

San Diego history reading list

Eleven San Diego historians were asked to recommend five books available in libraries and five available for sale on San Diego history. Here are their choices, alphabetically by author:

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- Caughy, John W., "California: A Remarkable State's Life History," 1970.
- Christman, Florence, "The Romance of Balboa Park," 1985.
- Crosby, Harry, "Last of the Californios," 1988.
- Dana, Richard Henry, "Two Years Before the Mast," 1840.
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