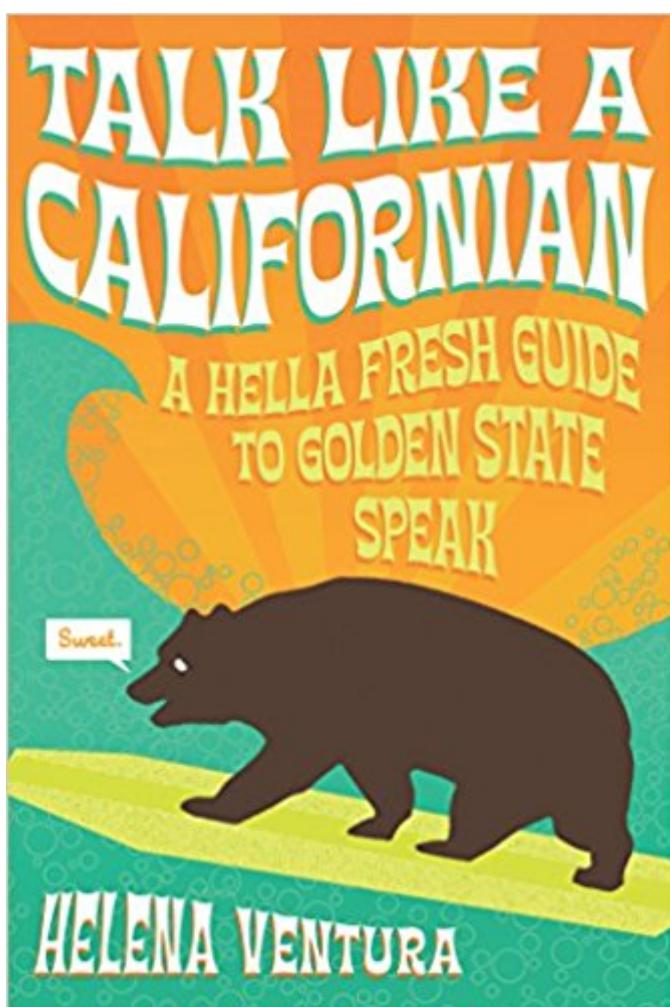


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# Talk Like A Californian: A Hella Fresh Guide To Golden State Speak



## Synopsis

Dude, are you pumped to hack California-speak so you don't sound like a buster? This sweet guide will get you talking fresh, whether you're in the 626 or the Yay Area, whether you're below the line or in the pocket, or whether you're on fleek or on hiatus. Swoop this epic read, take the 5 to the 405 to the 73, and you'll be a legit Californian. To translate, this vibrantly designed, modestly priced pocket guide to California slang will help residents and visitors alike feel at home wherever they go in the Golden State, from the beach to a food truck and from a Hollywood soundstage to a Silicon Valley cocktail party. Helena Ventura is the pen name for a California writer of mystery and lore. Speaking for her will be the book's editor Colleen Dunn Bates, publisher of Prospect Park Books and a sixth-generation Californian.

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"The Dubs are finna go undefeated, yaddadi-mean? If you didn't understand that, there's a new book that might be able to help... The author, Colleen Dunn Bates (who uses the pen name Helena Ventura), said she wrote the slim book mostly for fun. But it could also help save new arrivals to California from embarrassment." The New York Times "Good looks!" Madeleine Brand, KCRW/NPR "I smiled at the clean, sunny layout and laughed at the wit of the more outrageous of the usage examples. Talk Like a Californian can help you to flip a bitch (to make a sudden U-turn) in the face of life's eggy (dull, blah, boring) moments and turn them into golden time (super-duper overtime that typically kicks in for union workers after 16 hours)." Santa Barbara Independent "The book is full of

knowing insights into seemingly small phrases that offer real glimpses into the way we live from how we talk. The only thing wrong with the volume is it's too slim, which in the end invites a sequel, which will be a good thing. Then I can learn new variants on my native tongue to complement this techism: The three commas club, as in being suddenly worth a cool billion.

Larry Wilson, Los Angeles Daily News and Pasadena Star-News  
"Dude, hack the lingo and grab some of this sweet California speak with Talk Like a Californian" an epic book to give to friends! also entertaining to share with friends over guac and beer.

Helena Ventura is the pen name for a California writer of mystery and lore. Editor Colleen Dunn Bates will speak on behalf of the author and the book.

I am a fifth generation Californian from SoCal who now lives in NorCal. I enjoyed this little read very much! I was appreciated the author's understanding of California ego and pride, which is evident in her handling of such faux pas as "Cali", "Frisco", "The 5" vs "I-5", and our close bond with our Mexican heritage, Pacific Coast culture, and Gold Rush history. My only disappointment was its brevity. I read it in twenty minutes and passed it on.

As a Californian, I found this very fun and pretty darn accurate. Life is way too short to not laugh at ourselves! I've given a couple copies as "Smile" gifts.

Entertaining little book!

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