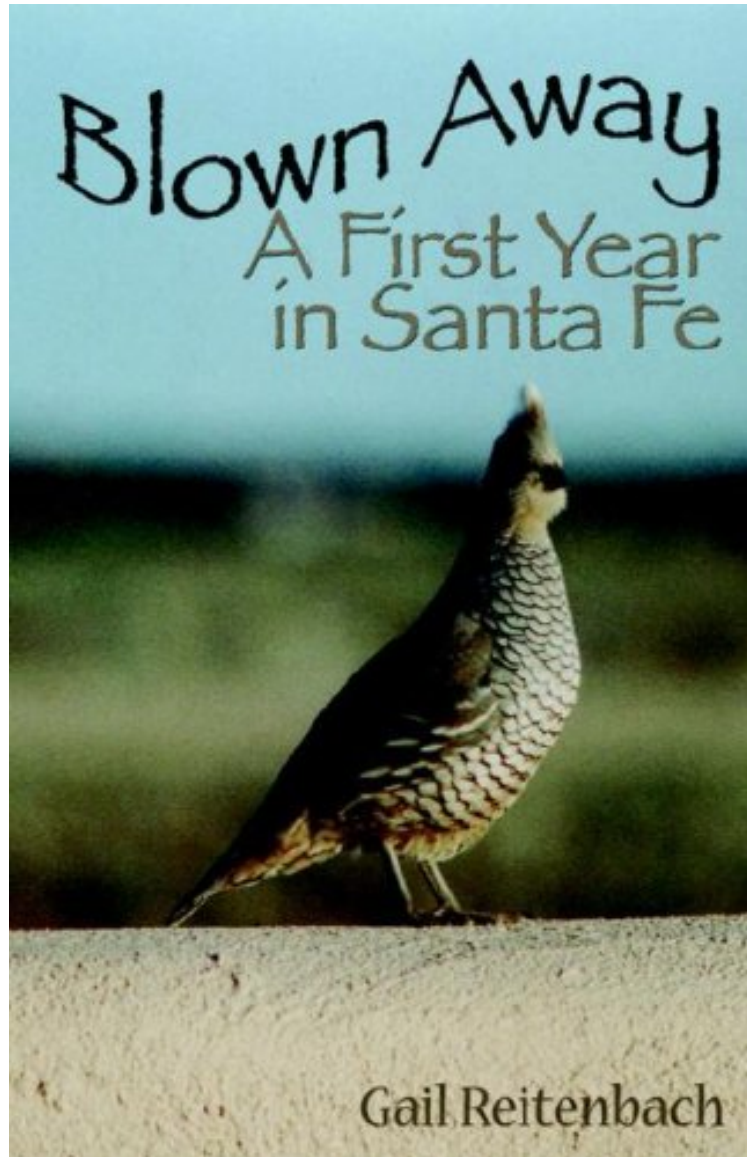


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Gail Reitenbach : Blown Away: A First Year in Santa Fe before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Blown Away: A First Year in Santa Fe:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. UselessBy analyzethisThis could have been an op ed, but it really does not have enough substance for a book. Actually the title sums up her entire message: "it's too windy for me in Santa Fe." As a new resident of Santa Fe I thought maybe I lacked the experience to share that assessment, but I've

spoken with numerous old-timers and noone gets it. This is not a very windy place, I don't know what she is talking about. I then hoped to at least glean some suggestions from things she did like, such as her favorite plant nursery, but the book is outdated and the places she recommends mostly aren't in business anymore. This book needs to be remaindered. 1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. not blown away far enough By michael saitta If I hadn't read two very old books by Glads Taber on Cape Cod maybe I wouldn't be so harsh in my criticism of this book but three-quarters through all I could glean from it was it was very difficult to garden in New Mexico and there was a lot of wind. I'm very serious. Maybe it's today's generation that substitutes whining for observation but there is very little about New Mexico here. This is a place I love and visit and know. This couple should move back to Colorado where they came from. Even poor Santa Barbara took a hit from their visit. Just another yuppy thinking her boring life is worth recording. Sorry. 0 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Terrible By NYNMI can't help but agree with the other review. Thia book is awful. I myself moved to Santa Fe about the same time as the author, so I was really looking forward to her observations of which there were so very few. Awful, awful self involved very boring writing.

Blown Away: A First Year in Santa Fe shows that you don't have to move to another country to experience the charms and frustrations of making a home in a foreign place and culture-you only have to move to New Mexico. For Santa Fe visitors and all armchair travelers, Reitenbach provides an inside look at what it can really be like to move to the City Different. Though conceived as a counterpoint to tourist-enticing depictions of Santa Fe, this story demonstrates how the power of place can transform those who embrace change. Twelve chapters trace Reitenbach's yearlong efforts to turn a house into a home. As each chapter unfolds, we see her succumb to the city's spell-without losing her clear-eyed perspective. Hardheaded realism tempered by an openness to serendipity . . . part cautionary tale, part journey of discovery-this book will have you looking at Santa Fe with new eyes.