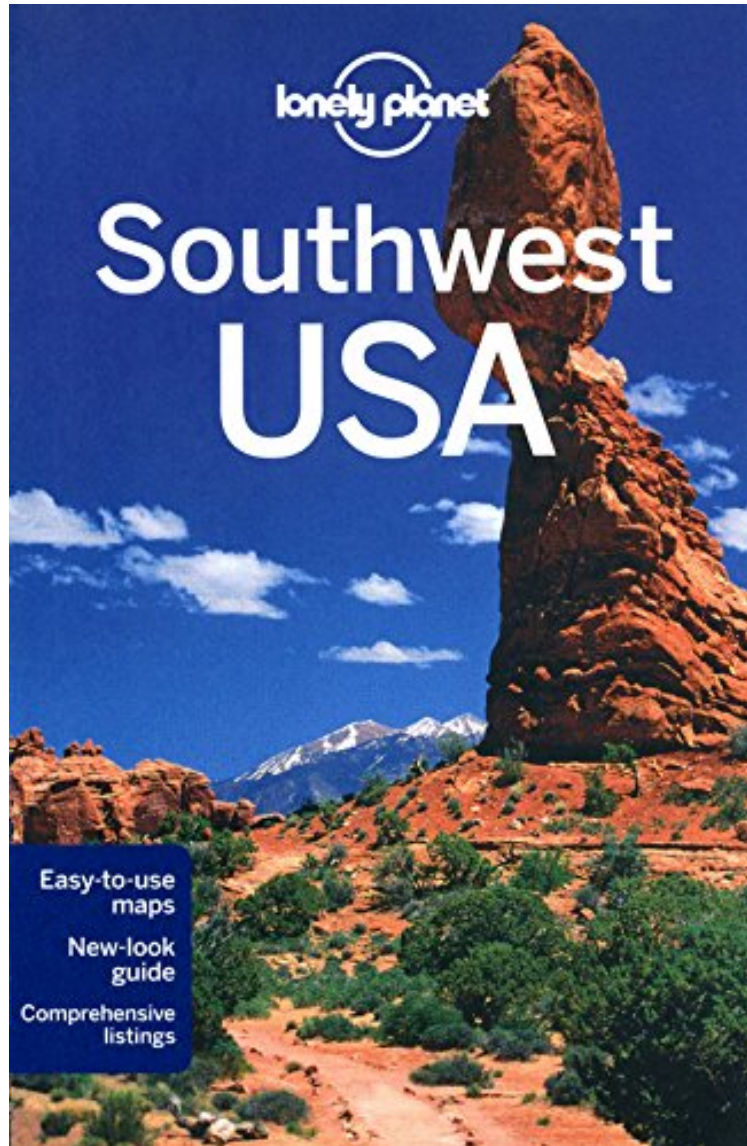


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Lonely Planet, Amy C Balfour, Michael Benanav, Sarah Chandler, Lisa Dunford, Carolyn McCarthy : Lonely Planet Southwest USA (Travel Guide) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lonely Planet Southwest USA (Travel Guide):

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Huge geographic area thinly coveredBy Jon L AlbeeHere is America's Outback. Huge, hot, new, rugged, and source of more than a few national myths.Potential readers should know that the covered area in this guide is vast, including all of Arizona and New Mexico, as well as all of Nevada

and Utah. A good, comprehensive section on the important mountain towns of southwestern Colorado is also included. West Texas, unfortunately, is excluded. You can probably imagine that a book attempting to cover the indigenous, adopted, and geographic cultures of so large an area must be summary and, indeed, this one is. That doesn't mean it's not a good book. What you'll find here is a guide to the essentials, with a few areas that stand out. While I would say that the Rough Guide to the Southwest USA is a better book for natural and indigenous sites, the Lonely Planet guide is better for its treatment of the region's adopted culture, that is to say, its cities and towns. Of course, the LP guide includes the important natural and indigenous sites too, but it makes a sincere attempt to dissect the region's young and dynamic European settlement. For example, the LP guide notes that lovely little Carson City, the state capital of Nevada, is one of the area's most overlooked places, and I would agree with that conclusion. Lonely Planet will lead you to hidden gems like this, and that makes it a valuable guide. Listings are far from comprehensive but are selectively chosen based on quality and authenticity. Don't buy this book looking for fancy maps or flashy color photography. Maps are bare bones. Photography, almost nonexistent. Historical and cultural contexts are good, and pragmatic information includes material for travelers from abroad.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Great Find. One of LP's Best. By Courtney LI'm a travel guide junkie. I love pouring over the pages and using these books (in combination with Yelp!) to find the best of every place I travel. I do flip flop between Fodor's and Lonely Planet being my favorites because each author is just different, but in this case Lonely Planet has hit it out the park. Granted there aren't a ton of travel guides (especially for New Mexico), but this one was especially funny and filled with great advice. I love the history and the quirky places it helps you find, as well as basic information. This one in particular had some great itineraries. I only wish it had included Texas as well (or at least the towns on Route 66 in Texas) since this is a great guide for those traveling on 66 or I-40.

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