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The Silence and the Sun

The "Mother Road" hauled it all, traversing the American West from Chicago to Santa Monica Beach, the last 350 miles through Southern California. For settlers, Depression-era "Okies" and "Arkies," and post-World War II families bound for suburbia, Route 66 was a migration funnel for generations. Wending through the mountains and badlands of San Bernardino County into Los Angeles County, Route 66 became a state of mind and a catchphrase for travelers everywhere, especially after singer Bobby Troupe popularized the hit song "(Get Your Kicks on) Route 66" and actors Martin Milner and George Maharis hit the road with the ragtop down and the shades on in the namesake television series that seemed to go anywhere every week. The shield of the Route 66 sign has become iconography for the growth of Southern California's economy, population, popularity, and folklore.

Route 66 in California

Route 66 may never return as an American highway, but it will never disappear from our collective memory. The Mother Road touches our very soul, causing us to reflect on the past and reconsider our place in the present. *A Matter of Time* offers readers a fresh and different perspective. Documenting 101 distinct locations along historic Route 66, this book emphasizes forgotten and familiar places—relics of the past that are seldom, if ever, portrayed in print. Photographer Ellen Klinkel first traveled Route 66 in 2013. Immediately inspired to capture the road "in its pure essence" through the lens of her camera, she returned over the next four years to photograph various sites along the old highway. As she explains, the road is the "main character" in all her images, whether they depict a dramatic sky along Tornado Alley, a nightscape in the Mojave Desert, or a tranquil early morning on the Santa Monica Pier. She is drawn to places that evoke change and abandonment—especially ones that became obscure during the road's periodic rerouting—as well as revival. *A Matter of Time* follows the journey that so many Americans traveled for decades: starting from downtown Chicago, coursing through multiple states in the Midwest and Southwest, and culminating in Santa Monica, California, near Los Angeles. As a Route 66 historian and advocate, Nick Gerlich is deeply familiar with the entire route, both through personal experience and extensive research. His in-depth captions place Klinkel's photographs in historical and cultural context, enhancing our understanding of her haunting images. Together, photographer and historian inspire new and unexpected ways to appreciate America's Main Street.

A Matter of Time

A mile-by-mile guide to sites and services along the entire length of Route 66.

A Guide Book to Highway 66

It was the way out. Invented on the cusp of the depression, Route 66 was the road out of the mines, off the farm, away from troubled Main Street. It was the road to opportunity. Between 1926 and 1956, many people from the southern and plains states trekked west to California on Route 66, the Mother Road. Some never reached California. Instead, they settled along the road, building restaurants, tourist attractions, gas stations, and motels. The architecture of each structure reflected regional building traditions and the difficulties of the times. The designs of buildings and signs served as invitations for passing travelers to stop, fill their tanks, have a bite, and stay the night. *Along Route 66* describes the architectural styles found along the highway from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California, and pairs photos with stories of the buildings and of the people who built them, lived in them, and made a living from them. With striking black-and-white images and unforgettable oral histories of this rapidly disappearing architecture, Quinta Scott has documented the culture of America's most famous road.

Along Route 66

Route 66 is a fixture of American culture. For the truckers, salesmen and vacationers who have traveled it and for the people who live along it, the road is a reminder of the bygone days of American motoring. Despite time, neglect and progress, Route 66 endures. Almost all of its 2,448 miles are still intact and drivable. Travel from Chicago to Los Angeles and experience Route 66 through this richly illustrated book, with pictures of many of the historic landmarks and longtime businesses that have become roadside institutions to several generations of Route 66 travelers, plus some that are relatively unknown.

Nearly all of the places shown can be visited today. The book is also a salute to those who supported the highway over the years, including Cyrus Avery, Jack Cuthbert ("Mr. 66"), Lucille Hamon and Campbell's 66 Express.

Route 66

The California Dream made Route 66 the most famous road in the world. Flappers dreamed of stardom under the bright lights of Hollywood. A wave of families fleeing the Dust Bowl transformed the state during the Great Depression. During World War II, another wave followed Route 66 seeking opportunity in the massive wartime industrial plants. Thousands of soldiers trained in the Mojave Desert and then returned amid the postwar prosperity to blossoming housing developments that replaced the vast orange groves. While Nat King Cole sang "(Get Your Kicks on) Route 66," the newly prosperous middle class hit the road headed for the dream land constructed by Walt Disney. Inspired by the Beat poets, the hippies, and the adventures of Buz and Tod on the CBS television show *Route 66*, a new generation took to the open road. Those who savor the journey as much as the destination still seek it out on Route 66 today.

