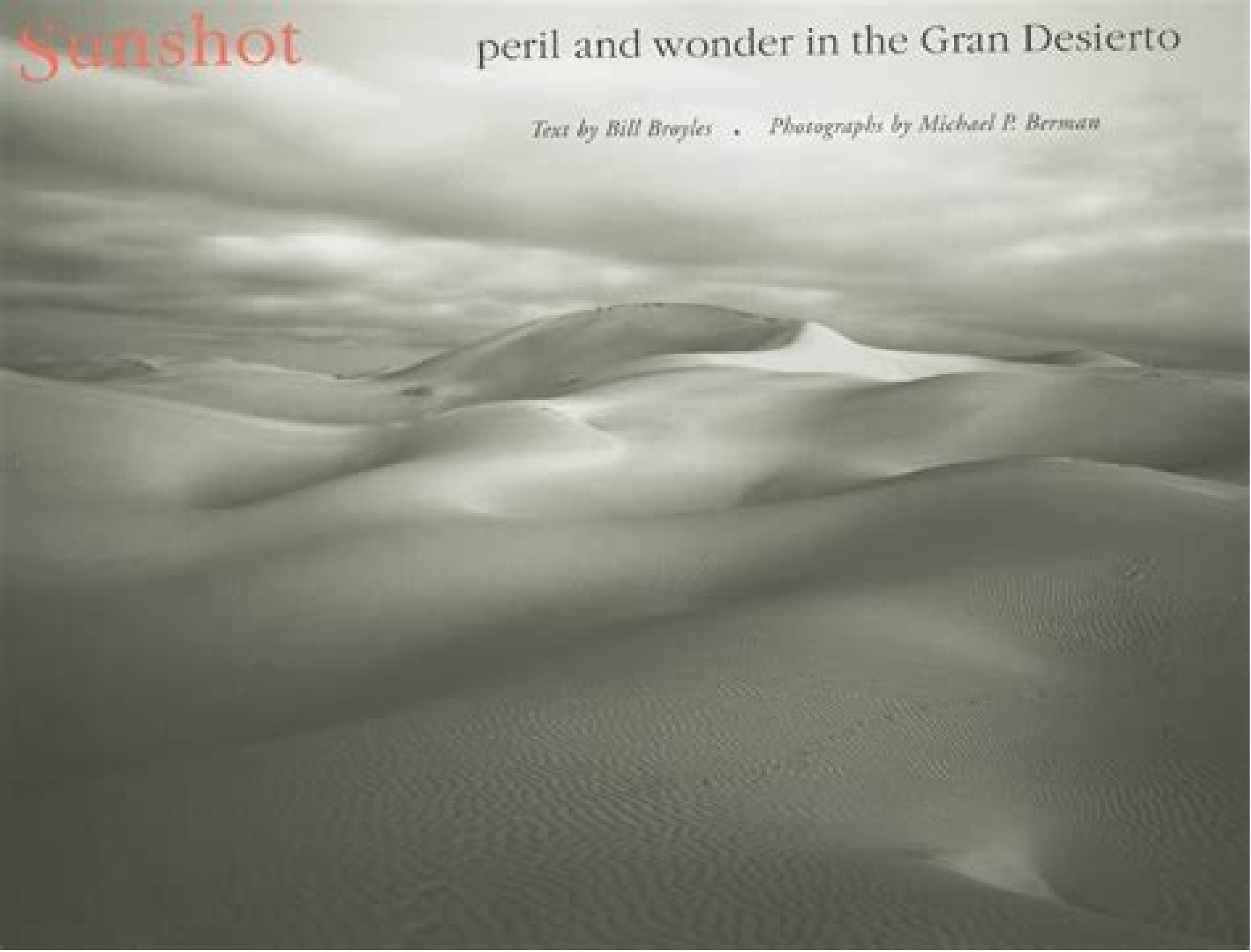


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Sunshot ,2006 The Devil s Highway crosses a stretch of borderland desert in northern Mexico where many immigrants have traveled and too many have died It is a despoblado where desperate people defend secret places But it is also known as El Gran Desierto a place where stately saguaros stand near aromatic elephant trees where sand dunes caress the edges of jagged granite mountains where one can watch bighorn sheep in the morning and whales in the afternoon Over the years desert rat Bill Broyles has ventured repeatedly into this sunshot landscape slogged across its salt flats and sand dunes and defied its deadly heat This book chronicles his years of exploration a vivid and personal introduction to a thorny but ultimately enchanting place that manages to endear itself over time if it doesn t kill you first Michael Berman s stark black and white photographs capture the desolate beauty of the desert while conveying a sense of Broyles adventures Gleaned from more than 4 000 images shot with a large format camera these exquisite photographs translate the desert s formidable monotone into finely tuned studies of light and represent some of the best photos ever taken of this mysterious region El Gran Desierto is a grand desert indeed with beauty spirit and mystery rivaling any place on Earth and anyone captivated by the earlier explorations of Lumholtz Ives or Hornaday or by Edward Abbey s love of desert places will revel in these modern day adventures Sunshot defies the stereotype of a punishing wilderness to show how even the most perilous desert can be alluring if approached with knowledge and respect [The Desert Encyclopedia](#) Robert Hauptman,2024-08-06 This reference work is the first English language A Z compendium on all topics related to deserts including geography geology meteorology climatology hydrology botany zoology anthropology art music film culture sports as well as the specific and diversely different deserts that one finds in all parts of the world Definitions explanations and clarifications will be contained in more than 2 300 entries that vary in length from a brief sentence to detailed overviews of more complex subjects The Desert Encyclopedia will be invaluable as a source of data and information but it is also enjoyable to read straight through It is also replete with line drawings black and white illustrations maps and images from outstanding photographers **Michael Chiago** Michael Chiago,Amadeo M. Rea,2022-08-30 This book offers an artistic depiction of O odham lifeways through the paintings of internationally acclaimed O odham artist Michael Chiago Sr Ethnobiologist Amadeo M Rea collaborated with