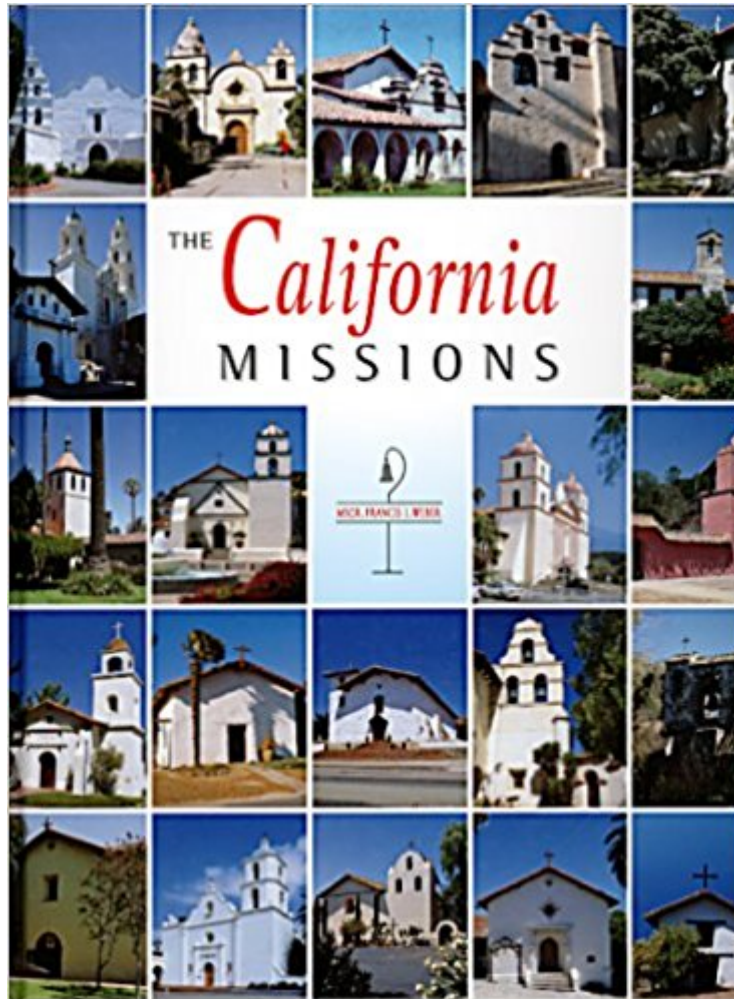




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Synopsis

Discover the fascinating history of California's missions. From 1769 to 1823 Spain established twenty-one missions in Alta (or upper) California. These twenty-one missions were charged with converting the natives to Christianity, and provided an important strong-hold for Spain in Alta California. Graced with original artwork, historical art renderings and color photos, this exquisite book was written by Msgr. Francis J. Weber of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He takes you along El Camino Real where the missions were established and introduces the 142 Spanish friars who administered them and the native peoples who were brought into the fold of Christianity and Spanish culture. Written in a style directed to inquisitive students, casual readers and even serious scholars, this treatise helps the reader understand the story of the missions within the context of the times and areas in which they existed and in the values of those who staffed and supported them.

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Customer Reviews

Not just another pretty mission book, this is the first illustrated book on the California missions compiled entirely from archival sources. Written by a master historian it is meticulously researched and lavishly enhanced with photographs never before published on the individual missions. Readers will appreciate the depth and range of the historical material presented and the exquisitely reproduced photos and renderings, as well as the contemporary color photos of the surrounding landscape and natural beauty of the El Camino Real. Casual readers as well as serious historians of this culturally rich era of California history will be fascinated and enlightened by this book.

I have always been curious about the history of the California missions. While I have only skim-read some sections of this book, the presentation of material is an easy read and very informative

This is a great book for anyone interested in learning more about the missions. Msgr. Weber has resided at several of the missions for over twenty years and knows so much about the rich history of the missions, and of the Church in California.

Great book. A little larger than I expected. More like a coffee table book than a guide. But very beautiful.

Very nice and affordable book, I like the pictures and the descriptions, including that history of the Missions in California. Definitely a great buy.

This book is excellent. It depicts in great detail the missions, it's history and features. Buy this as a keepsake and a guide when you plan to "bucket list" visiting all of them.

We bought the book for my mother in law. She went to some of the missions and is going back in the future. She is reading about the history and says she loves it. The illustrations are excellent. Yes 5 stars for this book.

I was hoping for a good historical overview of the missions because my boyfriend and I have a goal of visiting all the missions. This book does have some interesting stories, but all the information is focused on the Catholic influences, which is all shed in a positive light only, not much discussion given to the peoples who lived at the various missions. Catholic relics at the missions are highlighted, too. I was hoping for more, but this is written by a Catholic priest, which while interesting, seems a rather narrow view.

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