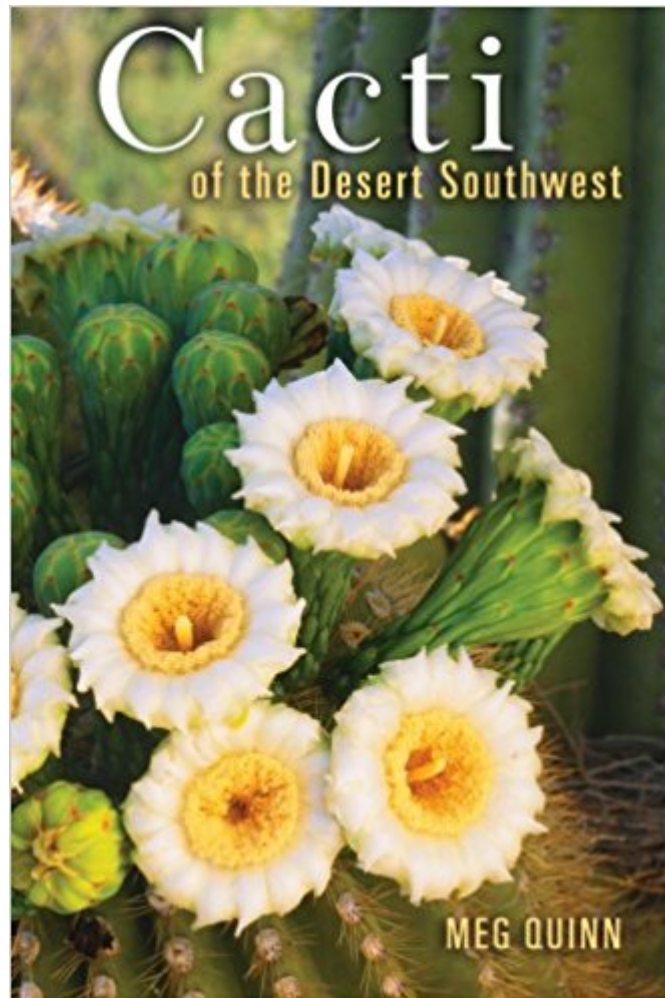




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Synopsis

The deserts of the American Southwest boast a remarkably diversity of drought-tolerant plant life, including many species found nowhere else on earth. And no group says desert quite like cacti. Their prickly nature notwithstanding, cacti and the desert habitats in which they reside are especially fragile. Indeed, Saguaro National Park and Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument were established primarily to protect the largest concentrations of these respective species. Others, such as the Pima pineapple cactus, are less conspicuous but also more rare and in need of special protection and conservation.

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It's actually better than I expected. It's got a lot of useful info that is hard to find. Like the desert locations and their rain pattern or types of soil different cacti grow in their natural habitat.

Was able to find the answers to a number of beautiful cacti in my front yard

Great pictures, a real help in identifying the various cactuses

Quick service, great pic's & info.

Great service. Great book.

Am enjoying and learning a lot

I ordered this book for my son-in-law's family who live in Belgium and have a greenhouse they use to cultivate different species of cacti. They loved the book!!! It was informative and the pictures were amazing!!! The only con is that it cost a fortune to ship it to Belgium through so I would recommend checking shipping prices through the post office prior to sending anything overseas directly through i!!

While the style of this book is relatively light and informal, the book does a very good job of presenting all the species of cacti in the southwestern United States and the Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts of Mexico. The cacti are organized by scientific name, but common names are given as well. Identification information and short natural history information is presented for every cactus. The large, visually appealing color photos show enough of the plants to allow for easy identification. This book has only two major drawbacks. First, it only provides written descriptions of the cacti's ranges, whereas maps would have been more useful. Second, the regions covered by this book seem to be fairly nebulous; it is unclear as to exactly which parts of the United States and Mexico are fully represented. Nonetheless, this book serves as a very good field guide for anyone interested in cacti.

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