California Dreamin' Along Route 66

A celebration of America's most historic highway, in words and pictures. Winding through the rugged heartland of the American West, Route 66 has resonated for generations in hardscrabble tales of hopeful seekers of new homes and new lives. It also inspired Alan and Claudia Heller, longtime residents of Duarte, a California town along Route 66, to hitch their trailer to a retirement dream and travel the road again, journeying through their home state and back to Chicago. They collected stories of the iconic highway, and what it means to the people who live along its way, for a series in the San Gabriel Valley Newspaper Group. This collection retraces their journey and introduces us to some of the people and places that make Route 66 truly historic.

Life on Route 66

Join Route 66 expert Jim Hinckley as he tours more than 60 ghost towns along the Mother Road, rich in stories and history! The quintessential boom-and-bust highway of the American West, Route 66 once hosted a thriving array of boomtowns built around oil mines, railroad stops, cattle ranches, resorts, stagecoach stops, and gold mines. Illustrated with gorgeous sepia-tone and color photography by Kerrick James, this book tours dozens of ghost towns in: Illinois (Braidwood, Braceville, Gardner, Dwight, Bloomington, Funks Grove, Springfield) Missouri (Rolla, Dootlittle, Springfield, Halltown, Paris Springs Junction, Avilla, Carthage, Joplin) Kansas (Galena, Riverton, Baxter Springs) Oklahoma (Narcissa, Afton, Tulsa, Warwick, Bridgeport, Foss, Elk City, Erick, Texola) Texas (Shamrock, McLean, Alanreed, Jericho, Amarillo, Glenrio) New Mexico (San Jon, Tucumari, Montoya, Newkirk, Cuervo, Dilia, Tecolote, Santa Fe, Thoreau, Gallup) Arizona (Lupton, Chambers, Two Guns, Flagstaff, Truxton, Hackberry, Kingman, Goldroad, Oatman) California (Needles, Goffs, Essex, Cadiz, Chambless, Amboy, Ludlow, Newberry Springs, Daggett, Barstow) This edition also includes directions and travel tips for your ghost-town explorations along Route 66, as well as a fold-out map of the Mother Road. Explore the beauty and nostalgia of these abandoned communities along America's favorite highway!

Ghost Towns of Route 66

Now Russell Olsen's best-selling collections featuring Route 66 filling stations, main streets, motor courts, cafés, campgrounds, honky-tonks, truck stops, and barbecue joints as they appeared both in their heyday and today is available in one package. For more than 30 years, Route 66 was America's main east-west artery, pointing the nation toward all the promise that California represented. To serve these travelers, Route 66 boasted bustling commercial hubs, many of which remain today, many more of which crumbled long ago. All of the sites included here—150 in all—are shown both during their mid-century heydays and as they appear today. Taken together, the marvelous visual and descriptive elements assembled here—period postcards and imagery, specially commissioned maps, and Olsen's own photography and capsule histories of the sites featured—comprise a unique, state-by-state look back at America's Main Street.

The Complete Route 66 Lost & Found

This is an exact facsimile of the first guidebook of its kind to the full length of the famous Route 66, from Chicago to Los Angeles. It was first published in 1946. Route 66 is part of American history now, and this guide is useful for those who wish to follow the old road in lieu of driving on the interstate highways that have replaced it. The book is divided into nine sections, corresponding to the journeys between stops by the average motorist. In addition, this structure makes the book useful to the traveler who wishes to follow only part of old US 66. Rittenhouse includes altitude and 1940 population figures for each town, with information on reliable garages, tourist courts (the forerunner's of today's motels), and other local attractions. This fascinating piece of Americana recalls a day before the arrival of franchised restaurants and hotels, when travel still held some surprises. Anyone driving in the West or recalling a trip in the good old days will enjoy it.

A Guide Book to Highway 66

This is the first of two volumes presenting a detailed look at the history and surviving physical features of historic Route 66 in California. This volume focuses on the desert portion of the route, from the Colorado River to the San Bernardino Mountains. Immortalized in stories, songs, and movies, Route 66 remains a potent symbol of the promise of the American West. The volume combines a narrative of the history of the highway with descriptions of the architecture, abandoned roadways, and landscape features that still mark its path through the California desert.

