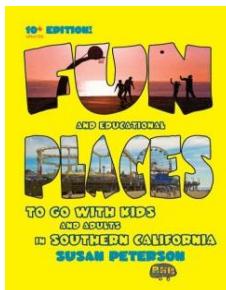
Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 11/12, Format: SC

In the 1890s, historian Frederick Jackson Turner lamented that the frontier was gone and with it the Old West, but overlooked was some 50,000 square miles of a frontier line outlining the Mojave Desert – the Last Frontier. In this arid land, unsettled and sketchily mapped – written off as godforsaken and worse – there would now be a headlong 25-year rush for riches...and for the Old West – a grand, tumultuous, rowdy Last Act. Overnight towns named Randsburg, Tonopah, Goldfield, Rhyolite, Greenwater, Skidoo, Ballarat, and Bagdad popped up in this arid desert as gold and silver was discovered. The rush was on as miners worked their various digs: the Yellow Aster, the Lost Gunsight, Mizpah, Belmont, Mohawk, Florence, the Lost Breyfogle, Bullfrog, Bagdad, and the Glory Hole. Just as quickly ghost towns replaced booming towns as mines played out. All of this is captured in rare photographs of the day assembled with interpretive text by cinematographer and author Nicholas Clapp.

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FUN & EDUCATIONAL PLACES W/KIDS SO CA, 10⁺ ED

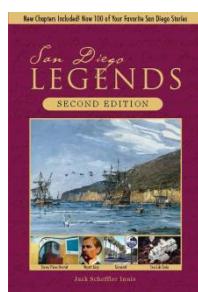
ISBN 9780983383222, Retail: \$25.95

Author: Susan Peterson

Publisher: Fun Places Publishing,

Pub Date: 06/16, Format: SC

This is a comprehensive guide through Los Angeles, Orange County, Santa Barbara County, and then some! Have fun using this book to entertain, enjoy, and explore with your child. Exploration, entertainment, and education are the main objectives of the new edition of this award winning guide book. Each of the 2500 updated entries features a complete description, phone number, address, directions, Thomas Guide grid number, website, hours, admission, recommended ages, and even length of time for attraction and birthday party potential! Every featured location is indexed by city, price, and theme. *Fun Places* also includes a Calendar Section, as well as an Ideas and Resource section.



SAN DIEGO LEGENDS:

The Events, People, and Places That Made History, 2nd Edition

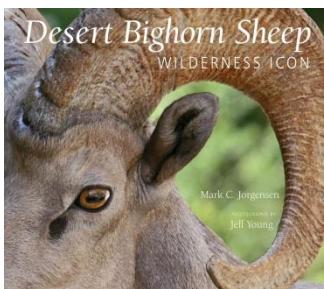
ISBN: 9781941384015, Retail: \$17.95

Author: Jack Innis

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 01/15 Format: SC

San Diego journalist Jack Innis describes the many fascinating people and events that influenced the development of San Diego, plus the colorful characters and groups that made headlines in the past century.



DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP: Wilderness Icon

ISBN: 9781941384008, Retail: \$29.95

Author: Mark C. Jorgensen

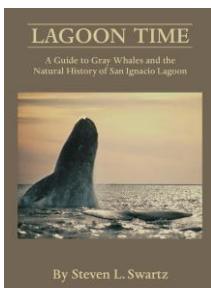
Photography: Jeff Young

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 01/15, Format: SC

Desert Bighorn Sheep: Wilderness Icon is the most comprehensive photographic work on this elusive symbol of the deserts of the southwest United States and northern Mexico. Photographer Jeff Young worked for years to assemble tens of thousands of high quality photographs and assemble them into what is the finest collection of desert bighorn photos ever published. Author Mark Jorgensen brings his five decades of experience studying desert bighorn sheep and managing their habitat to provide the informative text of this book.





LAGOON TIME: A Guide to Grey Whales and the Natural History of San Ignacio Lagoon.

