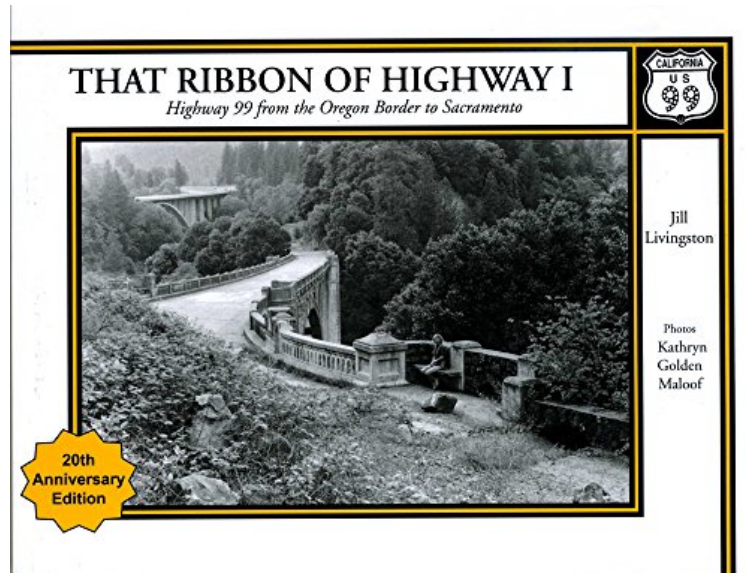


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**Jill Livingston : That Ribbon of Highway I : Highway 99 from the Oregon Border to Sacramento** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised That Ribbon of Highway I : Highway 99 from the Oregon Border to Sacramento:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Armchair time-travelBy H. Johnson"That Ribbon of Highway" wonderfully captures the memory of those times when travel along "the Main Street of California" was indeed an adventure. It takes the reader back to a time before Interstate 5 made travel through the state a matter of speeding from origin to destination, with the only experience with the outside world involving, say, a quick stop at the drive-through window at yet another stamped-out McDonald's. As the author points out, of the three major north/south highways in California, Highway 101 may have been more romantic, Highway 395 more mysterious, but it was Highway 99 that truly served as "the peoples' highway," and thus is arguably more important in a historical scope.I like this book a lot. The author and photographer have lovingly captured the historical spirit of Highway 99. I give it four stars instead of five only because I don't want to build the expectations of this book too much. It isn't a big, coffee table-sized tome filled with large glossy full-color photos and expansive essays. Rather, it's more a small, "night stand" sized volume, with black and white photos and brief treatments of the various points of interest along the stretch of the highway between the Oregon border and Sacramento. However, the modest format of the book compliments memories of those pre-Interstate 5 days more adeptly than would a Time/Life version of the subject; it goes gentle on the memories of our hearts by bringing them to the fore, rather than revising them with someone else's vision.For those readers who treasure the memories of a time when travel by road seemed a richer, more colorful experience, I heartily recommend "That Ribbon of Highway." It's a little book with lots of heart and soul. HJ1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lots of NostalgiaBy Ginger RussellEspecially if you grew up in California's Central Valley, this book has a lot of interesting history and a nostalgic look at some landmarks that may or may not be there any more. The only

"minor" thing that I wish was different is the size of the book. It's my fault for not looking at the dimensions, but for some reason I was expecting it to be bigger. In any event, I am not sorry I got it, and I am looking forward to Part II, which is Hwy. 99 south of Sacramento. When I was a kid, my dad took us on many trips up and down the State, stopping at some of the touristy places and just sightseeing, and that's what this book recalls. So if you want to take a look back, or if you want to forge your own trail today, this is a good book to start with. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommended for California history buffs. By Midwest Book Review Living Gold Press has published a two volume regional history and guidebook collaboration by Jill Livingston and Kathryn Golden Maloof focusing on California U.S. 99, a highway that extends from the Mexican Border to the Oregon Border. That Ribbon Of Highway I: Highway 99 From The Oregon Border To The State Capital presents historically informative and engaging text by Jill Livingston that is splendidly enhanced by Kathryn Maloofs photography as well as line drawn maps, community vignettes, descriptions of key bridges, and landmark sites. Also highly recommended is the companion book, That Ribbon Of Highway II: Highway 99 From The State Capital To The Mexican Border.

Updated, Revised, Expanded for the 21st Century. Travel the Main Street of California, from your armchair or behind the wheel of your car, with this illustrated regional history and road guide. The author evokes an earlier era when life was seemingly less complicated, when parents packed the kids into the station wagon and took to the two-lane highways.

"...written by someone who cares....We really enjoyed this book." -- Out West Newspaper "If you can't drive Highway 99 yourself this year, these books are a good second-best experience." -- travelthesideroads.com "The photos capture many of the remaining landmarks as well as hidden treasures now forgotten." --The Claremont Courier "Their attention to detail is truly impressive." --Fresno Bee "Your work obviously represents many, many hours of extensive research on the old highway." --Charles Smith, Editor, Action Era Vehicle From the Publisher Comments from the Media about Ribbon I and Ribbon II From the Inside Flap BACK COVER COPY: The road topped the crest of the Siskiyou, cut through a 4000' mountain pass chiseled out of solid rock, headed sharply downhill and south, and in a couple of miles crossed into a part of California sitting on the southern threshold of the conifer-covered Pacific Northwest. Over 900 miles later it ended in a sweltering desert valley on the border of another country. Inbetween, it bisected the state neatly into East and West. On its way south, it crossed mountain ranges, wound through tortuous river canyons, beelined across broad valleys dotted with magnificent oaks, passed through fertile fields and orchards, made its mark an innumerable settlements, large and small. This was US Highway 99.