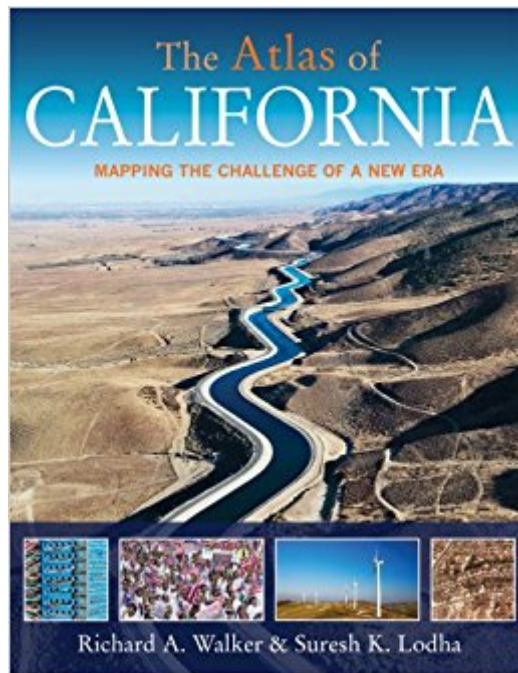




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The Atlas Of California: Mapping The Challenge Of A New Era (Atlas Of... (University Of California Press))



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California is at a crossroads. For decades a global leader, inspiring the hopes and dreams of millions, the state has recently faced double-digit unemployment, multi-billion dollar budget deficits and the loss of trillions in home values. This atlas brings together the latest research and statistics in a graphic form that gives shape and meaning to these numbers. It shows a new California in the making, as it maps the economic, social, and political trends of a state struggling to maintain its leadership and to continue to offer its citizens the promise of prosperity. Among the world's largest economies, California is the nation's agricultural powerhouse, high tech crucible and leader in renewable energy. The state is the most populous and most diverse state in the continental U.S. Yet its infrastructure is coming under increasing pressure. Water supply systems are strained, the legendary highways are over capacity, and the celebrated system of public schooling is unable to offer affordable quality education at all levels. Health and welfare services, particularly for the poor, needy, disabled, and seniors, are at great risk. This indispensable resource gives readers the tools they need to understand the transformation as California attempts to forge a new identity in the midst of unprecedented challenges.

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I bought this after hearing an incredibly engaging interview with the author on KPFA. This is not a conventional atlas, but looks at the history and contemporary reality of California through the lens and measure of social justice and equality. I learned so much, and will continue to return to it as a reference in life and in my work as a teacher.

My daughter bought this for a class she is taking in college. I took a look at it when it arrived, and it is full of interesting facts, easily understood charts, and colorful illustrations! I want to take the class with her...not that she will let me.

This has some good information but also includes quite a bit of filler. The tone is also extremely didactic and partisan, which leads one to question the data and its presentation. There are a few topics with which I happen to be fairly immersed and could see the presentation was misleading and agitpropish. In the forward the authors mention that they "make no pretense of neutrality" and rhetorically ask "is such advocacy a violation of the honest goals of a California Atlas?" Unfortunately, for me the answer to that question is "Well, kind of, bro." Overall this is about half good content and useful maps and half campaign literature of dubious accuracy. I could recommend this with some reservations if a good price is being offered.

love the book, i only wish the physical size was a little larger.

Informative, Innovative, Interesting

Very educational and interesting. Gotta love my California!!

There is a lot to see and learn here.

I found "The Atlas of CALIFORNIA: Mapping the Challenge of a New Era" at local library. I was so amazed with its content, I immediately ordered a copy for myself. Where else can you learn about California so broadly and so quickly?

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