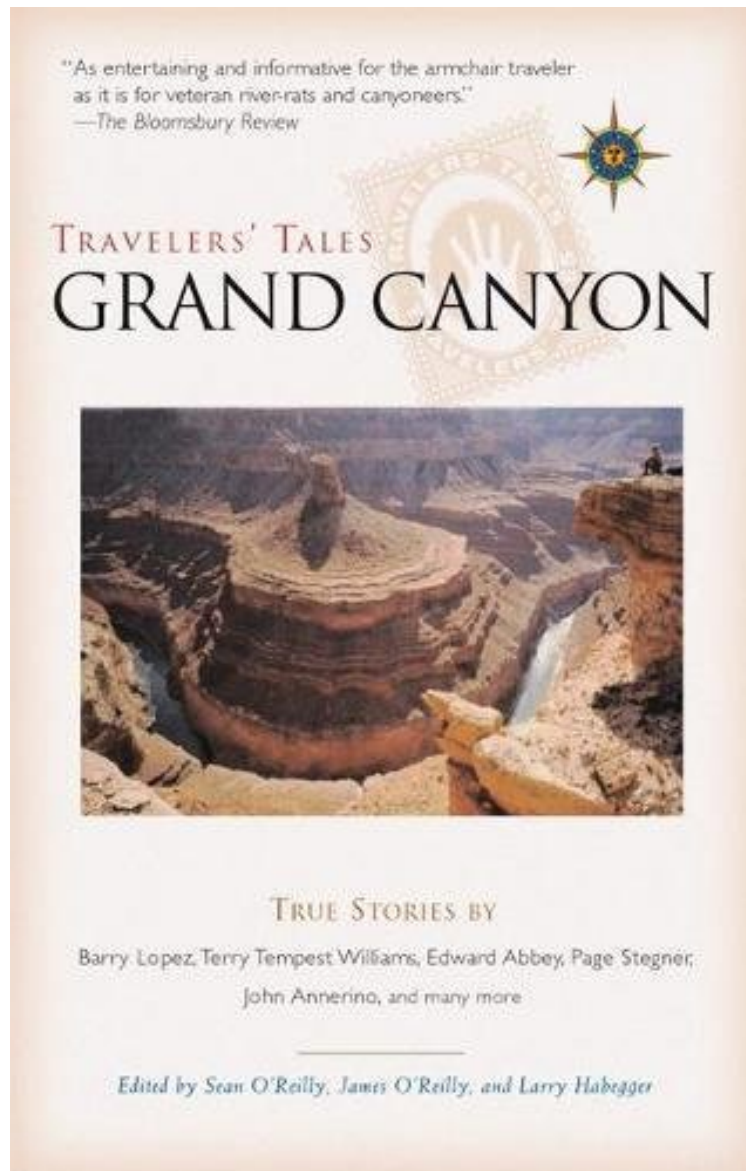


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Travelers' Tales Grand Canyon at it's best.By ImpressedInteresting stories; I've been in Grand Canyon and relate to several of these tales. Enjoyed reading them. One problem: Several of the stories left out the dates being discussed. Some talked of "cold water" in the Colorado.....so I ASSUMED the

"tale" was after the Glen Canyon Dam was functioning. But I had to guess about most.....looks like the date could have been included. The writing of the stories were somewhat disjointed at times but, I guess, that would be expected from amateurs. Overall, an enjoyable book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good selection  
By Dianne Alene Murray  
I have read many books on the Grand Canyon, including ones by the authors selected for this book (i.e. Ghiglieri, Abbey, Fletcher), so a lot of the material was already known to me. However, as an overview for someone who has not read a lot about the Canyon it would be a good start. I like Travelers' Tales books and have several, I think they are doing a great job providing a insights not available in "regular" travel books. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Perspectives  
By John P. Jones III  
This is a marvelous book, and why didn't someone think of it before? One of the very premier places in the world - an essential place of pilgrimage for so many non-Americans who visit the country for the first time. For all Americans it is a "at least once in a life" place to visit. The essence of this guide is the 32 short stories - different perspectives on the Grand Canyon experience, written by almost that many different authors. There are the famous authors: Edward Abbey, Colin Fletcher, Page Stegner. There is the "close call" told by Stewart Udall, environmentalist and former Secretary of the Interior. There is the political advocacy of David Brower, long time Executive Director of the Sierra Club, who admits that he was partially responsible for the death of Glen Canyon, and now advocates the tearing down of dams. And there are the many other stories, some harrowing, some delightful, which should increase the reader's respect for one of earth's "sacred places." Not all the stories obviously are of equal impact or quality, but that issue is unintentionally covered in a story by Barry Lopez, who quotes Thoreau: "The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best." The book also contains some excellent maps, and a chart on the geological cross-sections. There is a brief introduction; the five sections of the book are preceded by black and white "wood block" drawings of the canyon, and there is a practical guide at the end, including a vital bibliography. It was virtually impossible to pick a favorite story, far better to identify three: Stegner's lyrical and philosophical "Revelation"; Janecek's cautionary "Flash Flood"; and Abbey's very own "close call," entitled "Havasut." For anyone considering a Grand Canyon visit, this is a wonderful guide for both the body and spirit.

Almost 5 million people visit the Grand Canyon every year, but few venture beyond the rim. This ancient and spectacular gorge is so impressive that all experience it in their own personal way, some just standing in awe and marveling at its vastness, others compelled to action on the cliffs, in the gorges, on the river. Through this collection of stories you can experience the deeper wonders of this magnificent world treasure. Follow these writers as they: \* Swim in hidden grottos under luminous waterfalls \* Stand alone in an immense solitude \* Raft the white-water of the Colorado River and sleep under billion-year-old cliffs \* Discover the timeless interplay of desert wildlife \* Face the terror of a flash flood \* Hike ancient Native American trails through astonishing side canyons  
The Grand Canyon is a temple of personal discovery, a deep Himalaya that can only be experienced to be believed.