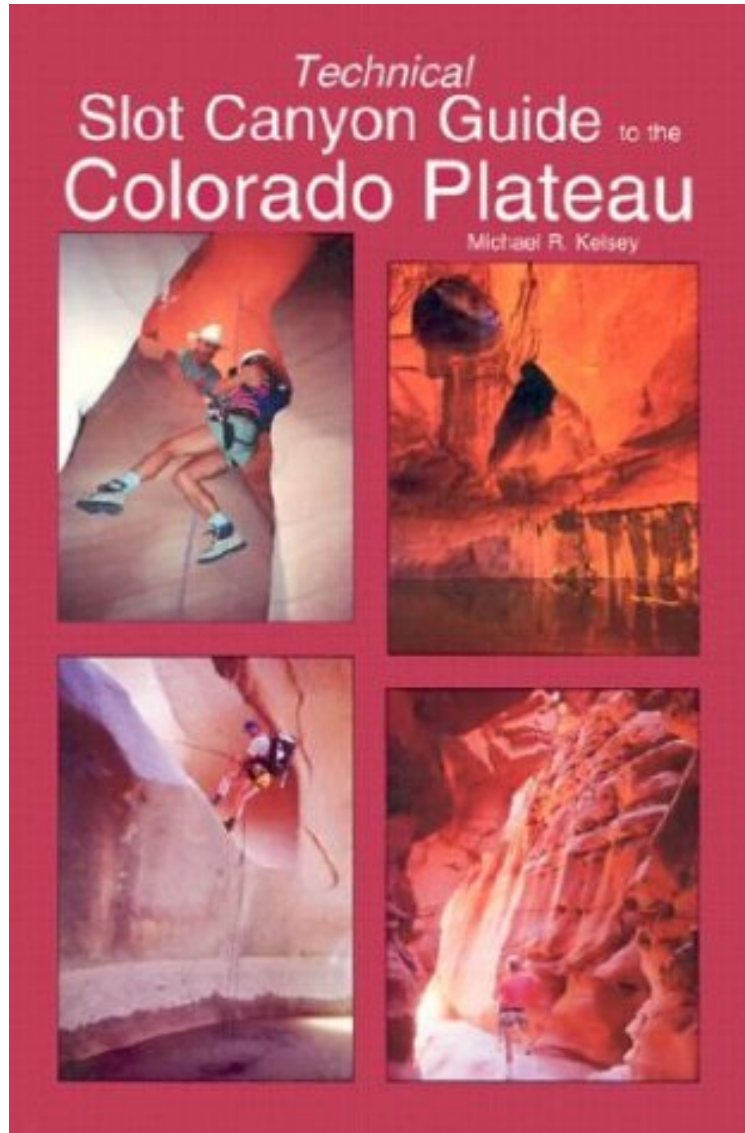


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**Michael R. Kelsey : Technical Slot Canyon Guide to the Colorado Plateau** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Technical Slot Canyon Guide to the Colorado Plateau:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Still the standard!By CustomerPhenomenal amount of info. Just great. The only problem with (every) Kelsey book is the way he lays out his info can be tough to tackle. You have to read through a giant paragraph and try to separate out the info in there pertinent to you an the route you would like to take. That being said it's truly a wealth of info and great photos! There is none better --- if you want to do some serious

canyoneering, this is a MUST. 2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. OK Canyon Descriptions By Customer Kelsey has expanded his first book with a ton of additional canyons to be explored. As always, the initial part is informative of gear to bring, strategies for dealing with difficult obstacles (for example, keeper potholes), etc. But, the text is really compressed and is generally not edited well. In a lot of cases, multiple canyons lumped into the same description, which is a little annoying. Moreover, Kelsey doesn't use the current ACA rating system, but has developed his own system that is only sort of coherent. Also, many canyons haven't been updated since the last printing. Heaps and Imlay are still stated in the book as the most challenging canyons. Many of the canyons in the book are at least as challenging. The most irritating thing about the book is Kelsey's refusal to use the common names of the canyons accepted in the Canyoneering community. The result may be some unfortunate souls finding themselves in a Sandtrax-type canyon because it had a different name in the book. All the complaints aside, however, this is really the biggest and only repository to find descriptions of all these canyons lumped together. For that, we should be thanking (cursing for the added traffic??) Kelsey. 5 of 8 people found the following review helpful. The 'Key to the Lock' By John M. The Colorado Plateau is in my backyard and Michael Kelsey's books have helped me unlock the mysteries of the beautiful canyon country within. If you're a technical canyoneer, no other book comes close to this one in guiding you to the best slot canyons on the Colorado Plateau. Most 'sour grapes' type of reviews of this book are from folks who've been loathe to reveal what they thought were their personal secrets. Humbug! I say, "Welcome!" and enjoy...

This book includes the Blue John Canyon which is featured in the movie 127 Hours, the story about Aron Ralston and his experience. The Colorado Plateau is a large physiographic region covering roughly the southeastern half of Utah, the northern half of Arizona, the western fifth of Colorado and a small area in the northwestern corner of New Mexico. It basically includes the middle third of the Colorado River drainage. Almost all the canyons in this book are in Utah but with a few -- some of the best, in northern Arizona near the town of Page and on Navajo Nation lands. This is a technical slot canyon guide to the Colorado Plateau. As defined here, Technical Slot means a very narrow canyon often a meter wide or less, usually requiring ropes rappelling, and/or high-stemming and difficult up/down climbing to get all the way through.

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