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There was something about the layout of this book that I didn't like. I felt like the flow was off and that it was very difficult to find the information I needed. Everything was much too surface and needed better detail.

Lonely Planet delivers again! They simply produce the best guide books out there in my opinion. I am a backpacker and I love that they give the cheap hostel options right along with hotels and resorts. The simple format and easy read of each book makes it easy to find the information you need and skip over what you don't. Will definitely be buying Lonely Planet the next time I travel!

i traveled all around california with the help of this lonely planet.really useful. As expected and as lonely planet standard.The only thing, don't buy it if you wanna cruise around California with a van, but perfect if you wanna stay in hotels.

I've been a fan of the Lonely Planet books ever since they expanded to more balanced coverage i.e. not just covering the cheapest, grittiest offerings of a place. For the past several years, I've been

automatically buying their latest California guides since I frequent the area. I felt like I could trust the writers in their recommendations - if they listed something as a top choice, it was definitely warranted. I loved how the writers would give honest opinions as to whether to see something or not, or just save your money and move on. Sorry to say, this edition is harkening back to the old days of Lonely Planet. The shopping recommendations seem to focus on stores supporting good causes or bohemian type merchandise and even those were very few listings. Don't even get me started on the restaurant listings, which should have been much more extensive and included more higher end establishments as well. I was particularly disheartened by the scanty coverage of Palo Alto where Stanford University, one of the top schools in the nation resides (and no I did not attend this school). Stanford has a ton of visitors - not just visiting families of students, but also visiting researchers/faculty and the public at large (there are a ton of events open to the public) - where was the lodging, eating, shopping recommendations for this sizable tourist population? There was a 2 page color photograph section of wildlife found in California but no indication as to where in the state you can find this wildlife. Overall, I felt like the book was written/edited to concentrate on the middle to lower budget end of touring. If that is the niche Lonely Planet wants to go after, then good for them, but I personally like to know of more possibilities even if I don't pursue them all.

It's not ideal (especially on restaurants and cafes - a bit of hit and miss) but it's definitely worth having one - a good way to generate ideas, things to do and learn something new about the area while you travel

it's very helpful, im travelling in cali and this book has been very useful

all you need to know about Cali

Bought this as a gift for some friends that just moved to L.A. They seem to like it!

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