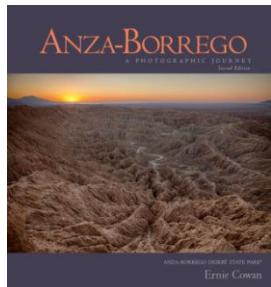
ISBN: 9780916251420, Retail: \$29.95

Author: Steven L. Swartz

Publisher: Laguna San Ignacio Ecosystem Science Program

Pub Date: 01/14, Format: SC

Lagoon Time is an extraordinary first-hand account of the experiences and discoveries made by Dr. Steven Swartz and his colleagues in San Ignacio Lagoon, Baja California Sur, Mexico that provides visitors a look into the human and natural history of Laguna San Ignacio. It is also a field guide to gray whale behavior and the diverse botanical and avian wildlife in the area. All of the net proceeds will support the Laguna San Ignacio Ecosystem Science Program, a project of The Ocean Foundation. The whales migrate along the entire Pacific Coast every year.



ANZA-BORREGO: A Photographic Journey, 2nd Edition

ISBN: 9780932653147, Retail: \$21.95,

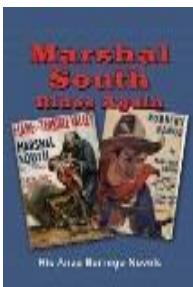
Author: Ernie Cowan

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 10/13, Format: SC

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park is the largest contiguous State Park in the continental U.S., and arguably the most diverse. Here, in stunning full color photographs, is the entire range of the Parks ecosystems, presented as a journey. The scenes and vistas include desert landscapes, but also feature alpine forests, marshes, and meadows, as well as the Park's famous wildflowers.

Stories to rival Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour...



MARSHAL SOUTH RIDES AGAIN: His Anza-Borrego Novels

ISBN: 9780932653123, Retail: \$14.95

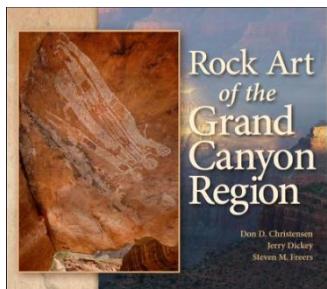
Author: Marshal South

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 09/13, Format: SC

Long before Marshal South became known for his controversial experiment in primitive living, he was an acclaimed western novelist. *Flame of Terrible Valley* and *Robbery Range* are among his best works. Both were set in the Anza-Borrego desert that he knew so well and rival the best of Zane Grey. Get ready for a rollicking good read!





ROCK ART of the GRAND CANYON REGION

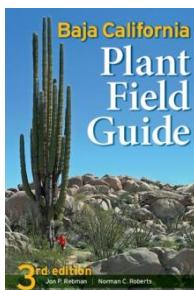
ISBN: 9780932653093, Retail: \$24.95

Author: Don D. Christensen, Jerry Dickey, Steven M. Freers

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 05/13, Format: SC

The rich photography and narrative in this book presents an overview of approximately 5,000 years of Native American rock art painted and engraved on the canyon walls and boulders within the greater Grand Canyon region, an area stretching south from the Arizona-Utah border to the Mogollon Rim.



BAJA CA PLANT FIELD GUIDE, 3rd Edition

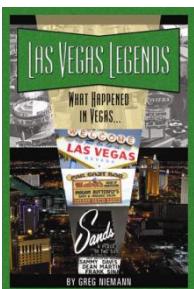
ISBN: 9780916251185, Retail: \$34.95

Author: Jon Rebman, Norman Roberts

Publisher: San Diego Natural History Museum

Pub Date: 07/12, Format: SC

The *Baja California Plant Field Guide* is a manual to native and naturalized plants of the Baja California peninsula, Mexico. It is a useful guide for the entire Sonoran Desert and for Southern California, as over 50% of the species covered also occur in these regions. Over 715 different plants in 111 plant families are identified (most in both English and Spanish), with both scientific and common names and detailed descriptions. Many species are illustrated with color photographs. Descriptions entail plant habit and height; stem, leaf, flower, and fruit morphology; range; elevation; pollination biology; ethnobotanical uses; and discriminating comparisons with close relatives. This book is intended for everyone from the interested novice to the professional botanist.



LAS VEGAS LEGENDS: What Happened in Vegas...

ISBN: 9780932653987, Retail: \$17.95

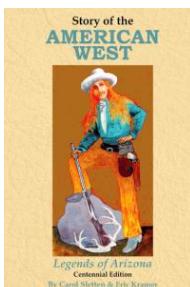
Author: Greg Niemann

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 09/11, Format: SC

Tells the stories behind the headlines and history of “The Entertainment Capital of the World” aka “Sin City”— Vegas! From the first explorers and early founders to the famed entrepreneurs and entertainers who continue to shape this unique city.





