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# An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North

by Pat Hunter and Janice Stevens

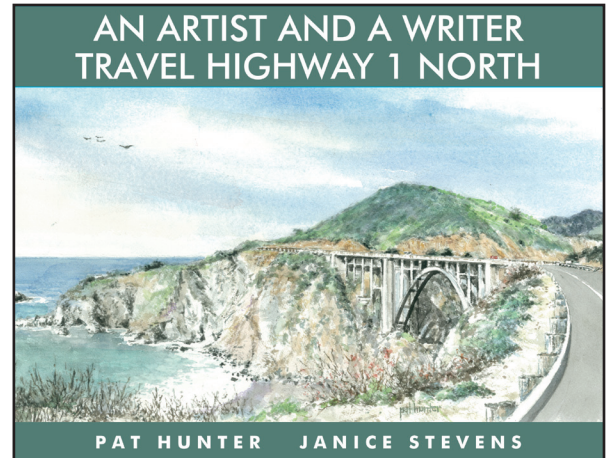
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It's perhaps the most famous highway in the world — California State Highway 1, a narrow strip of roadway between the cliffs and the ocean on the very edge of the continent. Blessed with spectacular natural landscapes, inspiring ocean views and the echoes of California history, Highway 1 is a scenic drive like no other.

*An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North* is a unique literary and artistic guidebook that draws the reader on along the northern half of Highway 1, from the Bixby Bridge south of Carmel to Leggett in extreme northern California, as seen through the eyes of a fine artist and a writer.

Lavishly illustrated with over 100 original full-color Pat Hunter watercolors depicting the natural and man-made glories of California's coast, *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North* is a thinking person's travel guide that reveals hidden treasures and unexpected delights.

Written as a memoir of the authors' tour along the highway, the book takes an appealingly idiosyncratic perspective, as the authors record their explorations off the beaten path, their serendipitous discoveries, and their personal reactions to the places and people they encounter.

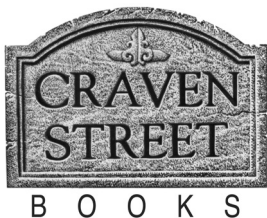
Going far beyond the usual travel guide, *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North* is a literary and artistic collaboration that captures a very personal experience of a journey, illuminated by a deep historical awareness of the places, people and events of Highway 1 and the California coast.

Perfect for keeping in the car or planning ahead at home, *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North* directs the reader to points of interest, sights to see and places to stay and the best seafood restaurants on the coast, giving readers everything they need to organize their own personal Highway 1 journeys.

A satisfying and contemplative mixture of captivating artistry and personal essay, *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North* reinvents the travel guide as a literary form.

**Audience:** California tourism readers, California history readers and art lovers.

**About the Authors:** **Pat Hunter** is a widely recognized regional artist whose work has been shown in museums and galleries throughout California. **Janice Stevens** is an author and teacher of English literature and creative writing. Hunter and Stevens have collaborated on numerous books on California architecture and history.



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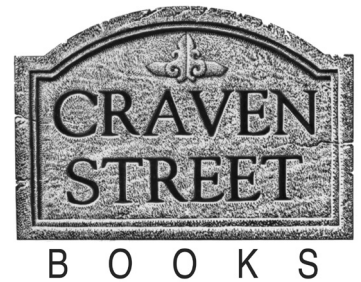
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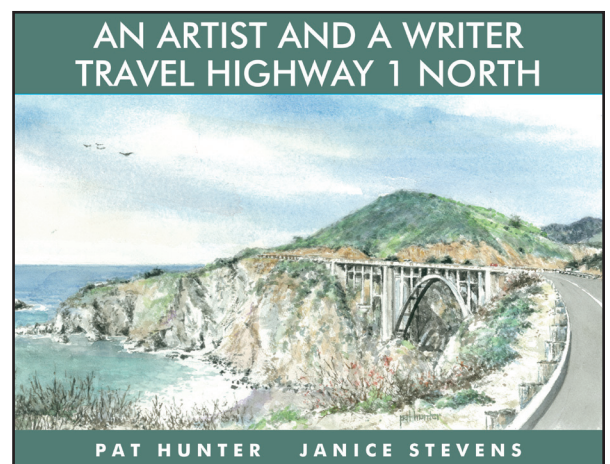
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Award-winning artist Pat Hunter and award-winning author Janice Stevens present a charmingly quirky view of the landscapes and history of Highway 1 in their new art book, *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North* (Craven Street Books, October 2012).



