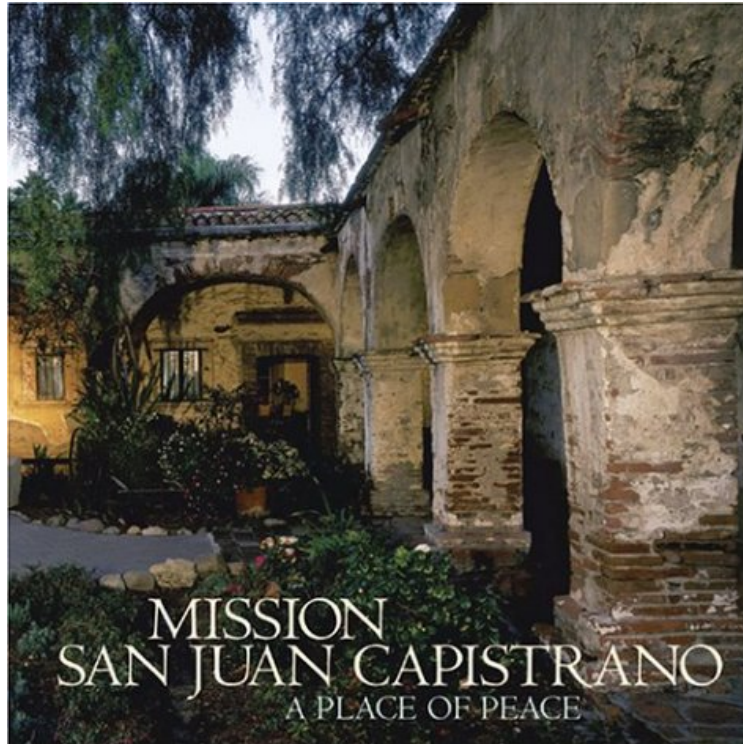


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This book is the story of California's Mission San Juan Capistrano, the people who built it, the people served by it, and the tens of thousands of people who visit it each year. Author Kathleen Walker and photographer Marc Muench celebrate the soul of this mission and relate in words and pictures the mission's place in history, art, and architecture. The missions of the Southwest all showcase their own sense of spirit and place and time. In MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO you'll find stories and myths from history, alongside observations of people at work in the mission today.

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FlapWhile creating this book, the writer and the photographer visited the different missions in a chain established when the Spanish empire moved into California. Each site stands alone, unique in architecture, in history, in condition. Visitors, often great groups of school children and their teachers, fill some missions. Silence is the hallmark of others. Mission San Juan Capistrano has its own sense of both the solitude that comes with the dawn and at twilight and the vigor that comes with hundreds of thousands of visitors. For months, the writer and the photographer worked to capture the soul of this mission, to relate in words and pictures the mission's place in history, art, and architecture. In doing so, they did not discount the importance of the other California missions, which, like Mission San Juan Capistrano, carry their own sense of place and time. The results can be found within these pages, telling stories woven from history and myths. The people of Mission San Juan Capistrano, past and present, also have their say. The native people; the priests who walked El Camino Real, "the royal road;" visitors touched by the mission's marvels; administrators, architects, archaeologists, artists, and blue-jeaned, hard-hatted workers who strive to hold the old mission together -- they too tell their tales. Amidst the excitement, the color, the movement of modern-day California, Mission San Juan Capistrano touches each visitor. For some the lasting mark may be the beauty of the place, or the faith, or the history, or the power of the builders who created the place. And for others, like the writer and photographer, it's a sense of the peace that lingers in the gardens, in the buildings, between the dawn and the twilight.

About the Author***A traveler through the history and the land of the American Southwest, author Kathleen Walker has covered the territory as reporter, freelance writer, and novelist. Her book, *SAN XAVIER: THE SPIRIT ENDURES* (1998), presents the story of the San Xavier Mission south of Tucson, Arizona, and the northern Mexico-Arizona mission chain. Her novel, *A CRUXIFIXION IN MEXICO* (1999) takes readers to the Mexico of the 1970s. Ms. Walker did her undergraduate work at the Universidad de las Americas in Mexico City and received her graduate degree from Fairfield University, a Jesuit college in Fairfield, Connecticut. From her home in Tucson, the author continues to look south to Mexico for her inspiration and the stories of the past. ***Photographer Marc Muench, a resident of Santa Barbara, California, serves as president of Muench Photography, Inc., while continuing to photograph for the Muench photography collection. He has engaged in landscape and sports/recreation photography in numerous states across America, from Florida to Alaska. Marc Muench's photography has appeared in publications such as *Time*, *National Geographic Traveler*, *Arizona Highways*, *Ski*, *Skiing*, *Outside*, and *Sierra*. In a book titled *THE CANTICLE OF THE EARTH: THE WORDS OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI CELEBRATED IN THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF DAVID MUENCH* (2002), Marc Muench collaborates with his father in combining landscape photography with the words of the man who founded the Franciscan order.