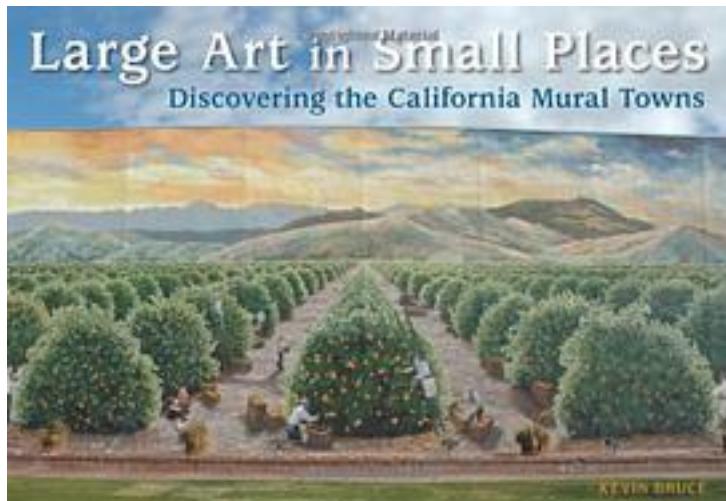


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In the 1930s, film star (and part Cherokee) Will Rogers would come to Bishop, California, and buy the Native American children ice cream at the local pharmacy soda fountain, at a time when they weren't allowed inside. Today, a mural on the town's modern-day pharmacy commemorates that moment--huge pink ice cream cones and all. The small towns of California are filled with such murals, capturing moments of local color, cultural significance, natural beauty, and imaginative whimsy. This book is your key to going off the beaten path and discovering these hidden gems of public art for yourself.

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