Life in the Past Lane: Route 66 in the California desert

It's the 1950s. Thousands of people every day pass through Smoke Tree, California, on Route 66. The Mother Road. The two-lane blacktop that stretches from Chicago to LA. A few make a quick stop in the isolated, Mojave Desert town. Some stay. Some are dangerous. And a few are downright deadly. Burke Henry is deadly. He drives into Smoke Tree on a motorcycle on a cold, windy, winter day. His panniers are stuffed with cash. Lots of cash. Who is he? What does he want? Why a tiny town like Smoke Tree? Nobody knows, but they're all dying to find out.

Deep Desert Deception

"A look at 500 of Route 66's most significant past and present sites in seven categories, illustrated with hundreds of photographs and specially commissioned maps"--

The Illustrated Route 66 Historical Atlas

The saga of the early prospectors and all the others who made their mark during the Gold Rush. This historical visitor's guide includes recommended routes along Highway 49, dubbed the Mother Lode Highway, and many historical and full-color photos.

The California Gold Country

The Road Awaits! Criss-cross the country on America's classic two-lane highways with Road Trip USA! Inside you'll find: 11 of America's favorite road trips with a flexible network of route combinations, color-coded and extensively cross-referenced to allow for hundreds of possible itineraries Mile-by-mile highlights celebrating the best of Americana, including roadside curiosities, parks, diners, and more Local history that reveals the unique personalities of small towns and big cities across the country Vintage snapshots, full-color photos, and beautiful illustrations of America both then and now Over 125 detailed driving maps covering more than 35,000 miles of classic American blacktop Expert advice from road-warrior Jamie Jensen, who cruised nearly 400,000 miles of highway in search of the perfect stretches of pavement Road Trip USA celebrates the great American road trip, and gives you the tools, resources, and inspiration to make it your own. Hit the road!

Road Trip USA

"A virtual roadtrip through the highway's legends, stories, people, and funky businesses that are the essence of the Route 66 experience"--

Route 66

"A guide to destinations and sights along historic Route 66, with historical background and travel tips"--

Travel Route 66

Buckle Up and Get Your Kicks on Route 66 ! Originally paved in the 1920s, the 2,451 miles of Route 66 have been a staple of the American Road Trip and have become an iconic thread running through the life, history, and culture of America. Spanning a total of eight states and stretching from Chicago all the way to the Pacific Ocean, Route 66 was appropriately named the "Mother Road" by John Steinbeck. An icon of American Folklore, Route 66 details slew of old gas stations, restaurants, diners, rest stops, and other attractions. Each must-see vestige is peppered with the history of the area. Route 66: Ghost Towns and Roadside Relics takes the reader along the whole length pf the most iconic stretch of road in the world. The book brings the essence of the Mother Road to life as it swings by nostalgic towns, faded motels, vintage gas stations, dilapidated signs, and famous landmarks on the route. So buckle up and Get Your Kicks on Route 66!

Route 66

"Get Your Kicks on Route 66 ... Brightly flashing diners, nostalgic gas stations, and awesome street cruisers: "America's Main Street" still attracts thousands of visitors every year. The road that was once supposed to create a faster connection between Chicago and the Pacific coast today offers the opposite: deceleration and leisure. The stops along Route 66 are far too interesting to ignore--you just have to stop and enjoy both the wilderness and the city life. Whether lively metropolises, like Santa Fe or Oklahoma City, legendary shrines of country music, including Barstow, or eerie ghost towns, such as Calico--the Mother Road runs through fascinating areas. And then there are the breathtaking natural attractions along the route: from the Wichita Mountains via the Mojave Desert and the Grand Canyon--the American West extends to the right and left of the road, inviting you to explore its last adventure playgrounds."--Back cover.

Route 66

Take the scenic route with this colorful collection of vintage art, photos, history, and trivia celebrating the historic highway. John Steinbeck famously christened Route 66 America's "Mother Road" in *The Grapes of Wrath*, and that chapter about Tom Joad's exodus is just one of the classic pieces collected in this wide-ranging anthology. You'll find history, roadside attractions, pop culture, ghost stories—even recipes from famous greasy spoons. And it's all illustrated with the largest collection of vintage art, postcards, travel decals, collectibles, and other Route 66 memorabilia ever amassed. This is truly a worthy tribute to the Main Street of America.

