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People Are Afraid to Merge on Freeways in Los Angeles

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File this one under: "People are afraid to merge on freeways in Los Angeles" (for fans of Bret Easton Ellis' quintessential LA book *Less Than Zero*).

I was loafing around Twitter and discovered what looks like a pretty cool e-book available on Amazon Kindle: *The Freeways of Los Angeles* by David Thompson.

The author discusses how the people of Southern California are 'in a love hate relationship with their freeways,' which are apparently among the oldest in the Nation.

Quirks are discussed like the stressful intuitive decision to switch to the (hopefully) appropriate lane from which to enter a new freeway. Haven't we all had a mini-panic attack after the 101 hits the 110 and turns into multi-lane hell?

All major freeways in LA and OC are covered in the book which seems like a fun read for the LA factoid-obsessed.

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