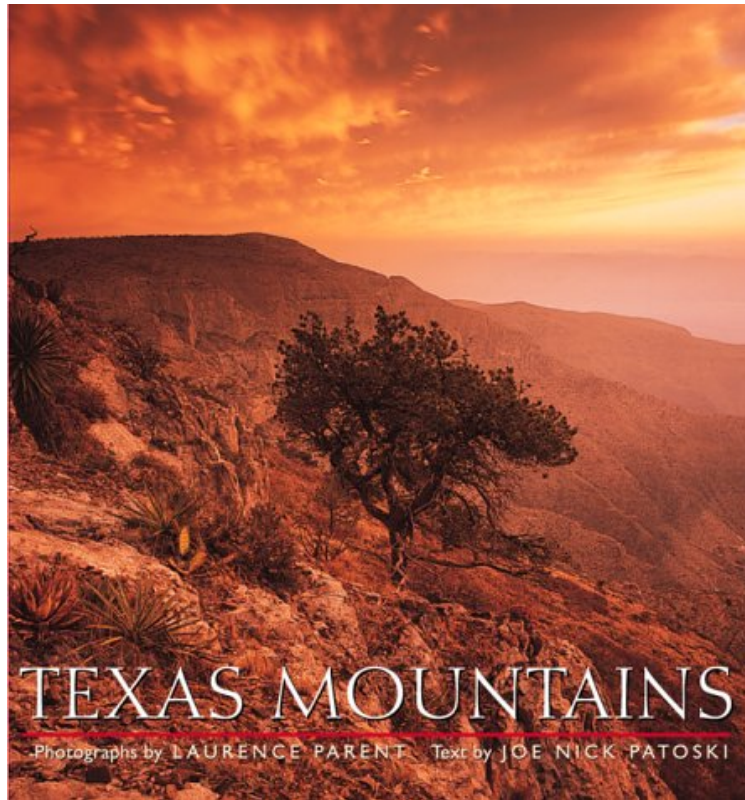


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mountains will ever make the trek. In this book, Laurence Parent and Joe Nick Patoski join forces to offer breathtaking views of the Texas mountains. With magnificent images and words, they take us on a journey not only through the familiar Guadalupe, Davis, and Chisos mountains, but also through lesser-known ranges with evocative names such as Sierra Diablo, Eagle, Chinati, Beach, and Christmas. Capturing the Texas mountains from first light to the glowing rays of sunset and from winter snows to summer droughts, Parent's photographs reveal many hidden treasures: pine forests, waterfalls, old forts, aspens, movie sets, Indian pictographs, and red-rock pinnacles. Patoski's text ranges as widely as the photos, using places from Marathon to El Paso's Franklin Mountains as starting points for "field notes" that explore the myriad ways in which the land has shaped and been shaped by the people who live on it. For everyone who longs for mountain views and wide-open spaces, *Texas Mountains* comes as close to being there as you can get without endless driving.

From *Library Journal*: The sparsely populated Trans-Pecos region of extreme western Texas covers about 50,000 square miles across eight counties and contains more than 30 named mountain ranges. Featuring stunning color photographs by Austin resident Parent (*Hiking Texas*) with accompanying text by Texas Monthly senior editor Patoski, this work will amaze readers who have never visited this vast and remote area as well as those few who have. In addition to the wonderful photos, Patoski's text presents a colorful history and paints a vivid portrait of a wide variety of locals who seem to share a love of the wide-open spaces and solitude afforded by the rugged terrain. This very nicely conceived and well-executed work includes both a color map and brief descriptions of each of the mountain ranges covered. Highly recommended for all regional and larger public libraries as well as those with travel/natural history collections. Tim Markus, Evergreen State Coll. Lib., Olympia, WA
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