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**Dave Wilson : Hiking Ruins Seldom Seen (Regional Hiking Series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hiking Ruins Seldom Seen (Regional Hiking Series):

51 of 51 people found the following review helpful. "Seldom Seen" may be misleadingBy CustomerOkay, so beyond dinosaurs and crappy movies, I love the prehistoric southwest. When I got my hands on this book, I thought, "Awesome! Some places I've never even heard of are going to be revealed!" But I was in for something of a letdown. There are lots of out-of-the-way ruins discussed in the book, its true. But to say that they are "seldom seen" is

something else again. The author mentions two hikes into Grand Gulch up in Utah - Grand Gulch is one of the most popular backcountry hiking areas in the Four Corners. He also talks about the backcountry ruins at Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico. You can find that same information on the NPS website, among others. But, despite the fact that some of his "seldom seen" ruins aren't quite as isolated as he suggests, I can accept that. What irks me the most is the geographic disparity displayed by the author. The majority of the sites discussed are located in central or southern Arizona. There's only a handful from Utah, a couple from New Mexico, and none from Colorado. I find that to be an unacceptable omission. There are hundreds of virtually unknown ruins in southwestern Colorado in the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Scores all across Cedar Mesa and the Great Sage Plain in Utah that remain unmentioned, despite inclusion in other books about the region and the fact they are in fact "seldom seen". And western New Mexico - don't even get me started. Dozens of rarely visited Chacoan Outliers could have been included. It just seems like the author hung out around Phoenix and didn't want to take the time to fully do his homework on the other states around him. If you're in Phoenix and like ruins, buy it for sure. If you're somewhere else, go with caution - it's not going to lead you to as many places as you might think.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good read, read blogs about some of the hikes. By Customer Good read, read blogs about some of the hikes, a few of the sites have changed, one was bulldozed, etc. Fun hikes either way!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Ruins By mkta Hiking Ruins Seldom Seen was a wonderful map of ruins in the areas of Arizona and surrounding states that I was greatly interested in. The book had great information re the ruins and I thoroughly enjoyed the book. It has given more incentive to go see areas I had not considered in the past. I would highly recommend this book for all who have such an interest and also for those who love to hike.

Contains maps and detailed directions to the remote sites, provides water availability information, and points out hazards on the way to some of the most spectacular areas of the Southwest.

From the Back Cover There are ancient treasures hidden across the American Southwest. Tucked away in remote canyons are hundreds of ruins, cultural treasures that provide a wealth of information about the past--and most people never visit them. Hiking Ruins Seldom Seen is your ticket to these enchanted, little-known sites. It will lead you on wonderful day hikes and overnight trips to some of the most spectacular areas of the Southwest. Hiking Ruins Seldom Seen is for amateur archaeologists and those who enjoy heading into the wilderness. It contains maps and detailed directions to the remote sites, provides water availability information, and points out hazards on the way. A description of each archaeological site is provided, along with notes on the scenery and wildlife of the area. All of the ruins and rock-art sites in Hiking Ruins Seldom Seen are located off the beaten path and are relatively unknown to the public. Don't forget to take Hiking Ruins Seldom Seen on your next Southwest adventure.