Greetings from Route 66

This is the only culinary guide to what Steinbeck dubbed "The Mother Road." It includes over 250 delicious, time-tested recipes from places like the U Drop Inn, the Covered Wagon Trading Post, the Pig Hip, and the Bungalow Inn. It is also a nostalgic recreation of the Route 66 of the past, with stories from the waitresses and cooks who poured the coffee and baked the pie. This is a gem of Americana, and a treasury of comforting dishes from a time when the flavors along the road changed as dramatically as the landscape and accents as you sped across the heartland

The Route 66 Cookbook

A road trip from Santa Fe to Santa Monica was the genesis of *Marking the Land 1*, which presents photographs taken on highways and byways that cut through the vastness of the American Southwest. In documenting sites separated from one another by hundreds of miles, Melissa Cicetti sought to explore and expand her understanding of the concept of place. She characterizes sites that have been made specific by the interaction between various areas of the land and the human-made forms imposed on them. Cicetti's interest in architecture is reflected in many of the photos, which include abandoned structures--barns, churches, gas stations, Anasazi ruins. Fences and wires impose human patterns on the desert landscape even though the photographs never include people. A sequence of documented, personal moments through which the viewer can come to terms with the photographer's concept of place and the role humans have played over the centuries and always will play in marking places in the land and assigning them meaning.--Barbara Buhler Lynes, Introduction

Marking the Land 1

It is a desert like no other, stretching from the eastern outskirts of Los Angeles across the width of Southern California and into parts of Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. The Mojave Desert's attractions include Death Valley, the Joshua Tree National Park, the Mojave National Preserve, Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, the Colorado River, Palm Springs, the Cabazon Dinosaurs, Calico Ghost Town, and dozens of Route 66 landmarks. It is the most spectacular desert on Earth, and it draws more tourists each year than all other deserts of the world combined. Mojave Desert is the first book of its kind, using rare and vintage postcards to provide a pictorial, historical grand tour of this American wonderland.

Mojave Desert

A literary history of America's most storied highway, featuring work from Raymond Chandler, Joan Didion, John Steinbeck, Sylvia Plath, and more. Even before there was a road, there was a route. Buffalo trails, Indian paths, the old Santa Fe trace—all led across the Great Plains and the western mountains to the golden oasis of California. America's insatiable westering urge culminated in Route 66, the highway that ran from Chicago to Los Angeles. Opened in 1926, Route 66 became the quintessential American road. It offered the chance for freedom and a better life, whether you were down-and-out Okies fleeing the Dust Bowl in the 1930s or cool guys cruising in a Corvette in the 1960s. Even though the interstates long ago turned Route 66 into a by lane, it still draws travelers from around the world who long to experience the freedom of the open road. A Route 66 Companion gathers fiction, poetry, memoir, and oral history to present a literary historical portrait of America's most storied highway. From accounts of pioneering trips across the western plains to a sci-fi fantasy of traveling Route 66 in a rocket, here are stories that explore the mystique of the open road, told by master storytellers ranging from Washington Irving to Raymond Chandler, Joan Didion, Sylvia Plath, Leslie Marmon Silko, and John Steinbeck. Interspersed among them are reminiscences that, for the first time, honor the varied cultures—Native American, Mexican American, and African American, as well as Anglo—whose experiences run through the Route 66 story like the stripe down the highway. So put the top down, set the cruise control, and “make that California trip” with A Route 66 Companion. “Route 66 has a long and interesting history, and Dunaway . . . has done a fantastic job selecting works of literature about ‘America's Main Street’ to tell its dynamic story, supplemented by the editor's own invaluable commentary. . . . [An] all-around remarkable anthology.” —Publishers Weekly “A Route 66 Companion is a great read and should find its way to the hands of any armchair traveler or lover of the history of the American West.” —Oral History Review

A Route 66 Companion

Dedek paints a complex portrait of America's most famous highway.

Hip to the Trip

More than three decades after Route 66 went by the wayside, so to speak, it remains a nostalgic signifier of a 50-year period when cross-country travel was synonymous with meeting interesting characters, absorbing marvelous new sights, and stopping to check the oil along the way. In this colorful biopic of the “Mother Road,” author Tim Steil retraces the wandering path of Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica, returning home with a scrapbook of new color photography and evocative period imagery profiling businesses and attractions that continue to operate alongside Route 66 despite the demise of the legendary two-lane. The result is a unique look at motels, service stations, restaurants, truck stops, and museums, and the colorful folks who continue to whittle out a livelihood along Route 66 despite the death of the road trip as spelled out by the vapor trails overhead.

Route 66

Here We Are . . . on Route 66 explores America's fabled “Mother Road,” following Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica and offering an expert look back at vanished attractions—and sites still drawing thousands each year.

