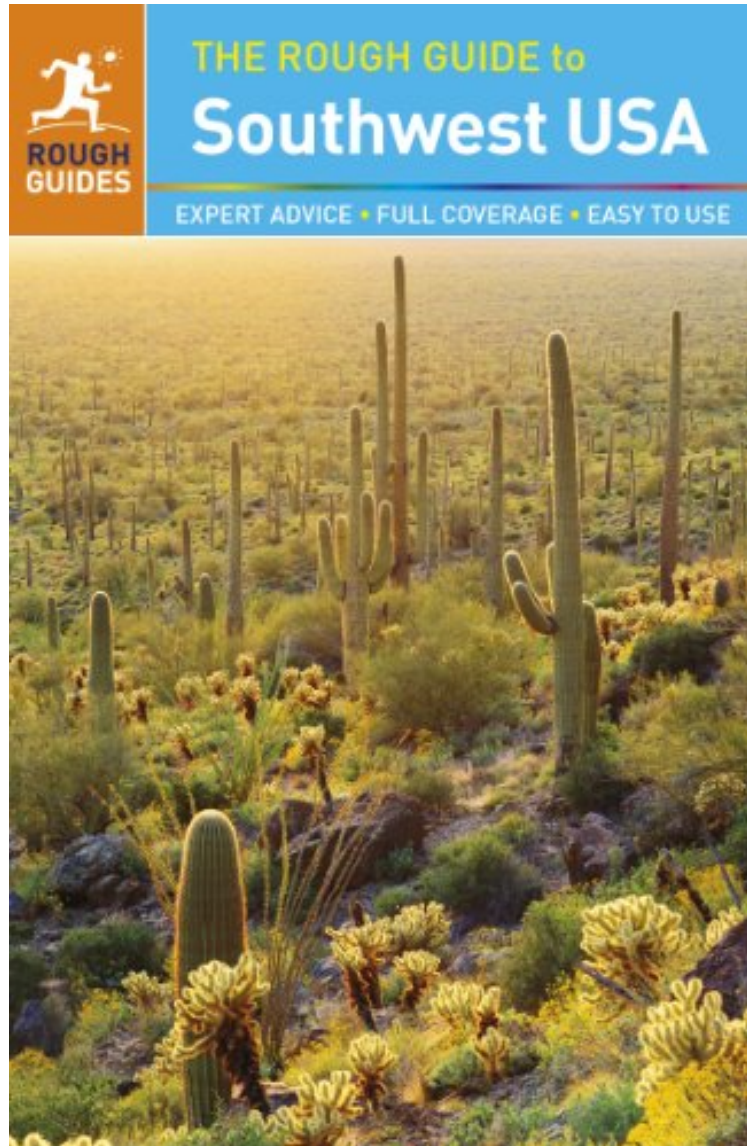


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book, or the equivalent guide published by Lonely Planet, you'll need a reference of some kind. This guide limits its geographic reach in order to offer depth of coverage. Other than Las Vegas, Nevada is excluded. Only southern Utah is included, and west Texas is excluded entirely. This approach is only partially successful. I would say that the coverage in Las Vegas is excellent, and quite comprehensive, but the coverage of the fascinating mountain towns of southwestern Colorado is absolutely inadequate. So it can be a hit and miss affair. Generally, I would say its coverage of natural and indigenous sites is better than its coverage of the cities and towns. Listings are far from comprehensive, but those included are selected for quality and authenticity. Historical and cultural contexts deserve special attention. While the standard chapters dedicated to regional history and culture are included, the sidebars and topical text boxes add real substance to the book. Maps are simple, but are colorful and attractive. Good maps of natural features are included. Photography is simple and complements the text. The photography is not meant to be a feature in and of itself. Two standout topics: Indigenous civilization and the Grand Canyon. Both of these topics are prominently featured and well presented. If your plans include these sites, this is a good book to have. Pragmatic material includes all the information appropriate for visitors from abroad. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Refreshingly Honest By Me I like the curmudgeon tone the descriptions sometimes take, for example, in describing the food choices on the small town of Tropic east of Bryce NP (on p.400), it says "No one would make a special trip to eat in Tropic's limited array of restaurants, but once you're here it's not worth driving anywhere else either." It's a refreshing change from the usual happy bunny tone of most guidebooks. It also hits on details other guidebooks missed, for example, of the five area guide books I have it is the only one that describes the back door path to Bryce canyon through the small road cutting through Tropic. This would be my second choice for a Southern Utah park trip. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Review, Rough Guides to the Southwest By Traveling Bob This is a great travel guide when you want to concentrate on the activities that can be done in an area. Hits all the best (Most frequented) spots and lets you know where not to waste your precious travel time. I am glad I purchased the Kindle fire edition. Links are given in the book and you are able to access when you have Wifi. I found the layout of the book easy to follow and it is easy reading. This guide has made our trip to the southwest more enjoyable as we would have missed some gems covered in the guide. Great Value.

This guide covers the region not just as a collection of states but by defining what the Southwest means. There are features on movie locations, native peoples, adobe architecture, and plenty of details and descriptions for hikes and other outdoor activities.

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