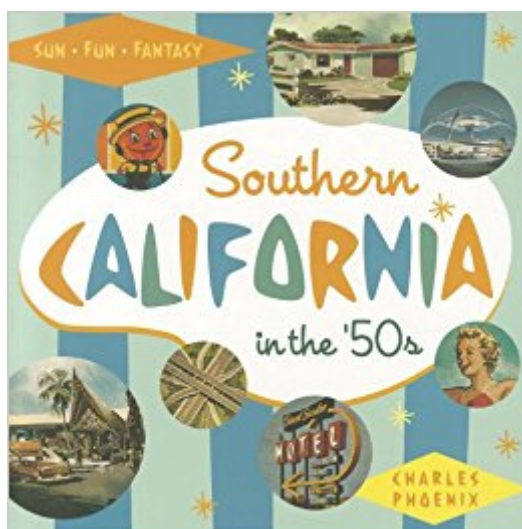


The book was found

# Southern California In The '50s: Sun, Fun And Fantasy



## Synopsis

In the 1950s, Southern California was the place to be. The mood was up, prosperity ruled and the standard of living was flying high. It was the land of plenty for a new generation who reinvented the way we lived. With colorful memorabilia and vintage photos, *Southern California in the '50s: Sun, Fun and Fantasy* showcases this space-age promised land and the society that jump-started a cultural explosion. Charles Phoenix leads a nostalgic tour of his homeland, providing an up-close view of the way Southern Californians lived, where they worked and how they played. Readers will cruise in hot rods to Bob's Big Boy, go to the drive-in for Cokes and a movie, enjoy pools, patios and barbecues, and pull into that first McDonald's. *Southern California in the '50s* covers the suburban spread of stylish tract homes, coffee shops, supermarkets, shopping centers and bowling alleys, the modern conveniences that replaced rural valley farms, dairy pastures and fragrant orange groves. Readers rub elbows with the elite in Hollywood, and enjoy novelty of themed restaurants, motels and roadside attractions, attend fairs, festivals and parades and tour Knott's Berry Farm, Santa's Village, Marineland, Pacific Ocean Park and Disneyland when all were brand new. Anyone who loves or lives the Southern California lifestyle must have *Southern California in the '50s*.

## Book Information

Paperback: 159 pages

Publisher: Angel City Press (August 1, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 9781883318994

ISBN-13: 978-1883318994

ASIN: 1883318998

Product Dimensions: 9.1 x 0.5 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.4 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars 31 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #218,535 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #17 in [Books > Arts &](#)

[Photography > Photography & Video > Lifestyle & Events > Celebrations & Events](#) #915

[in \[Books > Arts & Photography > Photography & Video > Equipment, Techniques & Reference\]\(#\)](#)

[#1274 in \[Books > Humor & Entertainment > Pop Culture > General\]\(#\)](#)

## Customer Reviews

I gave this book to my dad a few years ago for Christmas. We both love the pictures and the stories, but he really enjoyed seeing many of the places he remembered going to as a young man. The

author is a great storyteller and presents the information with facts and fun. It is a very enjoyable trip down memory lane during a great era in California's history.

I've lived in SoCal my entire life and so have my parents. The book is a fun look back at all there used to be, as well as a visit back to the mindset and cultural climate of the times. Actually, the latter is the more interesting part to me. It's a way of life that can never be repeated. Not for everyone, but for many it truly was "The Good Old Days".

I was thrilled by the cool retro design of this book, the design alone made this book a win. The information is also awesome, it's an easy read, with colorful pictures and interesting facts. A perfect book for anyone who likes the 50's, retro or vintage style as well as rockabilly/psychobilly music. This will help you put the pieces together.

Would have liked more pictures..... otherwise this was a fun book to browse through. We grew up in Southern Cal in the 1950's (graduated high school in 1955) and found this to be a pretty accurate description of the era....

This book has really great pictures of things you've never seen before or will bring back so many memories. It is bright, quirky and playful. Information and backstories on some of California's forgotten gems are really interesting. I'm a Southern California native who recently moved to New York and I can't tell you how much I enjoy having this book out to remind me of home.

The perfect coffee table book. An easy way to add mid-century modern to a more formal living room.

This book is, well, fun for anyone with a Los Angeles childhood, like me. However, for anyone who loves kitsch and Californiana, this book is well worth the price. "Sun, Fun and Fantasy" takes an indulgent, loving look at a time and place that's largely been torn down and paved over. The author gets more than five stars from me for his accuracy--I couldn't find one error, based on my memory, my extensive reading about California, and yes, my picture postcard collection! My hope is that this author will produce follow-up volumes from the '60s and '70s.

Excellent coffee table book. . Memories of a time long past.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Southern California in the '50s: Sun, Fun and Fantasy Southern Cooking: Southern Cooking Cookbook - Southern Cooking Recipes - Southern Cooking Cookbooks - Southern Cooking for Thanksgiving - Southern Cooking Recipes - Southern Cooking Cookbook Recipes Southern Cooking: for beginners - Simple Southern Food Recipes - Old South Recipes (Southern Food - Southern Meals - Southern Recipes - Soul Food - American Cuisine Book 1) Game of Thrones: 100 Question Trivia Game For True Fans (Epic Fantasy Series, Game of Thrones Books, Game of Thrones, Fantasy Books) (Epic Fantasy, Fantasy ... TV, TV Guide, Game of Thrones Book) California: California Travel Guide: 101 Coolest Things to Do in California (Los Angeles Travel Guide, San Francisco Travel Guide, Yosemite National Park, Budget Travel California) Witch Fantasy Autumn and Halloween Adult Coloring Book: A Fantasy Coloring Book for Adults and Kids: Witches, Cats, Owls, Flowers, and More (Manga, ... Fantasy Coloring Books for Adults and Kids) Fantasy Football Draft Guide July/September 2016 (The Fantasy Greek Fantasy Football Draft Guide) Fantasy Football: 12 Ways To Take Your Fantasy Football Performance to the Next Level (Fantasy Sports) Cruising the Southern and Western Caribbean: A Guide to the Ships & the Ports of Call (Cruising the Southern and Western Caribbean) (Cruising the Southern & Western Caribbean) Beaches and Parks in Southern California: Counties Included: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego (Experience the California Coast) Southern Spreads & Dips: 200 Southern Recipe Favorites! (Southern Cooking Recipes Book 49) Southern Lovin': Old Fashioned from Scratch Southern Favorites (Southern Cooking Recipes Book 1) Tours for Free California: Southern California & Las Vegas, Nevada Fun and Educational Places to Go With Kids and Adults in Southern California, 10+ Edition Conures as Pets: Including Information about Sun Conures and Green-Cheeked Conures: Care, training, breeding, diet, lifespan, sounds, behavior, ... Cheeked Parakeet and Sun Parakeet comparison Sun Up, Sun Down: The Story of Day and Night (Science Works) Mystic Medusa's Sun Signs and Soul Mating: What Your Friends Won't Tell You, Your Sun Sign Will Black Eyed Peas Present: Masters of the Sun: The Zombie Chronicles (Black Eyed Peas Presents: Masters of the Sun) L'arte della guerra - (illustrato) (commentato): Includere Sun Tzu audiolibro: DELUXE ITALIAN EDITION - Includere Sun Tzu audiolibro Summary - Circling the Sun: By Paula McLain - A Detailed Summary (Circling The Sun: A Detailed Summary---Paperback, Ebook, Novel, Audiobook, Audible, Hardcover)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)