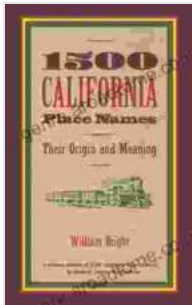


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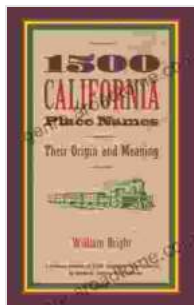
Place Name	Origin	Meaning
Alcatraz Island	Spanish	Island of the Pelicans
Big Sur	Spanish	Big South
Catalina Island	Spanish	Island of the Buffalo
Death Valley	English	Valley of Death
Golden Gate	English	Gateway to the Pacific
Hollywood	English	Hollywood Ranch (after a holly tree)
Joshua Tree	Native American	after the Joshua tree (<i>Yucca brevifolia</i>)
Lake Tahoe	Washoe Native American	Big Water

Place Name	Origin	Meaning
Los Angeles	Spanish	The Angels
Mount Whitney	English	after geologist Josiah Whitney
Napa Valley	Native American	Village on the Water
Pacific Ocean	Spanish	Peaceful Ocean
Palm Springs	English	after the California fan palm (Washingtonia filifera)
Redwood National Park	English	after the coast redwood (Sequoia sempervirens)
San Francisco	Spanish	Saint Francis
Santa Monica	Spanish	Saint Monica
Silicon Valley	English	after the silicon-based semiconductor industry
Yosemite Valley	Native American	Large Grizzly Bear

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