

The following ten books are considered the most authoritative on Fr. Serra, and none of them accuse the priest of torture:

- *Junipero Serra: California's Founding Father* by Steven Hackel
- *Converting California: Indians and Franciscans in the Missions* by James Sandos
- *Life and Times of Fray Junipero Serra, Volumes 1-2* by Maynard Geiger
- *Junipero Serra: California, Indians, and the Transformation of a Missionary* by Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz
- *Journey to the Sun: Junipero Serra's Dream and the Founding of California* by Gregory Orfalea
- *Saint Junipero Serra: Making Sense of History and Legacy* by Christian Clifford
- *Junipero Serra: A Short Biography* by Kerry Walters
- *A Cross of Thorns: The Enslavement of California's Indians by the Spanish Missions* by Elias Castillo
- *Life of Ven. Padre Junipero Serra* by Francis Palou
- *Francisco Palou's Life and Apostolic Labors of The Venerable Father Junipero Serra, Founder of The Franciscans* by Francisco Palou and C. Scott Williams

Finally, it must also be said that Vatican scholars pored over thousands of documents related to Fr. Serra and released a 1,200 page position paper on him. They would never recommend for sainthood anyone who ever authorized the torturing of innocent persons.