

MYSTERIOUS CALIFORNIA: FOUR AUTHORS
DISCUSSIONS QUESTIONS

**QUESTIONS TO POSE AFTER SCREENING OF DVD –
“MYSTERIOUS CALIFORNIA: FOUR AUTHORS”**

1. What new discoveries did you make about California while watching the film?
2. The four novels, “The Art of Detection,” “Shell Games,” “Sharpshooter,” and “Southland,” all feature different kinds of detectives. Which protagonist appears to be most interesting after meeting the authors?
3. Who has been to San Francisco? The Marin Headland? Who has been to Mendocino and Fort Bragg? Who has been to St. Helena and the Napa Valley? Who has been to the Crenshaw neighborhood of Los Angeles? What new things about these places did you learn watching the film?
4. Kirk Russell says he doesn’t think it’s as important to write what you know as it is to write what you care about. Do you think that’s good advice?
5. Have you learned anything new about the writing process?