the artist to describe the paintings in accompanying text making this unique book a vital resource for cultural understanding and preservation A joint effort in seeing this work explores how the artist sees and interprets his culture through his art A wide array of Chiago s paintings are represented in this book illustrating past and present Akimel O odham and Tohono O odham culture The paintings show the lives and traditions of O odham people from both the artist s parents and grandparents generations and today The paintings demonstrate the colonial Spanish Mexican and Anglo American influences on O odham culture throughout the decades and the text explains how wells and windmills schools border walls and nonnative crops have brought about significant change in O odham life The paintings and text in this book beautifully depict a variety of O odham

lifeways including the striking Sonoran Desert environment of O odham country gathering local foods and cooking meals shrines ceremonies dances and more By combining Chiago s paintings of his lived experiences with Rea s ethnographic work this book offers a full colorful and powerful picture of O odham heritage culture and language creating a teaching reference for future generations

Last Water on the Devil's Highway Bill Broyles, Gayle Harrison Hartmann, Thomas E. Sheridan, Gary Paul Nabhan, Mary Charlotte Thurtle, 2014-02-06 The Devil s Highway El Camino del Diablo crosses hundreds of miles and thousands of years of Arizona and Southwest history This heritage trail follows a torturous route along the U S Mexico border through a lonely landscape of cactus desert flats drifting sand dunes ancient lava flows and searing summer heat The most famous waterhole along the way is Tinajas Altas or High Tanks a series of natural rock basins that are among the few reliable sources of water in this notoriously parched region Now an expert cast of authors describes narrates and explains the human and natural history of this special place in a thorough and readable account Addressing the latest archaeological and historical findings they reveal why Tinajas Altas was so important and how it related to other waterholes in the arid borderlands Readers can feel like pioneers following in the footsteps of early Native Americans Spanish priests and soldiers gold seekers and borderland explorers tourists and scholars Combining authoritative writing with a rich array of more than 180 illustrations and maps as well as detailed appendixes providing up to date information on the wildlife and plants that live in the area Last Water on the Devil s Highway allows readers to uncover the secrets of this fascinating place revealing why it still attracts intrepid tourists and campers today

