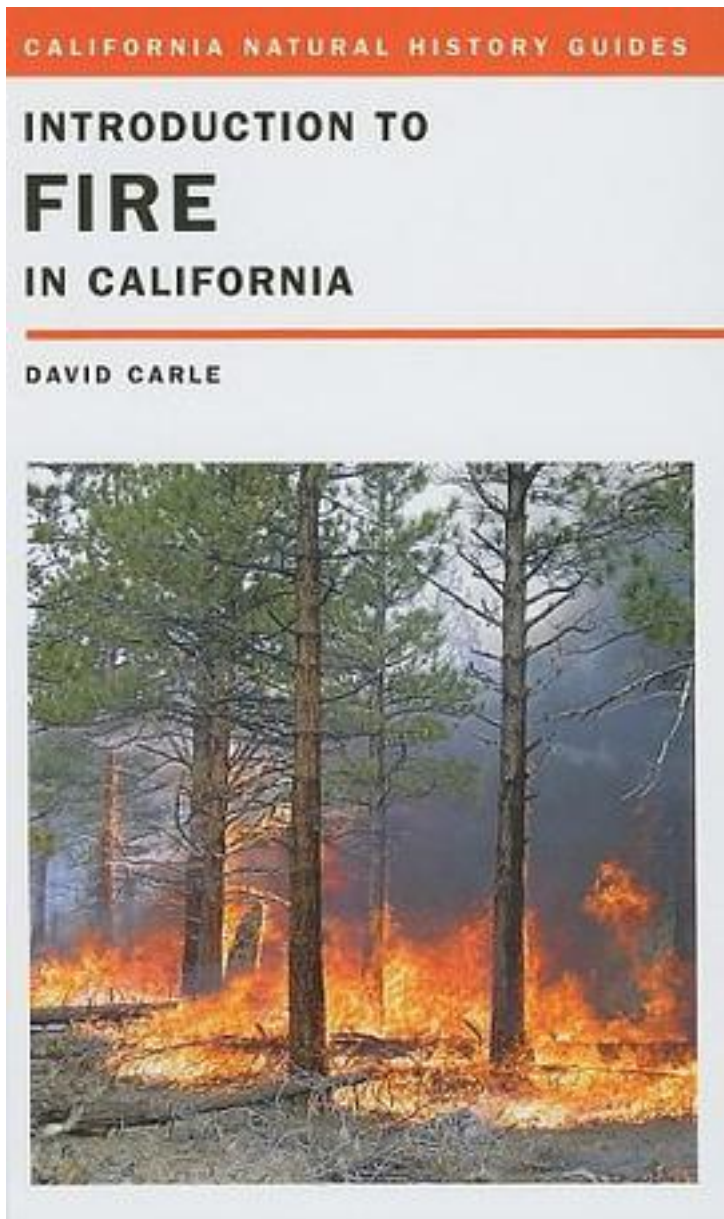


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What is fire? How are wildfires ignited? How do California's weather and topography influence fire? How did the California Indians use fire? In the spirit of his highly acclaimed "Introduction to Air in California" and "Introduction to Water in California", David Carle now turns to another fundamental element of the natural world, giving a fascinating and concise view of this complex topic. His clearly written, dramatically illustrated book will help Californians, including the millions who live near naturally flammable wildlands, better understand their own place in the state's landscape. Carle covers the basics of fire ecology; looks at the effects of fire on wildlife, soil, water, and air; discusses firefighting organizations and land management agencies; explains current policies; and, explores many other topics. This title features: 91 color illustrations and 15 maps; tips on what to do before, during, and after fires; an overview of major wildfires in California's history; and, a discussion of the effect of climate change on fires in natural landscapes. This is a book in the "Californians and Their Environment" subseries, dedicated to understanding human influences on the state's ecology and natural resources.

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