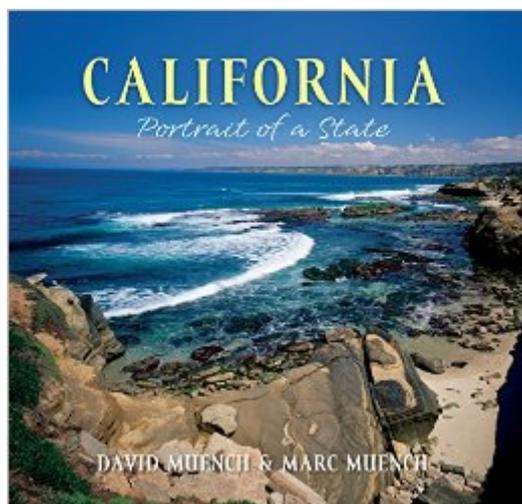


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## Customer Reviews

I own and have thoroughly enjoyed all of James Lawrence's books. California is my home state and I've been up and down her coastline, in her valleys, and lived in the beautiful SF Bay Area. She has a lot to offer every person. You haven't lived if you have never stood on one of her beaches and been bathed with the golden glow of a sunset. It can give you the feeling that people talk about when they meditate. The photography is by the best photographers ever born. They are David Muench and his son, Mark. A few photographs are by Zandria Muench Beraldo. The photographs take you from the coastline on the west to the Sierra Mountains in the east and many places in between. Some of these places look so remote that you think maybe no one, but them, ever set foot there. If California was a beautiful woman, the photographs would show that she wears lush colors

in her diversified landscapes. This is a hardback book with 144 colorful photographs on 144-pages. There are four areas covered: Mountains, Oak and Grass, the Coast, and Deserts. At the back, you will find a large, colorful map of this great state. Why should you have this book? The contents have many things to enjoy, besides the photographs. James Lawrence shares his knowledge on some of California's history to support his premise of how this state brings "promise and fruition" to many people. Then, he draws you into his story with details of a personal journey over California that he and a best friend, Marty Alameda, takes while flying in their hang-gliders and then their ultra-light planes. Want to see what an ultra-light plane looks like? Look at the picture on the back cover of the book showing James happily flying very high in his.

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