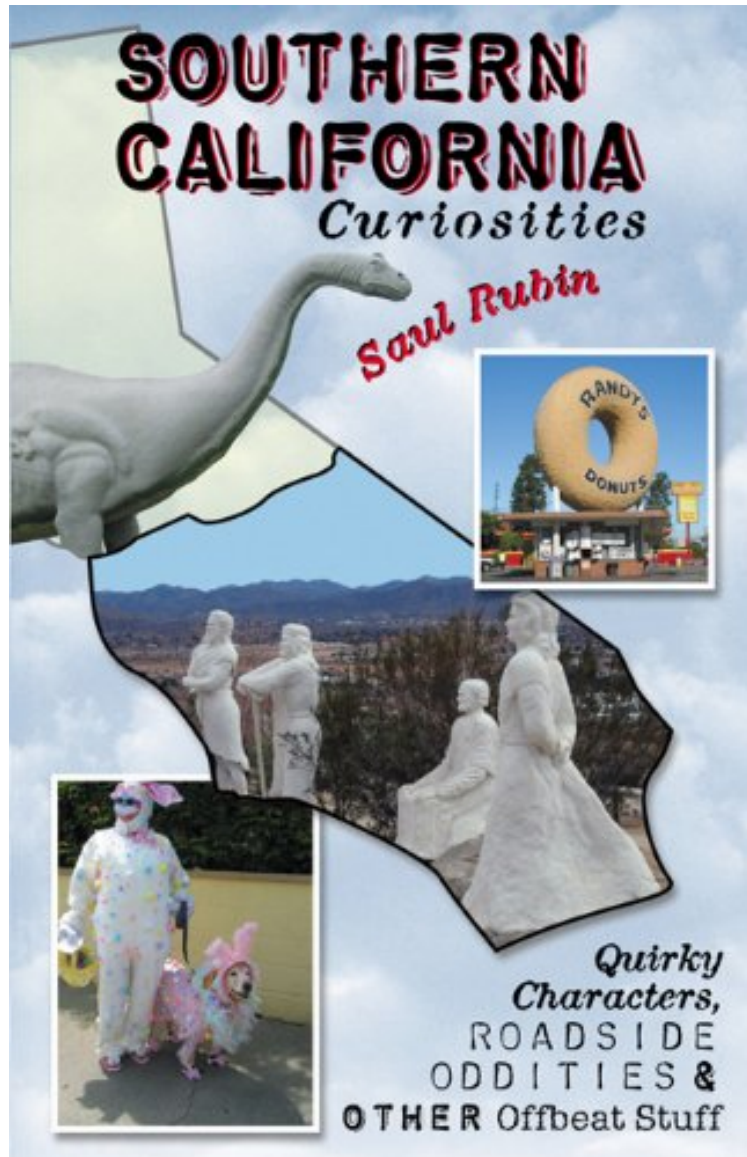


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## Southern California Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities, Other Offbeat Stuff (Curiosities Series):

A guide to the offbeat people, places, and events that make Southern California even stranger than readers might think!

From the Back Cover Southern California Curiosities is your round-trip ticket to the wildest, wackiest, most outrageous people, places, and things the lower half of the Golden State has to offer. Humorist and veteran journalist Saul Rubin has traveled way off Southern California's beaten path for one-of-a-kind gems that make his home turf truly unique. You'll meet the world's loudest finger snapper, a man who teaches etiquette to camels, and a couple who built a house that spins. You'll discover the best places to eat raisin-sweet-potato pie, drink a date shake, or sample strawberry nachos and pizza. You'll tour an egg collection, a house of trash, and a burlesque museum featuring Gypsy Rose Lee's glove collection, Sally Rands' ivory-handled fans, and costumes from the likes of Blaze Starr, Lili St. Cyr, and Chesty Morgan. Whether you were born and raised in Southern California or are a recent transplant, Saul Rubin's home-grown humor will have you laughing out loud as he introduces you to the neighbors you never knew you had and takes you to places you never knew existed - right in your own backyard. About the Author Saul Rubin has hobnobbed with celebrities (as entertainment writer for the Los Angeles Times), chased down sports figures (for Fox Sports Net), penned a weekly humor column (for Copley Los Angeles Newspapers), and written two other books (Offbeat Museums and Offbeat Marijuana). He is now a full-time journalism instructor at Santa Monica College and lives in the Los Angeles area with his wife and daughter. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.

A Festival That Draws Lots of Dips Fallbrook It's no secret what keeps the town of Fallbrook humming along: It's the avocados. Avocado trees were first planted here in 1912 and today the town's hundreds of small avocado groves generate more than \$26 million in annual revenue. Fallbrook's designation as the avocado capital of the world is hard earned, an honor celebrated since the mid-1980s with an avocado festival. There's plenty of guacamole dip at the fair for sure, with pros and amateurs alike competing for best recipe awards. Other contests are more intriguing, such as the Avo Olympics, which features intense competition in avocado pit spitting and avocado croquet. Then there's the Avocado 500, where contestants outfit avocados with wheels to see which fruit is the fastest. Car crashes here are no problem--they're just scooped up with tortilla chips. Most peculiar of all, perhaps, is the contest to determine the best-dressed and best-decorated avocados. It's no surprise that the avocado-themed town has a number of Mexican restaurants. One, La Caseta, decided in 1992 to make one heck of a super burrito. It weighed 2,237 pounds and measured three feet wide and 36 feet long, establishing a world record that it held for a few years. It's a good thing that the town had enough guacamole around to complement the super-sized entre.