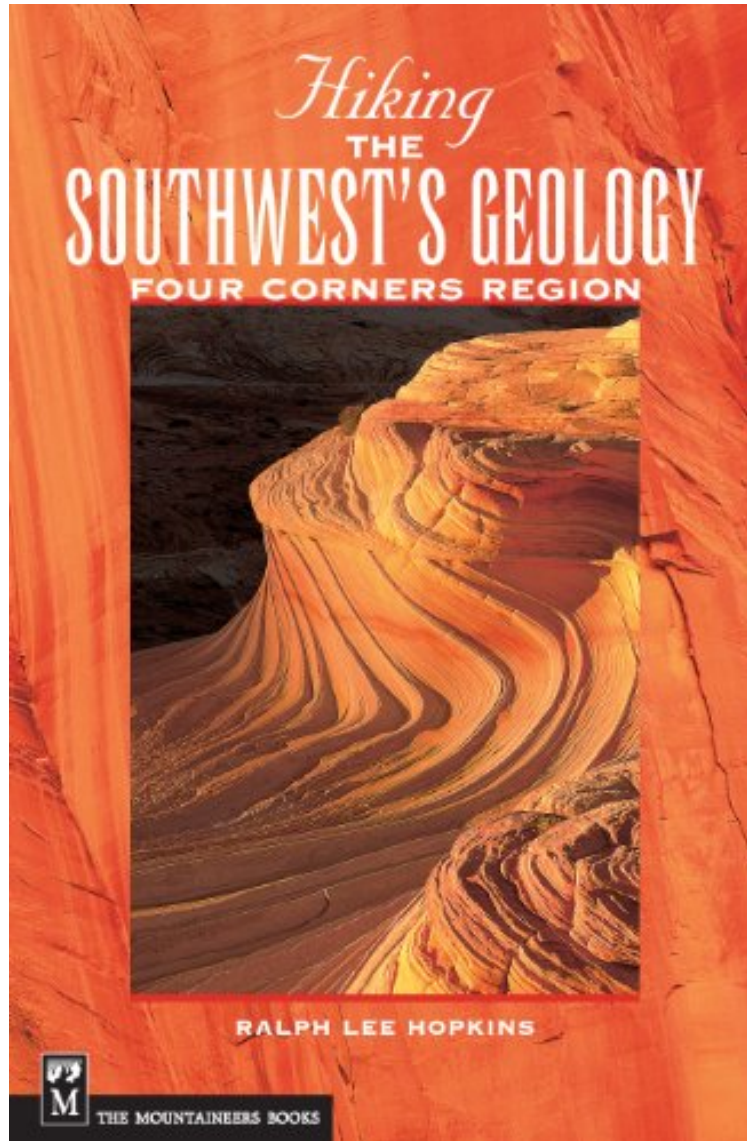


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Hiking the Southwest's Geology: Four Corners Region takes curious hikers on a journey through time that explores the Colorado Plateau -- an immense land of canyons, mesas, and isolated mountain ranges in the American Southwest. Divided into representative geologic provinces/areas, author Ralph Hopkins specifies distinct geologic or scenic features and provides information about what makes each province unique. He describes each hike from the perspective of the geologic evolution of the landscape while exploring basic geologic concepts and providing a framework for understanding the major forces that have shaped the land. Hopkins' stunning color photography brings the Four Corners Region to life in dazzling detail.

What makes this book enjoyable and recommendable for both visitors and residents alike is the fact that Hopkins does not always go for the obvious. Yes, he includes four hikes in the Grand Canyon, as well as hikes in the well-known Zion and Bryce canyons, Arches and Cedar Breaks, but he also provides information on the more elusive trails. The book provides information on each hike that's valuable to both beginner and expert hiker. This is a book that belongs in the backpack-with only water, maps, and a camera more crucial-of any Southwest traveler. (Lake Powell Chronicle) Beautifully illustrated with numerous high-quality photographs and sketches. This book is a testament to Hopkins' love-and knowledge-of the land he calls home. (Albuquerque Journal) Just when you don't think there's room for another new hiking book in the West, another good one comes along ... even hikes you've done are likely to seem different with some of the scientific details the author includes. An expert photographer, the author took some magnificent pictures. (Deseret News) Every now and then a travel/guidebook comes along that is informative, technically correct and a pure pleasure to read. In the seemingly never-ending deluge of so-called guidebooks it is rare indeed to find one that warrants being added to your backpack and carried along on what promises to be a hot, dry trek, especially in the Four Corners area of the Colorado Plateau. This is such a book and well worth the weight. (Southwest Book Views) Hopkins uses his gifts as a photographer to show you why you will want to go on many of these hikes. (Arizona Republic) The book is well laid out, with impressive graphics. Lots of maps illustrating geologic features and processes, and diagrams of cross-sections of sedimentary layers and stratigraphy make this book, with its clear and concise writing, a boon to the hiker in this unique area of the American Southwest, where geology defines the landscape so spectacularly. (New Mexico) This is a book that will be treasured by hikers. (Carson City Nevada Appeal) Hiking the Southwest's Geology is a treasure. The book is resplendent with stunning photos. (Sweat) This text is interesting in that it focuses on the geological features of 50 hikes, providing the reader information not typically available in standard guidebooks. The Grand Canyon speaks quite nicely on its own. (Los Angeles Daily News) For those people who like to hike and love putting boot leather to dirt in search of geological wonders, [Hiking the Southwest's Geology] will prove to be a treasure. (Farmington (NM) Times) About the Author RALPH HOPKINS is a naturalist, photographer, expedition leader, and owner of a photography business in New Mexico.