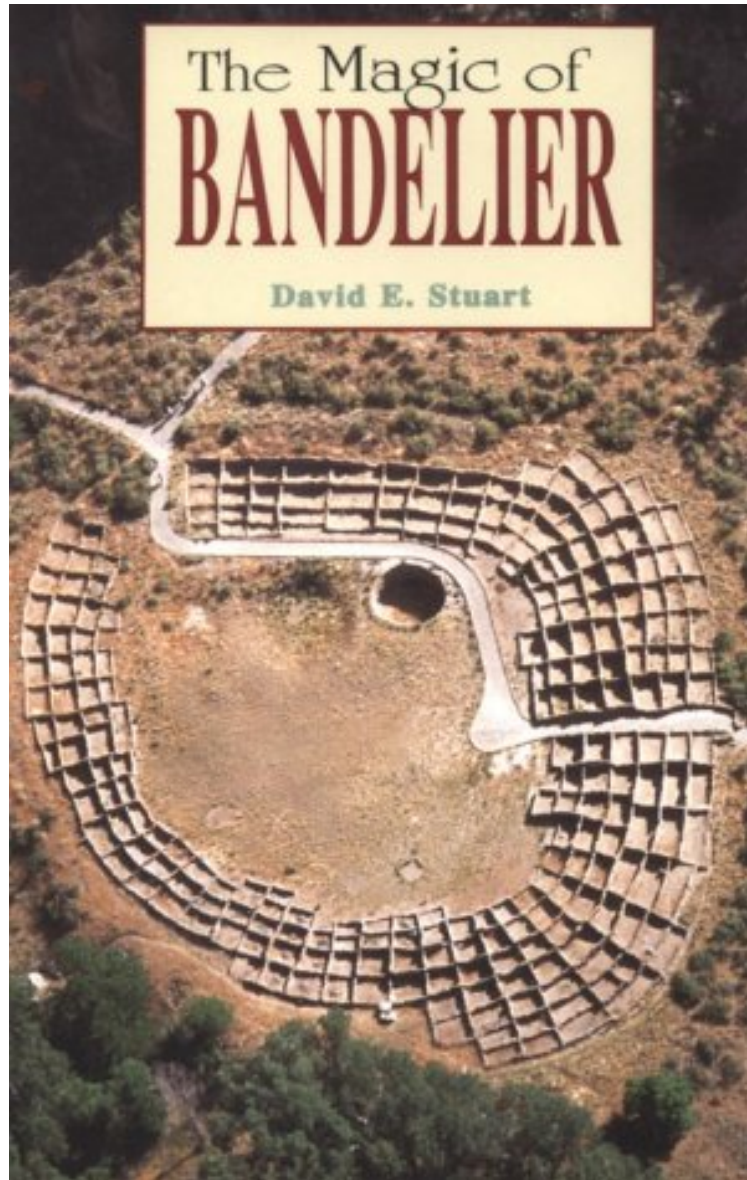


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**David E. Stuart : The Magic of Bandelier** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Magic of Bandelier:

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I wish to convey how this little poetic volume, *The Magic of Bandelier*, gave me a new and even deeper level of understanding of these special peoples, the Anasazi, who I have studied through different filters for the past 47 years or so, and how with such ease it posited probable answers to those incessant questions of "where did they go and why," and "what and how did they become?" A civilization this grand did not culminate in Chaco, or in Salmon, Aztec or the other outliers, or even in the caves of Mesa Verde. Rather, they lead to the founding of the Rio Grande Pueblos, the inheritors of which Coronado's entrada would "first discover" and Oñate "conquer" four centuries later. Professor Stuart demonstrates how the Chacoan Anasazi continued to transcend, by evolution and devolution, peopling the Pajarito Plateau in and around his beloved Bandelier National Monument. Of particular note, these cultures were multi-layered, with pit-houses simultaneously being constructed nearby the great block pueblos, and their survival skills adapted over time to the changes of time, in ebbs and flow, a song of survival against adversity. Unlike many other academics I have encountered, Professor Stuart unabashedly allows one to feel his passion for the poetic mysteries involved. And, without his laying claim, Bandelier is assuredly a Center-Place, and exquisitely magical. This is an author of whom I shall read more, and who I wish shall not be soon forgotten.

An interpretive guide designed to be read before or after visiting Bandelier National Monument. Stuart, an annual lecturer at Bandelier, greatly enhances our appreciation of the monument's "magic" with his evocative, archaeologically sound insights on the area's history of occupation from Paleo-Indian to Late Classic Puebloan times and on the major sites, inc. Tyonyi, Rainbow House, Ceremonial Cave, Yapashi and the Stone Lions, Tsankawi, Otowi. Author of *Prehistoric New Mexico*, *Glimpses of the Ancient Southwest*, and numerous articles on Southwestern archeology, Stuart works and teaches at the University of New Mexico.

"This small book is clearly written, and will help any visitor to New Mexico to understand this park and the ancient heritage of the historic Southwest Indians. . . . and it presents excellent site maps and photographs of diagnostic artifacts, especially ceramics, for these periods."