California History Suggested Reading List

While this list is a compilation of what many Christian homeschool families use, as always, please use discretion to choose what fits best for your family and your children's ages and maturity levels.

Book Title	Author
Anita of Rancho Del Mar	Elaine F. O'Brien
Blue Willow	Doris Gates
By the Great Horn Spoon!	Sid Fleischman
The California Gold Rush	May McNeer
California Indian Days	Helen Bauer
California Rancho Days	Helen Bauer
Carlota	Scott O'Dell
Chang's Paper Pony	Eleanor Coerr
Columbus	Ingri & Edgar D'Aulaire
The Dragon's Child	Laurence Yep
Dragon's Gate	Laurence Yep
Esperanza Rising	Pam Muñoz Ryan
Father Junipero Serra: The Traveling Missionary	Linda Lyngheim
First Voyage to America	Christopher Columbus
The Giant Rat of Sumatra	Sid Fleischman
God's Mountain Man: The Story of Jedediah Strong Smith	Esther Loewen Vogt
The Gold Discovery	William C. Dillinger
If You Lived at the Time of the Great San Francisco Earthquake	Ellen Levine
Ishi, Last of His Tribe	Theodora Kroeber
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell
Marco Polo, His Notebook	Susan Roth
Mustang, Wild Spirit of the West	Marguerite Henry
Narcissa Whitman	Carol Ryrie Brink
On to Oregon!	Honore Morrow
Patty Reed's Doll, The Story of the Donner Party	Rachel K. Laurgaard
Pedro's Journal	Pam Conrad
Quake!	Gail Langer Karwoski
Riders of the Pony Express	Ralph Moody
Seeds of Hope: The Gold Rush Diary of Susanna Fairchild, California 1849	Kristiana Gregory
Song of the Swallows	Leo Politi
Story of Junipero Serra, Brave Adventurer	Florence White
Ten Mile Day: The Story of the Transcontinental Railroad	Mary Ann Fraser
Two Years Before the Mast	Richard Henry Dana
Under a Strong Wind: The Adventures of Jessie Benton Fremont	Dorothy Nafus Morrison
Valley of the Moon: The Diary of María Rosalia de Milagros	Sherry Garland
Zia	Scott O'Dell