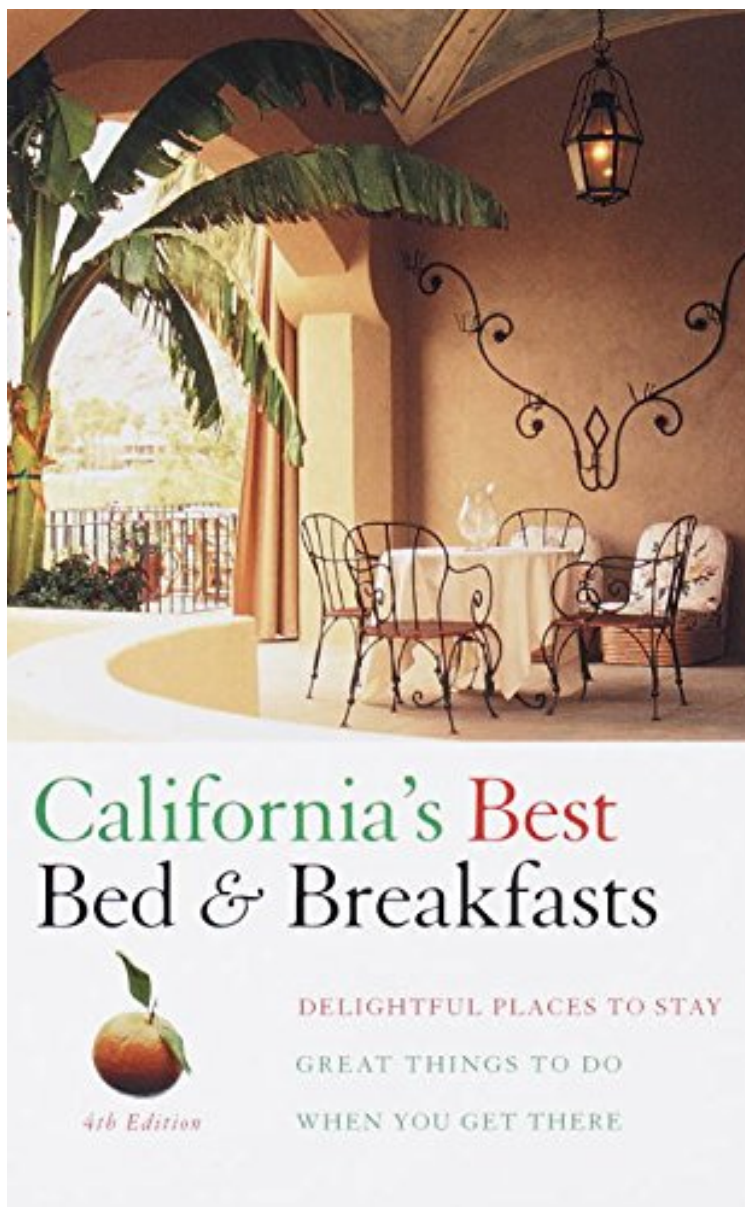


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**Our Best Tip** When traveling to BB way, always call ahead. If you're traveling to an inn because of a specific feature, make sure that it will be available when you get there and not closed for renovation. The same is true if you're making a special detour to take advantage of specific sights or attractions. And if you are traveling with children, if you prefer a private bath or a certain type of bed, if you have mobility problems, if you have specific dietary needs or any other concerns, discuss them with the innkeeper.