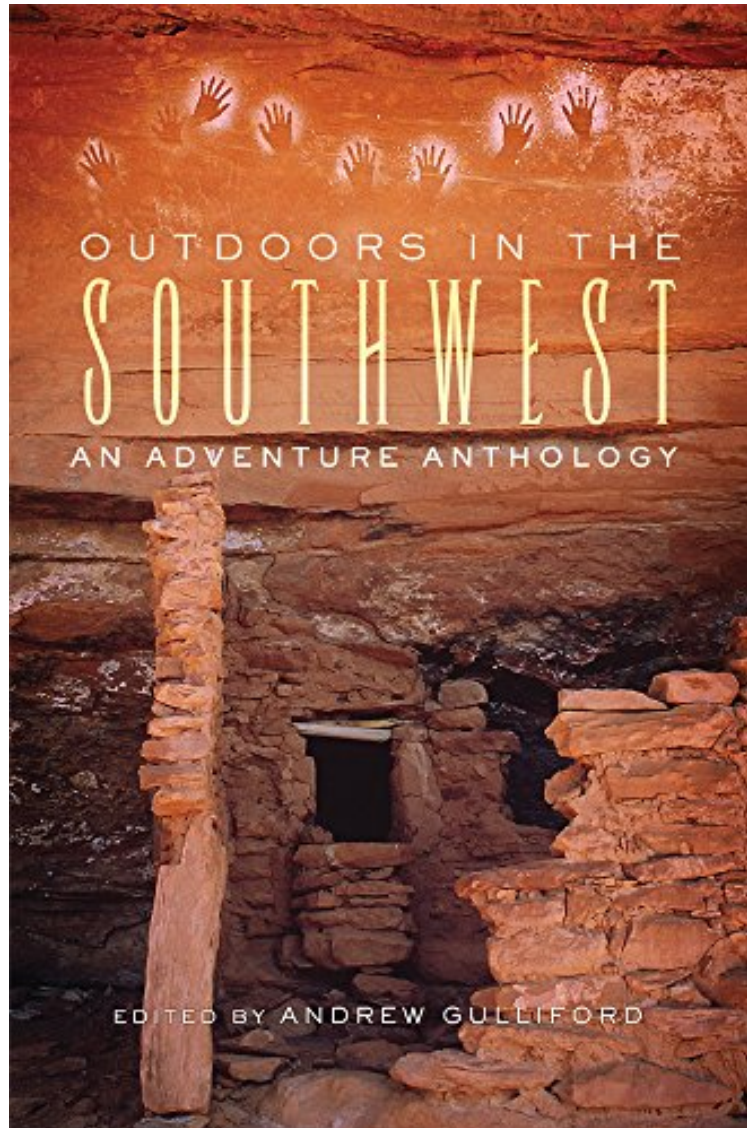


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From University of Oklahoma Press : Outdoors in the Southwest: An Adventure Anthology before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Outdoors in the Southwest: An Adventure Anthology:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book about great placesBy Robert G. HooperFor anyone interested in the wild places of the great American Southwest Professors Gulliford's book is recommended reading. I enjoyed all the selections of writings by others with one exception (Brick). These skilled outdoors women and men

share a huge amount of personal experience, including several near death events. Anyone heading into the back country had better learn from these misadventures. What I enjoyed most, however, was reading about Gulliford's wide ranging experiences throughout the Southwest. It seems he has been about everywhere and can speak with authority about these wild places. In addition he presents a lot of history (post 1960) regarding various issues and places. The professor is also very knowledgeable regarding early native American cultures. An entire section (Looking for History) is devoted to rock art and ruins, the crowning jewels of the Southwest. A theme throughout most of the book is the need for the backcountry wanderer to exercise sound judgment. The take home message here, "When in doubt, DON'T". I live in western Colorado. Local news sources report outdoor related deaths on a regular basis from falls, exposure, avalanches, lightning, rock falls, drowning etc. It does happen and can happen to you. The author's quote of Bertrand Russell is very appropriate, "Most people would rather die than think. Many do." I love it! I do wonder why the book was devoted to Edward Abbey (among others). Abbey's offering in the book (Havasupai-Grand Canyon) was an interesting account of a near death experience. But it was marred by Abbey rolling a spare tire into the Grand Canyon. In other works by Abbey he delights in throwing his beer cans out the car window and in another he destroys a billboard near Cisco, UT. Why such a hypocritical self centered jerk is anyone's hero is beyond me. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Real Eye Opener By Fairy Tale Woman I found this book amazing. The stories of people's harrowing tales in the wilderness were incredible. And I learned a great deal about the area where I live. I also appreciated hearing about the efforts of devotees to maintain the American wilderness and the need for us to experience it in order to truly understand its value to us. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's a compendium of assorted themes written by multiple authors (says the reviewer in his best academic language By Lady Pamela Probably written as an outdoor adventure text by the author, I found this book an interesting read. It's a compendium of assorted themes written by multiple authors (says the reviewer in his best academic language.) I enjoyed the Grand Canyon series the best, discussion of being eaten by animals the least. Particularly unique: the study questions at the end of each chapter.

More college students than ever are majoring in Outdoor Recreation, Outdoor Education, or Adventure Education, but fewer and fewer Americans spend any time in thoughtful, respectful engagement with wilderness. While many young people may think of adrenaline-laced extreme sports as prime outdoor activities, with Outdoors in the Southwest, Andrew Gulliford seeks to promote appreciation for and discussion of the wild landscapes where those sports are played. Advocating an outdoor ethic based on curiosity, cooperation, humility, and ecological literacy, this essay collection features selections by renowned southwestern writers including Terry Tempest Williams, Edward Abbey, Craig Childs, and Barbara Kingsolver, as well as scholars, experienced guides, and river rats. Essays explain the necessity of nature in the digital age, recount rafting adventures, and reflect on the psychological effects of expeditions. True-life cautionary tales tell of encounters with nearly disastrous flash floods, 900-foot falls, and lightning strikes. The final chapter describes the work of Great Old Broads for Wilderness, the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, and other exemplars of wilderness tithing giving back to public lands through volunteering, stewardship, and eco-advocacy. Addressing the evolution of public land policy, the meaning of wilderness, and the importance of environmental protection, this collection serves as an intellectual guidebook not just for students but for travelers and anyone curious about the changing landscape of the West.

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