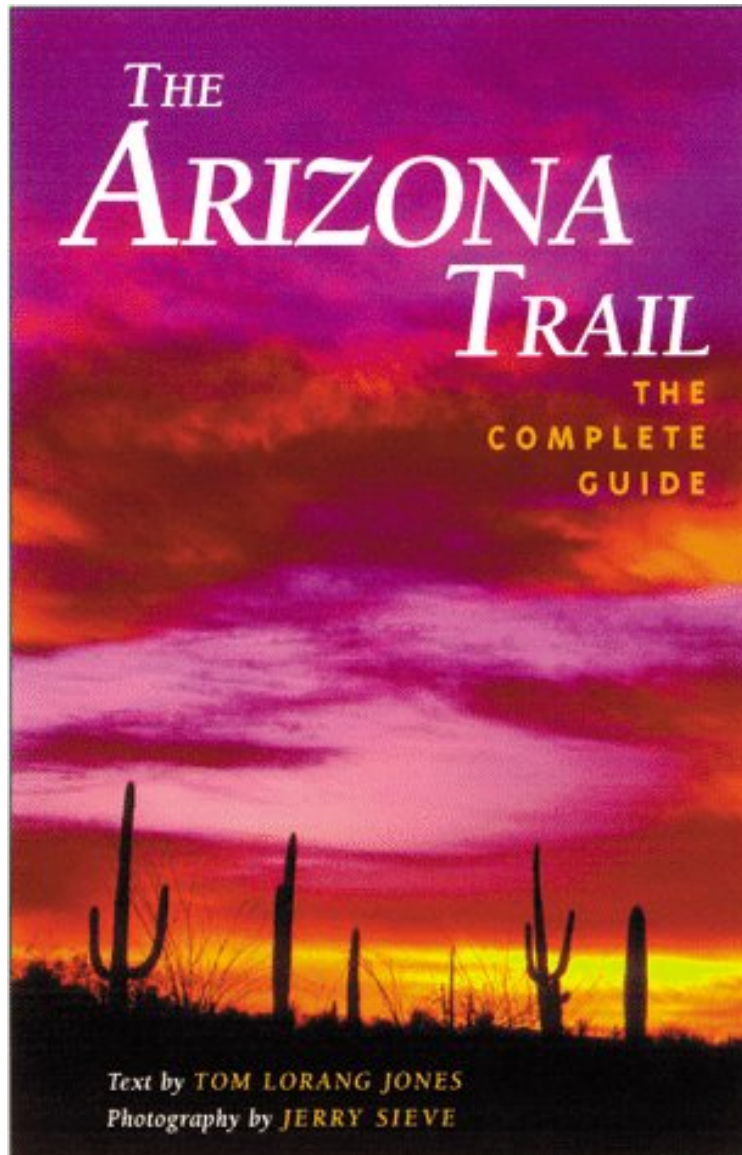


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photography, maps, and concise trail descriptions of any of the guides out there including the 3 volume PCT handbooks from Wilderness Press. That's saying a lot. This book divides the 772 mile Arizona Trail into 43 manageable sections. Strong dayhikers will probably be able to do every one of them with a car shuttle. Those of us inclined to a more leisurely pace, or those planning to "thru hike" the trail will find excellent descriptions of potential camping spots and water locations. Each section begins with an overview noting mileage (and the more subjective "quality miles"), distance to and from the Utah and Mexico borders, which portions of the trails are open to mountain bikers and other use restrictions, and the government agency responsible for that section of trail. A well written trail description, complete with GPS measurements for important locations follows. Every chapter also includes sharp color photos and detailed topographical maps. I enjoy Arizona and have hiked extensively in the Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff and Grand Canyon areas. Jones's book has whetted my appetite to explore more of this wonderful and diverse state on this trail. It is a great planning guide and heartily recommended. My lone caveat is that parts of the trail are still being constructed, and others will soon be rerouted. Readers should expect a new edition every couple years. Hopefully they will all be as good as the initial one.

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SynopsisAs the 750-mile Arizona Trail threads its way through magnificent backcountry, hikers on this trail witness the beauty of the state's varying landscape. Also a sight to behold, the diverse flora found along the way ranges from low-lying desert dwellers to towering deciduous and coniferous trees. In this guide, the author describes the route section by section, providing a wealth of knowledge for both thru-hikers and those interested in scenic daylong excursions. Color photographs, maps, and elevation profiles beautifully augment the trail descriptions.