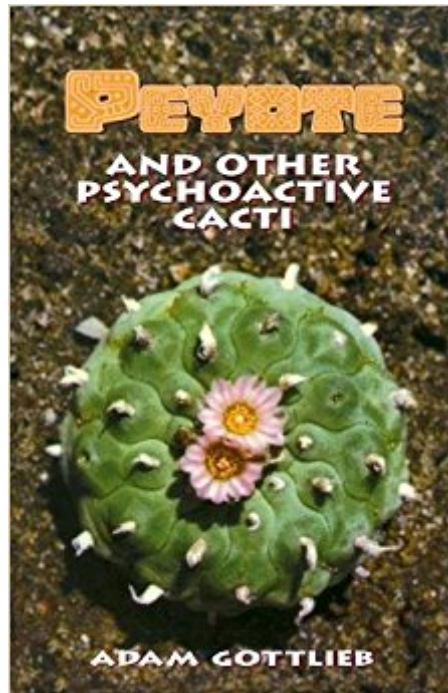




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Peyote And Other Psychoactive Cacti



Synopsis

Guide to cultivating peyote and other psychoactive cacti and extracting active properties, including obtaining seeds, growing a variety of cacti, cloning, and grafting, and extracting the maximum output of mescaline and other alkaloids, descriptions of procedures used for extracting mescaline from peyote and San Pedro, and legal aspects prepared by Attorney Richard Glen Boire.

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Customer Reviews

Peyote has been used ceremonially by the native peoples of the Americas as a spiritual medicine for close to 3,000 years. *Peyote and Other Psychoactive Cacti* is a concise and readable guide to the art of cultivating peyote, San Pedro, and the numerous other entheogenic cacti. In light of the possible extinction of wild peyote, this book is a timely resource for those who feel a responsibility to preserve this sacred medicine.

When harvesting Peyote, many people uproot the entire plant. This is unnecessary and wasteful. The roots contain no mescaline. Some of these plants have taken a long time to reach their size. A cactus three inches in diameter may be more than twenty years old. To collect peyote properly, the button must be cleanly decapitated slightly above ground level. When the roots are left intact, new buds will form where the old one was removed. These will eventually develop into full-size buttons, which may be harvested as before. If the new heads are not allowed to reach full size and flower, however, no seedling will be produced and eventually the roots will expire. Faulty harvesting methods have seriously depleted populations of this cactus. (Finding and Picking Peyote)

It is a small book, but it contains good information on the plants covered.

This book has a lot in info on a wide variety of cacti. It can help identify and give incite to the contents of the cactus.

Good introductory text with descriptions of many entheogenic cacti that I was unaware of, but the cultivation section seems a little bare bones

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Great book!

The book was delivered as expected. It was added to the library unread.

Review.

I recently bought this book after purchasing a few *Lophophora* specimens, and was somewhat dissappointed. Much of the information is sparse or inaccurate, and overall you come away having learned little. It is vague in describing the effects and chemistry of the plant, and minimal effort is made to try and describe different species and varieties. A much better book to buy would be "Peyote: The Divine Cactus", by Edward F. Anderson. It gives a detailed ethnographic history of peyote, describing the modern ceremonies of the Navajo, Plains, Huichol, and many other Indian Tribes. He studies its effects on humans in detail, its chemistry, legal aspects of peyote, and (most importantly!) the botany of Peyote, giving a comprehensive view of the species as well as its different taxonomic varieties (eg. *L. williamsi*, *L. diffusa*, *L. jourdania*, *L. fricii*, *L. decipiens*, etc.). Much of the information contained within cannot be found on the internet. Although most of Gottlieb's material is dealt with in Anderson's book, nevertheless the practical information on grafting and mescaline extration is much more detailed in Gottlieb's (probably because of the different target audiences :-). All in all, still good to have as an accompaniment.

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