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0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great GuideBy P. AdduciGreat information for hiking.9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Like Leavengood's other book, excellent.By cactophileI have been trying to find a copy of this book for about 3 years. My husband and I are avid hikers and the Santa Ritas are in our 'backyard'. This book provides essential information about many trailheads that cannot be found in any other hiking guide. With the current controversy over the probable open-pit copper mine at Rosemont and the likelihood of a big housing development at the mouth of Madera Canyon I think that this would be the perfect time for a new printing of this book.

Between Tucson and Nogales, Arizona, the Santa Rita Mountains preserve an environment and a history unique to the Southwest. Patagonia, Sonoita, Canoa, Sahuarita - the surrounding communities echo images of a not-so-distant past, when Apaches, Mexican campesinos, and Anglo ranchers, miners, and loggers, mission dwellers, and cavalymen all laid claim to (and fought for) a piece of the Santa Ritas. These days, we are privileged to hike through this haunted range unthreatened except by nature's own surprises - the disturbed rattler, the unexpected storm, the flash flood. Leavengood Liebert have collaborated to write an authoritative and prosaic hiking guide to the Santa Ritas. 37 hikes

are detailed in text, maps, and photos. Each hike description is embellished with tales, anecdotes, historical footnotes, and explanations enough to satisfy the most curious modern explorer. Each hike is introduced by a general description of the terrain, followed by essential facts like trail length, elevation gain, best time of year to go, approach routes, and vehicle recommendations. -- Midwest Book