

## READING GUIDE

# Baja California

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### Essential

These 5 items are available as a package for \$66 including shipping, 15% off the retail price (Item no. EXBJA50). Any additional books ordered are shipped free.

*Danny Palmerlee*

#### **Lonely Planet Baja & Los Cabos**

2005, PAPER, 264 PAGES, \$19.99

An excellent practical guide to the peninsula. In addition to local maps and great information on sightseeing, hotels and accommodations, it includes a 75-page overview of the nature, culture and history of Baja California and a few color photographs. (Item no. BJA10)

*John Steinbeck, Edward F. Ricketts*

#### **The Log from the Sea of Cortez**

1995, PAPER, 288 PAGES, \$15.00

The classic account of a collecting trip to the Sea of Cortez with marine biologist Ed Ricketts, first published in 1941. Subtitled "A Leisurely Journal of Travel and Research," this much-loved book captures the wonders of the Gulf of California and the joys of discovery. It's one of our favorite books. For those of you who have battled outboard engines, we especially recommend the hilarious few pages on the "Hansen Sea Cow." (Item no. BJA02)

*Joseph Wood Krutch*

#### **The Forgotten Peninsula, A Naturalist in Baja California**

1986, PAPER, 277 PAGES, \$17.95

Originally published over 35 years ago, this book is a portrait -- and celebration -- of the plants, landscapes and fascinating history of Lower California. The urbane author takes us by road and air on a grand tour of the peninsula. Naturalist Ann Zwinger called this book "a delightful narrative of natural history exploration at its best." It's a classic. (Item no. BJA01)

*Oceanic Society*

#### **Field Guide to the Gray Whale**

1989, PAPER, 64 PAGES, \$6.95

A brief, handsomely illustrated field guide with a focus on the behavior of gray whales. (Item no. FG07)

*World Mapping Project*

#### **Baja California Map**

2003, MAP, \$8.95

A detailed, double-sided travel map of Baja California and the Sea of Cortez (with a small portion of adjoining mainland Mexico) at the very good scale of 1:650,000. Using the latest cartography from the World Mapping Project, the full color map, printed on rip-proof and waterproof paper, includes topographic features, latitude and longitude, and key visitor attractions. Water depths are indicated by contour lines in shades of blue and white. (Item no. BJA13)

### Also Recommended

*John Shaw*

#### **John Shaw's Nature Photography Field Guide**

2000, PAPER, 160 PAGES, \$24.95

An updated edition of Shaw's guide to taking better photographs of plants, animals and landscapes. The book offers solid advice on equipment and basic techniques, and is highly recommended as the best reference for the wildlife photographer. (Item no. PHT01)

*Walt Peterson*

#### **The Baja Adventure Book**

2000, PAPER, 310 PAGES, \$24.95

A comprehensive, eccentric guide to outdoor activities in Baja. With practical information and up-to-date information on camping, climbing, diving and boating (Item no. BJA22)

*Ann and Don O'Neil*

#### **Loreto, Baja California: First Mission and Capital of Spanish California**

2001, PAPER, 286 PAGES, \$17.95

A popular, illustrated history of the 300-year-old town and surrounding area by a husband and wife team who have lived in Loreto for decades. With both archival and modern photographs. (Item no. BJA37)

*Bruce Berger*

**Almost an Island, Travels in Baja California**

1998, PAPER, 240 PAGES, \$17.95

A poet and longtime aficionado of Baja California, Bruce Berger combines anecdote, history, and research to bring the deserts, towns, and personalities of Lower California to life. (Item no. BJA15)

*Sven-Olof Lindblad, Ralph Hopkins, Jack Swenson*

**Baja, A Special Expedition to Baja and the Sea of Cortez**

1995, PAPER, 64 PAGES, \$14.95

An account of adventures in Baja California and the Sea of Cortez, this handsome book features color photography and accompanying essays on the geology, marine mammals, desert flora and birds of the region. (Item no. BJA19)

*William McGinnies*

**Discovering the Desert, Legacy of the Carnegie Desert Botanical Laboratory**

1982, PAPER, 276 PAGES, \$17.95

A history of Sonoran desert research, this book is an engaging survey of the geography, ecology and climate of desert life in the American Southwest. (Item no. USW103)

*Graham MacKintosh*

**Into a Desert Place**

1995, PAPER, 312 PAGES, \$16.95

One day the spectacularly ill-equipped MacKintosh set out to walk around Baja California, with \$150 in his pocket and a gallon jug of water in each hand. This is the vastly entertaining and typically British story of his 3,000-mile lark around the Peninsula. (Item no. BJA07)

