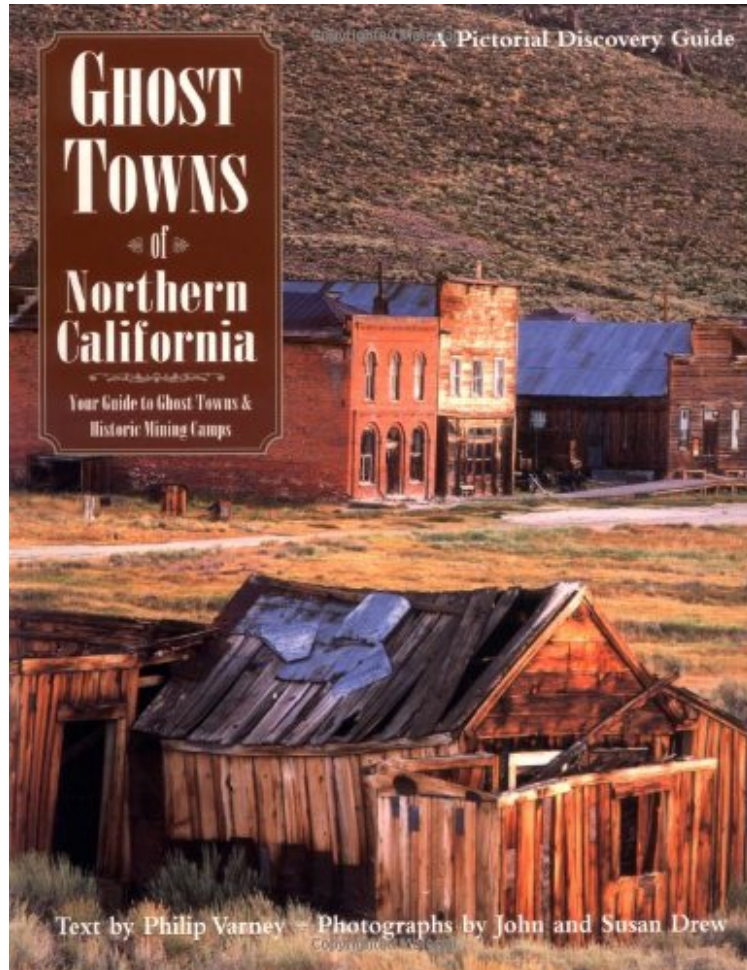


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No one knows ghost towns--nor what ghost town lovers want to know about them--like Philip Varney. Tony Hillerman. Get ready for adventure as ghost town expert Philip Varney takes you on a tour of Northern California's most fascinating historic mining camps and ghost towns. *Ghost Towns of Northern California* provides background on the Gold Rush of 1849 and later strikes, as well as comprehensive information on more than 50 towns and sites--from out-of-the-way Campo Seco and New Idria to popular sites such as Coloma and Bodie. Varney also covers ghost forts, Chinese fishing villages, and the famous "ghost prison" of Alcatraz. If you're an armchair visitor, you'll appreciate the rich color photographs and descriptive text that bring the region to life. With chapters arranged by region and tons of travel information and maps, visitors will find this pictorial guide makes traveling the area a breeze. John Drew is the photographer of *Ghost Towns of Colorado*; he and his wife Susan Drew have photographed ghost towns throughout the West.

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