The Great Cacti David Yetman, 2008-01-31 Towering over deserts arid scrublands and dry tropical forests giant cacti grow throughout the Americas from the United States to Argentina often in rough terrain and on barren parched soils places inhospitable to people But as David Yetman shows many of these tall plants have contributed significantly to human survival Yetman has been fascinated by columnar cacti for most of his life and now brings years of study and reflection to a wide ranging and handsomely illustrated book Drawing on his close association with the Guarij os Mayos and Seris of Mexico peoples for whom such cacti have been indispensable to survival he offers surprising evidence of the importance of these plants in human cultures The Great Cacti reviews the more than one hundred species of columnar cacti with detailed discussions of some 75 that have been the most beneficial to humans or are most spectacular Focusing particularly on northwestern Mexico and the southwestern United States Yetman examines the role of each species in human society describing how cacti have provided food shelter medicine even religiously significant hallucinogens Taking readers to the exotic sites where these cacti are found from sea level deserts to frigid Andean heights Yetman shows that the great cacti have facilitated the development of native culture in hostile environments yielding their products with no tending necessary Enhanced by over 300 superb color photos The Great Cacti is both a personal and scientific overview of sahuessos soberbios and other towering flora that flourish where few other plants grow and that foster human life in otherwise impossible places

Mexico's Valleys of Cuicatlán and Tehuacán David Yetman, Alberto Búrquez, 2023-09-26 Mexico s

Valleys of Cuicatlan and Tehuacan From Deserts to Clouds provides an accessible and photographic view of the culture history and environment of an extraordinary region of southern Mexico The Valleys of Cuicatlan and Tehuacan are lauded by botanists for their spectacular plant life they contain the densest columnar cacti forests in the world Recent archaeological excavations reveal them also to be a formative Mesoamerican site as well So singular is this region that it is home to the Tehuacan Cuicatlan Biosphere Reserve and a UNESCO World Heritage Site Through firsthand experience and engaging prose the authors provide a synthesis of the geology ecology history and cultures of the valleys showing their importance and influence as Mesoamerican arteries for environmental and cultural interchange through Mexico It also reveals the extraordinary plant life that draws from habitats ranging from deserts to tropical forests The authors both experts in their respective fields begin with a general description of the geography of the valleys followed by an introduction to climate and hydrology a look at the valleys often bewildering geology The book delves into cultural and linguistic backgrounds of the valleys and discusses archaeological sites that encapsulate the valleys fascinating history prior to the arrival of Europeans The book concludes by describing the flora that makes the region so singular *Picturing Sabino* David Wentworth Lazaroff,2023-04-04 *Picturing Sabino* tells the story of the desert canyon s transformation from a barely known oasis miles from a small nineteenth century town into an immensely popular recreation area on the edge of a modern metropolis The story is vividly told through numerous historical photographs lively anecdotes and engaging text informed by decades of research Covering a century of change from 1885 to 1985 this work relates the ups and downs of Sabino s protection and enjoyment while it rejoices in the canyon s natural beauty *A Gift of Angels* ,2010-09-20 It rises suddenly out of the Sonoran Desert landscape towering over the tallest tree or cactus a commanding building with a sensuous dome elliptical vaults and sturdy bell towers There is nothing else like it around nor does it seem there should be This incongruity of setting is what strikes first time visitors to Mission San Xavier del Bac This great church is of another place and another time while its beauty is universal and timeless Mission San Xavier del Bac is a two century old Spanish church in southern Arizona located just a few miles from downtown Tucson a metropolis of more than half a million people in the American Southwest A National Historic Landmark since 1963 the mission s graceful baroque art and architecture have drawn visitors from all over the world Now Bernard Fontana the leading expert on San Xavier and award winning photographer Edward McCain team up to bring us a comprehensive view of the mission as we ve never seen it before With 200 stunning full color photographs and incisive text illuminating the religious historical and motivational context of these images *A Gift of Angels* is a must have for tourists scholars and other visitors to San Xavier From its glorious architecture all the way down to the finest details of its art Mission San Xavier del Bac is indeed a gift of angels *Amphibians, Reptiles, and Their Habitats at Sabino Canyon* David Wentworth Lazaroff,Philip C. Rosen,Charles H. Lowe,2025-06-10 Even in paradise one needs to be mindful of what s underfoot The Sabino Canyon Recreation Area is a desert oasis in the Santa Catalina Mountains north of Tucson a rich