Here We Are . . . on Route 66

The popularity of the old Route 66 is one of America's great comeback stories. This fully revised and expanded edition of Snyder's classic guide will make the trip along the “Mother Road” more exciting than ever with new information on mini-tours, photography tips, a planning section, and more. Over 40 maps.

Route 66 Traveler's Guide & Roadside Companion

The Backroads of Route 66 explores the landmarks, natural wonders, and historical gems left to be explored off the beaten path of America's most famous byway.

The Backroads of Route 66

Inside Lonely Planet's Route 66 Road Trips: Up-to-date information - all businesses were rechecked before publication to ensure they are still open after 2020's COVID-19 outbreak Lavish color and gorgeous photography throughout Itineraries and planning advice to pick the right tailored routes for your needs and interests Get around easily - easy-to-read, full-color route maps, detailed directions Insider tips to get around like a local, avoid trouble spots and be safe on the road - local driving rules, parking, toll roads Essential info at your fingertips - hours of operation, phone numbers, websites, prices Honest reviews for all budgets - eating, sleeping, sightseeing, hidden gems that most guidebooks miss Useful features - including Stretch Your Legs, Detours, Link Your Trip Covers Los Angeles, Chicago, St Louis, Kansas, California, Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois and more The Perfect Choice: Lonely Planet Route 66 Road Trips is perfect for exploring Route 66 in the classic American way - by road trip! Planning a Route 66 trip sans a car? Lonely Planet's USA guide, our most comprehensive guide to the USA, is perfect for exploring both top sights and lesser-known gems. Looking for a guide focused on a specific Route 66 city? Check out the Lonely Planet Chicago guide or the Los Angeles, San Diego & Southern California guide for a comprehensive look at all that these cities have to offer, or Pocket Chicago and Pocket Los Angeles, handy-sized guides focused on the can't-miss sights for a quick trip. There's More in Store for You: For more road-tripping ideas, check out Lonely Planet's USA Best Trips guides to Southwest USA, Florida & the South or New York & the Mid-Atlantic's Best Trips guide or Road Trips guides to Pacific Coast Highways, to San Antonio, Austin & Texas Backcountry or the Civil War Trail Also, check out Lonely Planet's European Best Trips guides to Europe or Road Trips guides to Iceland's Ring Road, Normandy & D-Day Beaches, or the Amalfi Coast eBook Features: (Best viewed on tablet devices and smartphones) Downloadable PDF and offline maps prevent roaming and data charges Effortlessly navigate and jump between maps and reviews Add notes to personalize your guidebook experience Seamlessly flip between pages Bookmarks and speedy search capabilities get you to key pages in a flash Embedded links to recommendations' websites Zoom-in maps and images Inbuilt dictionary for quick referencing About Lonely Planet: Lonely Planet is a leading travel media company, providing both inspiring and trustworthy information for every kind of traveler since 1973. Over the past four decades, we've printed over 145 million guidebooks and phrasebooks for 120 languages, and grown a dedicated, passionate global community of travelers. You'll also find our content online, and in mobile apps, videos, 14 languages, armchair and lifestyle books, ebooks, and more, enabling you to explore every day. 'Lonely Planet guides are, quite simply, like no other.' – New York Times 'Lonely Planet. It's on everyone's bookshelves; it's in every traveler's hands. It's on mobile phones. It's on the Internet. It's everywhere, and it's telling entire generations of people how to travel the world.' – Fairfax Media (Australia)

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It is the Seventies. Ed Macale is thirty plus and soon to be divorced. He suddenly quits his secure job and home and escapes from the routine of suburban England to realise his long held dream of going to America. Ever since he was a kid he was inspired by seeing colourful images of that big country in the cinema. Now he is finally able to take a life-changing trip and on his own terms. With his personal possessions in a bag and only four contacts to stay with, he hitchhikes westward across the vast varied landscape on historic Route 66 to California. It is an exciting experience as he hitches rides, a couple of over thousands of miles, meets a diverse collection of fellow travellers and passes through the most spectacular countryside he has ever seen: it is the romance of the road. Immersing himself into the exciting and existential footloose culture of the road he recaptures the journeys of the thirties migrants and the beat authors and hippies of the post war generation. This is Ed's story of the events and his feelings about them as he explores and experiences a different country for the first time.

