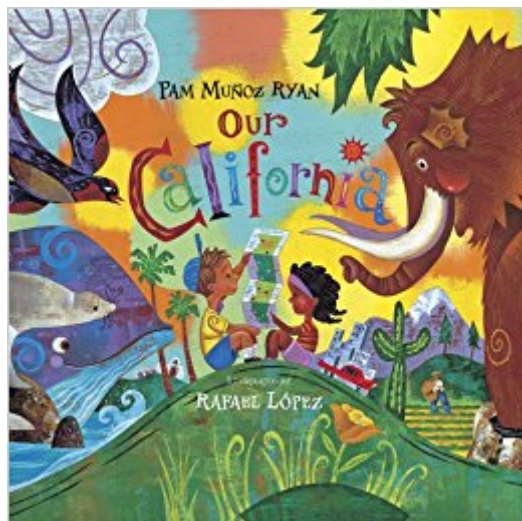


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Our California



Synopsis

Re-illustrated and re-designed, OUR CALIFORNIA (previously CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!) is a lively tour of award-winning author Pam Muñoz Ryan's home state. Spirited poems celebrate California's major cities and regions. Backmatter includes state symbols and additional information about each place. Bold paintings by illustrator Rafael López capture the spirit of the land.

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Grade 1-4 • The art in this loving tribute to the state is so colorful, evocative, and eye-filling that it is tempting to review the title solely as a book of pictures. The text takes the form of brief, undistinguished four-line verses that highlight some interesting features in the 14 locales, or give reasons for their historical or current importance. Some of the places are well known (such as San Francisco and Los Angeles) and some will be less familiar to children outside California (such as the Channel Islands and Eureka). The illustrations, done in brilliant acrylics, fill each spread with a burst of folkloric color and energy. The Capistrano swallows, the Forty-Niners in Coloma, the whales and otters along the coast—all are shown. The back matter includes an illustrated spread featuring the state flag, bird, insect, plant, and so on. Further information on all of the places shown is also appended. This book may not be adequate for reports, but it is a wonderful way to show children the spirit of California, and it could also be useful for families planning

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Pam Muñoz Ryan is a native of California. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees at San Diego State University and she worked as a bilingual teacher and an early childhood administrator before dedicating herself full-time to writing. She wrote her first book at the age of 32 at the encouragement of a friend. She has written many picture books for young children and novels for older students. Pam lives in California with her husband and four children. She often speaks at schools and conferences about writing and literacy.

I bought this for my 7 yr. old, to give as a gift, to her 4yr.old, cousin, as they were meeting for the first time. I really love this book, the pictures are colorful, the artwork is beautiful and the pages change directions. Okay it's missing many of California's wonderful sites but you can't get everything in a kids book and hold their attention but it does go from state to state. I think this will be a good show and tell book for any young child visiting CA. or out-of state guest, forget that tee-shirt, this will last longer! I may buy another just for us!

This is a fantastic book. The illustrations are perfect for the text and for representing the state of California well. The book is written in poetry and the author does a very good job. In the back, the author gives additional information on the history of each place highlighted in the book.

Good info for elem grades

nice!

FABULOUS ILLUSTRATIONS AND HELPFUL INFO FOR KIDS STUDYING CALIFORNIA.

Great children's book traveling up the state of California! Beautiful colorful illustrations. Rhyming. Tells of cities and places to see! Love this book!

Our California is a very colorful and exciting trip around California. I would recommend this great selection for young and old alike.

Love, love, love this book. I used this book as part of a unit study on California. Love the illustrations, just beautiful! Used at circle time and my children were engaged.

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