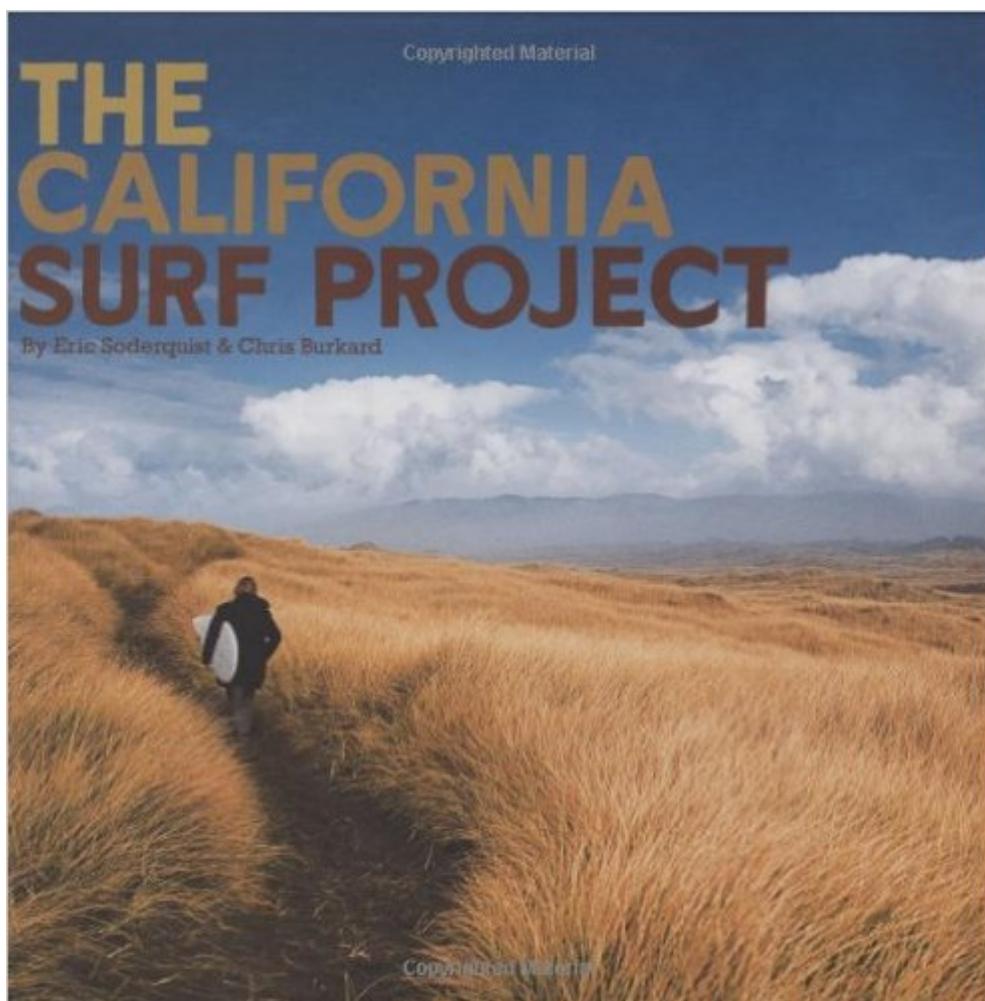


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The California Surf Project



Synopsis

Quit your job, pack your boards, and surf your way down the California coast....Sound like a daydream? The California Surf Project is the fully illustrated travel diary of two surfers who took this trip of a lifetime. Chris Burkard, a talented photographer, and Eric Soderquist, a professional surfer, cajoled their Volkswagen bus along Highway 1 from the Oregon border to the Tijuana Sloughs and discovered everything the Golden State's legendary coastline has to offer. Relive their incredible adventure of surfing perfect waves, sharing campfires with total strangers, and keeping the bus running with duct tape and prayers in more than 200 gorgeous photographs, soulful text, and a professionally produced thirty-minute DVD.

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Customer Reviews

Sometimes I think I love California too much. I find myself talking to east coast friends about it and wondering if I'm being over the top when I say things like "there's no better place on earth". But then I take a drive down Hwy 1 and I get all teary-eyed and grateful. If I ever leave California -- and I won't for very long -- I will not take this book with me. Because I would cry every time I saw it. Soderquist and Burkhard have captured what so many of us love about living here. Their journey is a visual love letter to the Golden State that I'll look at again and again if only to remind myself that I'm not leaving. Well done gents!

I liked this book. But then I like both surfing and good travelogues in general so it was a bit of a given. Two surfers win a free grant to go on a surf trip as long as they write a book about it, so they

do. Pretty much explains it. Nice photography, interesting thoughts and angles from a surfers perspective and two guys get to surf the californian coast just for fun and document the whole thing. I thought the pic on the cover was one of the best in the book regarding mood and sense of place but the photography overall is good - in a trendy 'art' surfer mag kind of way. I was disappointed to only see photographs as one of the guys is a painter, but I thought the photographer had a good eye and natural style re graphic layout and image. (My thoughts anyway.) Am also keen to read the Bend to Baja book mentioned by another reviewer. Gave it as a present because I thought it was a good book for inspiration and didn't want it wasted, just sitting on my shelf. (Would have donated it to the local library but have given them both the Bra Boys Autobiography and Mick Fannings and haven't seen either on the shelves, so passed it on to someone who I thought would appreciate it.) Nice book. Recommended for the right audience.

Photos and text intertwine, letting reader "accompany" these two surfers on a vagabond adventure, following the California surf line from Oregon to Mexico. Living in a barely operational VW bus, with little money, they press through dreary rain and bright sun to sample the waves, but more importantly for a couple months of complete freedom.

A beautifully done book for surfers. I sent this to my niece for graduation from university. She loved the book. To me that means success the book made her happy which made me happy. Buy the book it doesn't disappoint.

Excellent photography and a splendid story concept made this coffee table edition one of the best conversation pieces in my home. The front cover tells a story of California surfing that resonated with me since I grew up on the Central Cali Coast - Cool air, cold water, and a hike if you want to avoid crowds. This book brought back fond memories of road tripping and surf safari adventures. I'm sure it will inspire those who have yet to enjoy the environs of California surf (believe it or not there are still spots in California that go unriden for those with a sense of adventure).

I give this book a four star for the great shots of California, its a real nice book. The two guys drove all the way down the coast from N to S. Its a document of their road trip, with some days being classic and some days being onshore junk. Personally I would have liked to get a bit more to read, but the focus is on the photos by Chris Burkhard which are excellent. Four star.

Absolutely beautiful. Someone said, it's like a love letter to California, I completely agree. But it's more than that. It's a dreamer's prelude to the adventure, because it just makes you want to go there so much it becomes your biggest dream that you will fulfil no matter what. Such beauty is what makes our lives bearable, I think. ;-)

This book is part adventure, part whimsy and mostly fun. I surf in my dreams, but an early near drowning experience has put the brakes on my dancing on the water. That hasn't stopped me from loving and seeking out every potential surf pitstop from San Francisco all the way to Baja. It's a lifestyle I envy, so simple and so rich. I'm trying to teach my Golden Retriever puppy Flynn to surf. It's my way of grabbing a piece of the action. Catch a ride on The California Surf Project. It's an escape I think you'll really enjoy. I especially like the hand-written picture captions. They tell their own stories...Mary Kennedy Eastham, Author, The Shadow of a Dog I Can't Forget and the upcoming novel, Night Surfing Website:[...].

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