Hitching the Highway

Written by parents, for parents, this opinionated, personal, and easy-to-use guide has hundreds of ideas to keep the kids entertained for an hour, a day, or a weekend! Fun with the Family Southern California leads the way to amusement parks, historical attractions, children's museums, wildlife habitats, festivals, parks, and much more. The whole family will enjoy . . . Sampling aebleskiver (Danish

pancake balls) in Solvang—the region's "little bit of Denmark" Getting sea legs on a whale watch in the Santa Barbara Channel Strolling the Walk of Fame in Los Angeles Traveling back to the 1920s on the Fillmore & Western Railway

Fun with the Family Southern California

The ultimate guide to America's most famous highway. The Route 66 Encyclopedia is the complete resource on the history, landmarks and personalities that have made the USA's most iconic highway. Stretching over two thousand miles from Chicago to Santa Monica, Route 66 journeys directly to the heart of the United States. An encyclopedia with a twist, The Route 66 Encyclopedia presents alphabetical entries on everything from Bobby Troup's anthem "Route 66" to The Grapes of Wrath, illustrated with hundreds of photos of the highway and its sights. With references to the old (including the history of the U Drop Inn Café in Texas) and new (a section about the recent Cars movie), The Route 66 Encyclopedia provides a sweeping look at a highway that has become more than just a road. An atlas with 25 current and historical maps will guide your journey from the Abbyllee Motel to Zuzax, New Mexico, taking in all of the essential landmarks along the way.

The Route 66 Encyclopedia

One might not expect to find much in the middle of California's hot, dry deserts. But to the curious explorer, they're scattered with strange and extraordinary sights. On old Route 66, the desert traveler can find quirky roadside art and mementos left by motorists. In the El Paso Mountains of the Mojave, the daring adventurer can crawl through a tunnel that was hand dug by an old prospector named Burro Schmidt. In Landers, the weary wanderer can enjoy a rejuvenating "sound bath" in an acoustically perfect dome supposedly designed by aliens. From astounding natural wonders to remnants of ancient civilizations and the Wild West, discover treasures of history, puzzling mystery and uncommon eccentricity alongside seasoned road trippers Alan and Claudia Heller.

Curiosities of the California Desert

"The great world traveler and writer Trevor Summons has decided to settle down in Southern California and conduct all his subsequent literary expeditions here. Summons is now the region's tour guide of choice. He leads readers not only on visits to the well-known attractions, but also on journeys of discovery to hidden locations that are even more fascinating. This collection of some of his best articles must be considered the new travel bible that belongs in the car, motorcycle, backpack, suitcase and bookshelf of anyone who wishes to explore the Golden State's glittery half." —John Weeks, Features Editor L.A.N.G. (Retd!) Trevor's Travels (in Southern California) is the result of 15 years of a weekly column published each Sunday in the San Bernardino Sun and other newspapers in the Los Angeles Newspaper Group (L.A.N.G.) Each piece is an account of a location recommended for a day visit. S. California has a great deal to offer both resident and visitor. From museums and art galleries to the many beautiful outdoor locations, the area has it all – and you don't have to worry too much about the weather! The 150 places herein range from the eerily named but interesting Museum of Death to the awe-inspiring Getty, and from the Living Desert in Palm Springs to the relaxing beach of Marina Del Rey.

Trevor's Travels

Iconic vistas, eerie roadside attractions and celebrity ghosts. From the stark beauty of the Mojave Desert to the haunted Santa Monica Pier, California's Route 66 is a truly spirited road trip. The road is lined with ghost towns such as Ludlow, a town that lived and died twice, and Goffs, now a dusty museum where the shades of the past walk the streets. In Barstow, a hundred-year-old rail station hosts long-dead passengers still waiting for their trains, and in Monrovia, the Aztec Hotel entertains spirits from a bygone era, as does the Pasadena Playhouse, the official state theater of California. Join author and paranormal historian Brian Clune as he explores the haunted history of the Mother Road.

California's Haunted Route 66

Route 66: Lost and Found conveys the spirit and the times, not quite like any other book. Arizona Daily SunFor several decades, Route 66 was the nation's main east-west thoroughfare, pointing Middle America toward all the promise California seemed to hold at various times, whether permanent refuge from the Dust Bowl or a temporary escape from the drudgery of everyday suburban life in prosperous

postwar America. As such, America's Main Street once teemed with activity . . . bustling centers of commerce that evaporated into the vast American landscape like the jet contrails overhead and the heat rising from the Interstate asphalt. This engaging look at the "Mother Road" takes 75 locations along its 2,297 mile route from Chicago to Santa Monica and shows them first during their halcyon heydays through black-and-white photographs and period postcards, then on the facing page as they appear today, from the exact same angle and also through vivid black-and-white photographs.

Route 66, Lost & Found