

San Jose Scavenger

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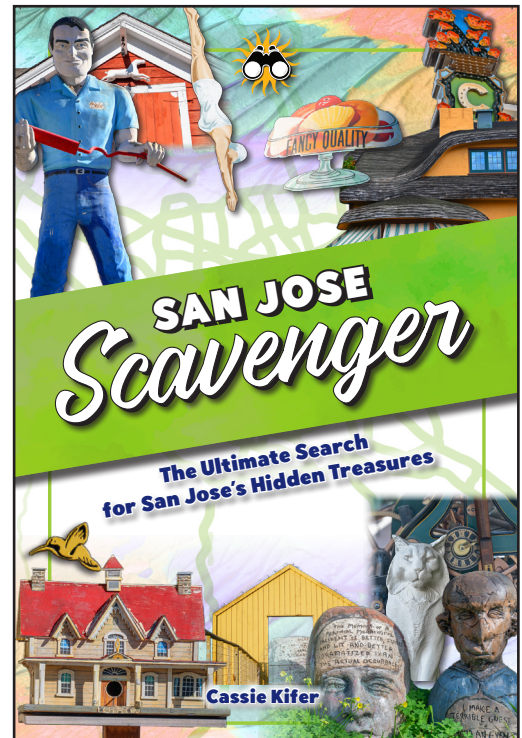


You're invited to take part in a treasure hunt to seek out the South Bay's hidden gems!

In your guide, *San Jose Scavenger*, follow the clues that lead to more than 300 weird and wonderful places, exploring 20 neighborhoods in every corner of Santa Clara County. From San Jose up to Palo Alto and down to Gilroy, these walkable and bike-friendly routes lead to some of the Bay Area's oldest sites, architectural treasures, hidden works of art, lesser-known museums, and unique parks and open spaces. Along the way, each hunt offers a look back in time and a chance to explore different parts of our community.

Discover an unexpected medieval fortification, burial grounds under a busy city park, towering South Pacific totem poles, a home with no right angles, and other unique finds. Learn the stories behind local place names and what Gilroy used to be known for, back before garlic.

Author and local travel writer Cassie Kifer brings her curiosity, passion for local history, and decades of experience exploring the Bay Area to these carefully crafted adventures. Whether you're challenging your family or friends, or heading out to find these spots on your own, you'll uncover local secrets and gain a deeper appreciation for our community.



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