STORY OF THE AMERICAN WEST: Legends Of Arizona

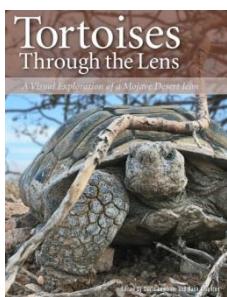
ISBN: 9780615414768, Retail: \$26.95

Author: Carol Sletten and Eric Kramer

Publisher: Wolf Water Press

Pub Date: 02/11, Format: SC

The book tells the story of America's 48th state through the lives of Apaches, mountain men, Hispanics, soldiers, Mormons, cowboys, blacks, outlaws and others who struggled in Arizona's White Mountains, one of the last untamed regions of the west. The book weaves the essential elements of the mythic West into a highly readable story. This non-fiction version of Michener's Centennial is comparable to the novel in poignant detail and narrative scope. The book has a huge time span, beginning before the formation of the mountains and ending just before World War II.



TORTOISES THROUGH THE LENS: A Visual Exploration of a Mojave Desert Icon

ISBN: 9780916251017, Retail: \$14.95

Spanish Edition: TORTUGAS a TRAVES de la LENTE

ISBN: 9781941384046, Retail: \$14.95

Author: David Lamfrom and Rana Knighten

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 08/10, Format: SC

Students exploring the wild Mojave, cameras in hand, meeting wildflowers and wildlife face-to-face, while gaining a deeper understanding of the value of these lands--this is the Tortoises Through the Lens Program. This beautiful, full-color book is the product of their eighteen-month adventure to seek out, photograph, and learn about the desert tortoises and the harsh land that they inhabit. See this amazing creature through the eyes of these students, as they explore the starkly beautiful Mojave Desert landscape. The adventure is yours to share; by purchasing this book, you are helping to save this important species, as all proceeds will be used to further desert tortoise conservation efforts. Tortoises begin to emerge from the ground in March and April, the best time for viewing.



PALM SPRINGS-STYLE GARDENING: The Complete Guide to Plants and Practices for Gorgeous Dryland Gardens

ISBN: 9780932653895, Retail: \$26.95

Author: Maureen Gilmer

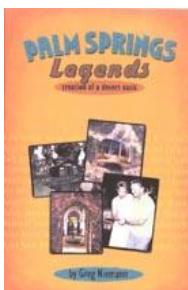
Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 11/08, Format: SC

Despite the Coachella Valley's near tropical climate, creating gardens in this desert can be trying. Wind, heat, sand and a dozen other factors must be considered and then solved or mitigated before plants will grow. While milder parts of California grow gardens so easily that books are hardly needed, low desert gardening is a whole new world where residents need help, and lots of it. Here is a full-color guide to the plants that thrive here, with instructions and tips on how to design, create, and nurture your desert garden.

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PALM SPRINGS LEGENDS: Creation Of A Desert Oasis

ISBN: 9780932653741, Retail: \$17.95,

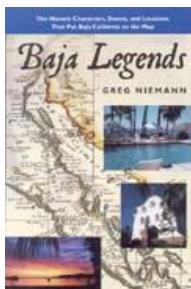
Author: Greg Niemann

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications

Pub Date: 9/05, Format: SC

Get to know the stories that made this long desert hideaway for celebrities famous, including stories of the Cahuilla Indians who first called this home.

Palm Springs, long a desert hideaway for celebrities, has a history as unique and varied as its residents. From the original Cahuilla inhabitants of the area, to the settlers who were drawn to the therapeutic waters of the original hot springs, you will get to know the stories that made Palm Springs famous.



BAJA LEGENDS: Historic Characters, Events & Places

ISBN: 9780932653475, Retail: \$17.95

Author: Greg Niemann

Publisher: Sunbelt Publications,

Pub Date: 01/02, Format: SC

The author of Baja Fever shares his extensive knowledge of the peninsula its colorful past and booming present in this easy to read reference book. History, lore, and amazing stories make it a must have for Bajaphiles as well as armchair travelers.

TOM HARRISON MAPS



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