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**Michael Allender : The Guadalupe Mountains of Texas** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Guadalupe Mountains of Texas:

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Excellent introduction to a lesser known national parkBy bukhtanWriter Alan Tennant succinctly describes the striking geology of the nearly all-limestone Guadalupe Reef and the post Ice-Age remant forest that perches on its summit and in some canyon recesses. However, even more interesting, to this reader, is his account of the human history of the Guadalupe Mountains, from the collision between the Apaches and the Latin or Anglo invaders to the rather improbable concatenation of events that led to the protection of the place as a national park, in a region that tends to be hostile to public ownership of land and environmental protection.The book only follows the story up to the first couple of years after the opening of the Park, but, other than some water-mining in the vicinity that poses an indirect threat, not much has changed since then.Michael Allender's photographs are still the best visible representation of the Park available, even in this day of internet picture-posting. In fact, Tennant weaves the figure of the non-conformist Allender into the account in a way that adds a strong dramatic and personal value to the book, without making it over-literary in a way that might weigh on some readers.

Since its publication in 1980, The Guadalupe Mountains of Texas has received many honors, including the Friends of the Dallas Public Library Award from the Texas Institute of Letters and recognition for its superb design from the Rounce and Coffin Club.

The Guadalupe Mountains of the Big Bend region of Texas contain some of the wildest and most magnificent scenery of any primordial wilderness area in the world. The 60 spectacular color photographs in this book vividly capture this extraordinary and pristine landscape while providing a splendid visual reference for Alan Tennant's marvelous account of the natural and social history of the area from prehistoric times to the present. The text deftly ranges from the story of Geronimo and the U.S. Army to wildlife behavior to an explanation of the complexity of the environment's fragile ecology. (Houston Chronicle )