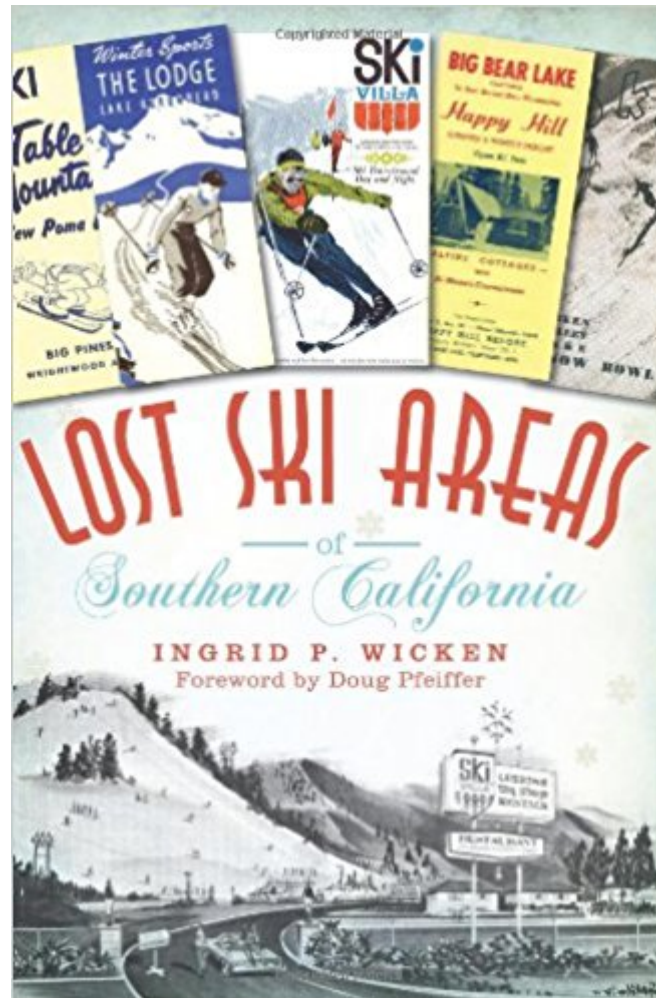




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Synopsis

The snow-laden slopes of the San Bernardino and San Gabriel Mountains have beckoned Southland skiers since the 1930s. Many once-cherished ski areas have disappeared, yet their history remains. A short drive from the sun and sand, places like Rebel Ridge and Kratka Ridge offered snowy escapes. Thrilling races were held at the First International Pine Needle Ski Tournament in North Hollywood, while the San Diego Ski Club boasted Dorothy McClung Wullich, the first female member of the National Ski Patrol. Ingrid Wicken, ski historian and founder of the California Ski Library, chronicles Southern California's lost mountain getaways and the vanished ski areas that introduced everything from rope tows to artificial snow.

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Very interesting history. Missed ski areas belonging to private ski clubs at Mt. Waterman. Story of Lynn Newcomb and his history of Mt Waterman along with others not mentioned. Doug P should have remembered! Kratka Ridge has a good story of four local ski tow operators who wanted to develop San G and how they were defeated by turning the area into wilderness in Washington DC. Bob Cartmell

Really comprehensive look at the local area with detailed descriptions of resorts that don't exist anymore. Great book for a local history buff.

So happy to find a book on this subject!

Lots of great info on a relatively obscure but interesting part of Southern California history. Ingrid did a great job of researching and documenting, as well as collecting rare pics to add.

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