repository of wildlife and a favorite destination for Tucsonans and visitors for more than a century This book presents annotated and illustrated descriptions of the amphibians and reptiles found at Sabino Canyon and an overview of their natural environment Representing a study spanning nearly twenty five years it documents their present and past distribution and examines environmental and herpetofaunal change due to physical biological and human impact on species and habitats In this first publication to describe Sabino Canyon s biota in scientific detail three expert authors pool their knowledge to provide a detailed discussion of ecological change especially as a consequence of drought flooding the introduction of exotic species and direct human impact Suburbia has arrived on the canyon s doorstep and human visitation has soared inalterably affecting the area Of particular concern breeding habitats for amphibians were profoundly altered by flash flooding in Sabino s streams following the 2003 Aspen Fire which ravaged large parts of the Santa Catalina Mountains The book contains richly detailed accounts of the 57 species found at Sabino 25 snakes 17 lizards 8 toads and frogs 6 turtles and 1 salamander emphasizing their local ecology and the behavior likely to be witnessed by visitors Physical descriptions and numerous photographs many in color facilitate identification Up to date distribution maps provide an essential baseline against which future researchers can measure change Amphibians Reptiles and Their Habitats at Sabino Canyon is essential for anyone who seeks to understand this desert oasis how it has changed and how it may change in the future Written with minimal technical jargon to make it as useful to students and visitors as it will be to scientists and resource managers it makes a vital contribution to our understanding of creatures underfoot whose habitat we seek to share Baja California Missions

,2013-07-04 Baja California Missions is a beautiful and informative book about the lovely but seldom seen missions of Baja that remain intact today With gorgeous photographs and useful descriptions that include both historical backgrounds and contemporary driving directions Baja California Missions is both a photography book and a guidebook **Sanctuaries of**

Earth, Stone, and Light Gloria Fraser Giffords,2007-12-06 Over nearly three centuries Jesuit Franciscan and Dominican missionaries built a network of churches throughout the new world of New Spain Since the early twentieth century scholars have studied the colonial architecture of southern New Spain but they have largely ignored the architecture of the north However as this book clearly demonstrates the colonial architecture of Northern New Spain an area that encompasses most of the southwestern United States and much of northern Mexico is strikingly beautiful and rich with meaning After more than two decades of research both in the field and in archives around the world Gloria Fraser Giffords has authored the definitive book on this architecture Giffords has a remarkable eye for detail and for images both grand and diminutive Because so many of the buildings she examines have been destroyed she sleuthed through historical records in several countries and she discovered that the architecture and material culture of northern New Spain reveal the influences of five continents As she examines objects as large as churches or as small as ornamental ceramic tile she illuminates the sometimes subtle sometimes striking influences of the religious social and artistic traditions of Europe from the beginning of the Christian era through the

nineteenth century of the Muslim countries ringing the Mediterranean from the seventh through the fifteenth centuries and of Northern New Spain's indigenous peoples whose art influenced the designs of occupying Europeans. Sanctuaries of Earth Stone and Light is a pathbreaking book featuring 200 stunning photographs and over 300 illustrations ranging from ceremonial garments to detailed floor plans of the churches.

The Nature of Desert Nature Gary Paul Nabhan, 2020-11-10

In this refreshing collection one of our best writers on desert places Gary Paul Nabhan challenges traditional notions of the desert. Beautiful, reflective and at times humorous Nabhan's extended essay also called *The Nature of Desert Nature* reveals the complexity of what a desert is and can be. He passionately writes about what it is like to visit a desert and what living in a desert looks like when viewed through a new frame turning age-old notions of the desert on their heads. Nabhan invites a prism of voices: friends, colleagues and advisors from his more than four decades of study of deserts to bring their own perspectives. Scientists, artists, desert contemplatives, poets and writers bring the desert into view and investigate why these places compel us to walk through their sands and beneath their cacti and acacia. We observe the spines and spears, stings and songs of the desert anew. Unexpected, Surprising, Enchanting. Like the desert itself, each essay offers renewed vocabulary and thoughtful perceptions. The desert inspires wonder. Attending to history, culture, science and spirit, *The Nature of Desert Nature* celebrates the bounty and the significance of desert places.

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A Desert Feast Carolyn Niethammer, 2020-09-22

Southwest Book of the Year Award Winner, PubWest Book Design Award Winner. Drawing on thousands of years of foodways, Tucson cuisine blends the influences of Indigenous Mexican, mission-era Mediterranean and ranch-style cowboy food traditions. This book offers a food pilgrimage where stories and recipes demonstrate why the desert city of Tucson became America's first UNESCO City of Gastronomy. Both family supper tables and the city's trendiest restaurants feature native desert plants and innovative dishes incorporating ancient agricultural staples. Award-winning writer Carolyn Niethammer deliciously shows how the Sonoran Desert's first farmers grew tasty crops that continue to influence Tucson menus and how the arrival of Roman Catholic missionaries, Spanish soldiers and Chinese farmers influenced what Tucsonans ate. White Sonora wheat, tepary beans and criollo cattle steaks make Tucson's cuisine unique. In *A Desert Feast* you'll see pictures of kids learning to grow food at school and you'll meet the farmers, small-scale food entrepreneurs and chefs who are dedicated to growing and using heritage foods. It's fair to say Tucson tastes like nowhere else.