*C. M. Mayo*

**Miraculous Air, Journey of a Thousand Miles through Baja California, the Other Mexico**

2002, HARD COVER, 368 PAGES, \$24.95

A personable and marvelously well informed portrait of the land and people of Baja California from Cabo San Lucas to Tijuana. (Item no. BJA34)

*Andromeda Romano-Lax*

**Searching for Steinbeck's Sea of Cortez**

2002, PAPER, 254 PAGES, \$16.95

Romano-Lax headed for Baja California with a well worn copy of Steinbeck's classic *Log From the Sea of Cortez* in hand. Her lyrical account is an homage to Steinbeck's spirit and passions, combining history, adventure and nature, especially marine life. (Item no. BJA33)

*Dick Russell*

**Eye of the Whale, Epic Passage From Baja to Siberia**

2004, PAPER, 688 PAGES, \$22.00

An absorbing, first-person account of the migration of the gray whale from the breeding lagoons along the Pacific coast of Baja California to the Alaskan summer feeding grounds. (Item no. BJA32)

*Richard D. Fisher*

**National Parks of Northern Mexico**

2001, PAPER, 129 PAGES, \$16.95

Veteran travel guide and photographer Richard Fisher has put together a stunning selection of color photographs for this slim, oversize paperback. (Item no. MEX15)

*Soames Summerhays*

**Ocean Oasis**

2000, DVD, \$14.99

This gorgeous film, originally produced for IMAX, features eye-popping underwater footage of the invertebrates, fish and especially the whales of the Sea of Cortez. The richness of the underwater life is contrasted against the austere desert landscapes and wildlife. (Item no. BJA53)

*Michele Gilders*

**Reflections of a Whale Watcher**

1995, PAPER, 270 PAGES, \$18.95

A deeply reflective book on the natural history of gray whales and other animals found in Lower California. (Item no. BJA03)

*Brenda Peterson, Linda Hogan*

**Sightings, The Gray Whales' Journey**

2003, PAPER, 336 PAGES, \$14.00

The authors of this intriguing collaboration alternate passages on the gray whale, its nature, conservation history and prospects. Peterson provides an overview of the natural history of the celebrated gray whale, while Linda Hogan, a poet and member of the Chicksaw nation, tackles more philosophical issues. (Item no. BST74)

*Art Wolfe, Martha Hill*

**The Art of Photographing Nature**

1993, PAPER, 184 PAGES, \$30.00

An elegant how-to book, featuring over 250 photographs by the well known nature photographer Art Wolfe. (Item no. PHT02)

*Robert Stebbins*

**A Field Guide to Western Reptiles and Amphibians**

2003, PAPER, 533 PAGES, \$22.00

The definitive field guide, with a special section on Baja's endemic species. (Item no. FG08)

*Ron McPeak*

**Amphibians and Reptiles of Baja California**

2000, PAPER, 99 PAGES, \$20.95

A field guide the reptiles and amphibians of Baja California featuring color photographs. (Item no. BJA27)

*Norman C. Roberts*

**Baja California Plant Field Guide**

1989, PAPER, 309 PAGES, \$24.95

With hundreds of color photographs illustrating commonly encountered plants, this excellent field guide also includes short introductory chapters on the botanic areas of Baja California as well as its geology and climate. Indispensable for plant appreciation. (Item no. BJA05)

*I Greenberg*

**Fishwatcher's Field Guide Baja California, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco**

2000, PLASTIC CARD, \$7.50

A double-sided, full color waterproof card featuring illustrations of commonly encountered reef fishes. (Item no. BJA31)

*National Geographic*

**National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America**

2002, PAPER, 480 PAGES, \$21.95

From Alaska to Baja California, this field guide is the one to carry. Practical to use in the field, it has maps, illustrations and descriptions of the birds on facing pages. (Item no. FG09)

*Donald Thomson, Lloyd Findley, Alex Kersitch*

**Reef Fishes of the Sea of Cortez**

2000, PAPER, 374 PAGES, \$29.95

A revised edition the much-acclaimed field guide to the reef fishes of the Sea of Cortez. It features not only excellent color plates and photographs, but also a very good introduction to the ecology and biogeography of the Sea of Cortez. (Item no. BJA28)

*Peter Harrison*

**Seabirds of the World, A Photographic Guide**

1996, PAPER, 317 PAGES, \$29.95

A compact field edition of Harrison's definitive seabird identification guide, featuring 740 color photographs and illustrating all the world's seabirds in a variety of plumages. (Item no. FG16)

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