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The reader is invited to join Hunter, Stevens, and their dogs Echo and Pokey as they follow the footsteps of Kerouac and Steinbeck on a personal journey up the highway and around the countryside surrounding it. Hunter's beautiful artwork takes the reader directly to the scene, capturing the scenery, light and majesty of the coast so perfectly you feel you are there. Stevens' delightful and intimate narrative makes the reader a fellow-traveler and an accomplice to the authors' adventures.

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With an appealingly idiosyncratic perspective, the authors record their explorations off the beaten path, their serendipitous discoveries and their personal reactions to the places and people they encounter.

Journey with Hunter and Stevens (and the dogs!) as they:

—Make a nerve-wracking crossing of Bixby Bridge, 280 feet above crashing waves and rocks.

—Take a side jaunt to Fanshell Overlook by Pebble Beach, where seals return every year to birth their pups.

—Visit Point Pinos Lighthouse, in continuous operation since 1855, the oldest working lighthouse on the Pacific coast.

—Stalk Steinbeck locations along Monterey's Cannery Row.

—Discover California's little-known Russian past at Fort Ross.

—Walk among the hush of the giant redwoods.

—And go wherever else their impulse takes them through a 500-mile odyssey.

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Hunter's full-color illustrations make this a beautiful art book that is sure to appeal to art collectors and travel buffs alike. Stevens' insightful prose is full of character, personality and sense of place. Together, the text and pictures create a one-of-a-kind document of California's great highway.

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**About the Authors:** **Pat Hunter** is a widely recognized regional artist whose work has been shown in museums and galleries throughout California. **Janice Stevens** is an author and creative writing teacher. Hunter and Stevens have collaborated on numerous books on California architecture and history. They jointly received the Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Award in 2010 for their previous book, *Remembering the California Missions*.

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# About Pat Hunter

## Illustrator of *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North*

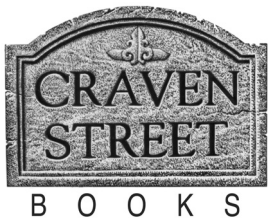


**Pat Hunter**, one of California's most recognized artists, is best known for her watercolor depictions of historical landmarks. Since the early 1990s, Hunter has been an invited artist-in-residence at the Yosemite National Park Art Center. Hunter's commissioned art can be found in numerous corporate and private collections, including more than 25 McDonald's restaurants throughout the United States. In 2011, the Clovis Unified School District commissioned her to paint watercolor depictions of the district's many schools for inclusion in the book *50 Unified Years*.

Hunter and Stevens have collaborated on numerous books featuring Hunter's watercolors, including *Fresno's Architectural Past, Volume I* (2006); *Fresno's Architectural Past, Volume II* (2007); *William Saroyan: Places in Time* (2008); and *Remembering the California Missions* (2010), all of which are available from Craven Street Books.

Hunter has been honored with the Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Award for her work on *Remembering the California Missions*, as well as the 2011 Fresno Arts Council Horizon Award in Art. In 2012 she was inducted into the Clovis, California, Hall of Fame for excellence in art and contributions to the community. Hunter serves on the Historical Landmarks and Records Commission and on the board of directors for Heritage Fresno.

Hunter and Stevens are currently working on *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 South*, the companion volume to *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North*.



For more information on *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North* (Craven Street Books, October 2012) or to arrange an interview with illustrator **Pat Hunter**, please contact Jaguar Bennett at Craven Street Books, (800) 345-4447, [Publicity@QuillDriverBooks.com](mailto:Publicity@QuillDriverBooks.com).



# About Janice Stevens

**Author of *An Artist and a Writer Travel Highway 1 North***



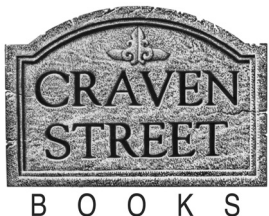
Janice Stevens is an author and instructor of English literature, composition and creative writing for the State Center Community College District. In addition to her works in collaboration with Pat Hunter, Stevens has compiled two volumes of military service memoirs by San Joaquin Valley Veterans: *Stories of Service: Valley Veterans Remember World War II* and *Stories of Service, Volume II: Valley Veterans Remember World War II, Korea, Vietnam. and the Cold War*.

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In honor of her work with military veterans, Stevens has received the Certificate of Award for Women in American History from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Crystal Award from the Clovis Unified School District. Stevens received the Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Award for her work on *Remembering the California Missions*. In 2010 she was inducted into the Clovis Hall of Fame.

Stevens writes the *Past Times: Histories of the San Joaquin Valley* column for *Central Valley* magazine and is a frequent contributor to *Valley Writers Read* on Valley Public Radio. Stevens serves on the board of Heritage Fresno and on the Fresno County Historic Landmark and Records Commission.

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