Field Man Julian D. Hayden, 2016-10-01

Field Man is the captivating memoir of renowned southwestern archaeologist Julian Dodge Hayden, a man who held no professional degree or faculty position but who camped and argued with a who's who of the discipline including Emil Haury, Malcolm

Rogers Paul Ezell and Norman Tindale This is the personal story of a blue collar scholar who bucked the conventional thinking on the antiquity of man in the New World who brought a formidable pragmatism and hand sense to the identification of stone tools and who is remembered as the leading authority on the prehistory of the Sierra Pinacate in northwestern Mexico But Field Man is also an evocative recollection of a bygone time and place a time when archaeological trips to the Southwest were expeditions when a man might run a Civilian Conservation Corps crew by day and study the artifacts of ancient peoples by night when one could honeymoon by a still full Gila River and when a Model T pickup needed extra transmissions to tackle the back roads of Arizona To say that Julian Hayden led an eventful life would be an understatement He accompanied his father a Harvard trained archaeologist on influential excavations became a crew chief in his own right taught himself silversmithing married a city girl helped build the Yuma Air Field worked as a civilian safety officer and was a friend and mentor to countless students He also crossed paths with leading figures in other fields Barry Goldwater and even Frank Lloyd Wright turn up in this wide ranging narrative of a desert rat who was at once a throwback and as he only half jokingly suggests ahead of his time Field Man is the product of years of interviews with Hayden conducted by his colleagues and friends Bill Broyles and Diane Boyer It is introduced by noted southwestern anthropologist J Jefferson Reid and contains an epilogue by Steve Hayden one of Julian s sons

Shells on a Desert Shore Cathy Moser Marlett,2014-06-12 In Mexico s western Sonoran Desert along the Gulf of California is a place made extraordinary by the desert solitude the dynamic sea and the people who live there the Seris Central to the lives of these people are the sea and its shores Shells on a Desert Shore describes the Seri knowledge of mollusks and includes names folklore history uses and much more Cathy Moser Marlett s research of several decades conducted in the Seri language builds on work begun in 1951 by her parents Edward and Becky Moser The language spoken by fewer than a thousand people today is considered endangered Marlett presents what she has learned from Seri consultants over recent decades and also draws from her own childhood experiences while living in a Seri village The information from the people who had lived as hunter gatherers provides a window into a lifestyle no longer recalled from personal experience by most Seris today and perhaps a window into the lives of other peoples who made the Gulf s shores their home The book offers a wealth of information about Seri history as well as species accounts of more than 150 mollusks from the Seri area on the central Gulf coast Chapters describe how the people ate mollusks or used them medicinally how the mollusks were named and how their shells were used The author provides several hundred detailed drawings and photographs many of them archival Shells on a Desert Shore is a fresh original presentation of a significant part of the Seri way of life Unique because it is written from the perspective of a participant in the Seri culture the book will stand as a definitive irreplaceable work in ethnography a time capsule of the Seri people and their connection to the sea

Plant Life of a Desert Archipelago Richard Stephen Felger,Benjamin Theodore Wilder,Humberto Romero-Morales,2013-01-31 The desert islands of the Gulf of California are among the world s best preserved archipelagos

The diverse and unique flora from the card n forests of Cholludo to the agave dominated slopes of San Esteban remain much as they were centuries ago when the Comcaac Seri people were the only human presence in the region Almost 400 plant species exist here with each island manifesting a unique composition of vegetation and flora For thousands of years climatic and biological forces have sculpted a set of unparalleled desert worlds Plant Life of a Desert Archipelago is the first in depth coverage of the plants on islands in the Gulf of California found in between the coasts of Baja California and Sonora The work is the culmination of decades of study by botanist Richard Felger and recent investigations by Benjamin Wilder in collaboration with Sr Humberto Romero Morales one of the most knowledgeable Seris concerning the region s flora Their collective effort weaves together careful and accurate botanical science with the rich cultural and stunning physical setting of this island realm The researchers surveyed collected and studied thousands of plants seen here in meticulous illustrations and stunning color photographs providing the most precise species accounts of the islands ever made To access remote parts of the islands the authors worked directly with the Comcaac an indigenous community who have lived off marine and terrestrial life in this coastal desert region for centuries Invaluable information regarding indigenous names and distributions are an intrinsic part of this work The flora descriptions are extraordinarily detailed and painstakingly crafted for field biologists Conservationists students and others who are interested in learning about the natural wealth of the Gulf of California desert regions or islands in general are sure to be captivated by this rich and fascinating volume

Natural Landmarks of Arizona David Yetman,2021-11-02 Natural Landmarks of Arizona celebrates the vast geological past of Arizona s natural monuments through the eyes of a celebrated storyteller who has called Arizona home for most of his life David Yetman shows us how Arizona s most iconic landmarks were formed millions of years ago and sheds light on the more recent histories of these landmarks as well These peaks and ranges offer striking intrusions into the Arizona horizon giving our southwestern state some of the most memorable views hikes climbs and bike rides anywhere in the world They orient us they locate us and they are steadfast through generations Whether you have climbed these peaks many times enjoy seeing them from your car window or simply want to learn more about southwestern geology and history reading Natural Landmarks of Arizona is a fascinating way to learn about the ancient and recent history of beloved places such as Cathedral Rock Granite Dells Kitt Peak and many others With Yetman as your guide you can tuck this book into your glove box and hit the road with profound new knowledge about the towering natural monuments that define our beautiful Arizona landscapes

Among Unknown Tribes Bill Broyles,Ann Christine Eek,Phyllis La Farge,Richard Laugharn,Eugenia Macías Guzmán,2014-06-01 Internationally renowned as an exciting guide to unknown peoples and places Norwegian Carl Lumholtz was a Victorian era explorer anthropologist natural scientist writer and photographer who worked in Australia Mexico and Borneo His photographs of the Tarahumara Huichol Cora Tepehuan Southern Pima and Tohono O odham tribes of Mexico and southwest Arizona were among the very first taken of these cultures and still provide the best photographic record of

them at the turn of the twentieth century Lumholtz published his photographs in several books including *Unknown Mexico* and *New Trails in Mexico* but because photographic publishing was then in its infancy most of the images were poorly printed badly cropped or reworked by illustrators using crude techniques *Among Unknown Tribes* presents more than two hundred of Lumholtz's best photographs many never before published from the archives of the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the Museum of Cultural History in Oslo Norway The images are newly scanned most from the original negatives and printed uncropped disclosing a wealth of previously hidden detail Each photograph is fully identified and often amplified by Lumholtz's own notes and captions Accompanying the images are essays and photo notes that survey Lumholtz's career and legacy as well as what his photographs reveal about the unknown tribes By giving Lumholtz's photographs the high quality reproduction they deserve *Among Unknown Tribes* honors not only the Norwegian explorer but also the native peoples who continue to struggle for recognition and justice as they actively engage in the traditional customs that Lumholtz recorded

Ethnobiology for the Future Gary Paul Nabhan, 2016-04-15 The book centers on a call to define redefine the field of ethnobiology and the need for doing so It points a major way forward for ethnobiology toward engagement with people and communities that are saving ecosystems and lifestyles through reviving traditional agricultural items and techniques and integrating them into the contemporary world Provided by publisher

The Saguaro Cactus David Yetman, Alberto Búrquez, Kevin Hultine, Michael Sanderson, 2020-02-25 The saguaro with its great size and characteristic shape its arms stretching heavenward its silhouette often resembling a human has become the emblem of the Sonoran Desert of southwestern Arizona and northwestern Mexico The largest and tallest cactus in the United States it is both familiar and an object of fascination and curiosity This book offers a complete natural history of this enduring and iconic desert plant Gathering everything from the saguaro's role in Sonoran Desert ecology to its adaptations to the desert climate and its sacred place in Indigenous culture this book shares precolonial through current scientific findings The saguaro is charismatic and readily accessible but also decidedly different from other desert flora The essays in this book bear witness to our ongoing fascination with the great cactus and the plant's unusual characteristics covering the saguaro's history of discovery place in the cactus family ecology anatomy and physiology genetics and ethnobotany *The Saguaro Cactus* offers testimony to the cactus's prominence as a symbol the perceptions it inspires its role in human society and its importance in desert ecology

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