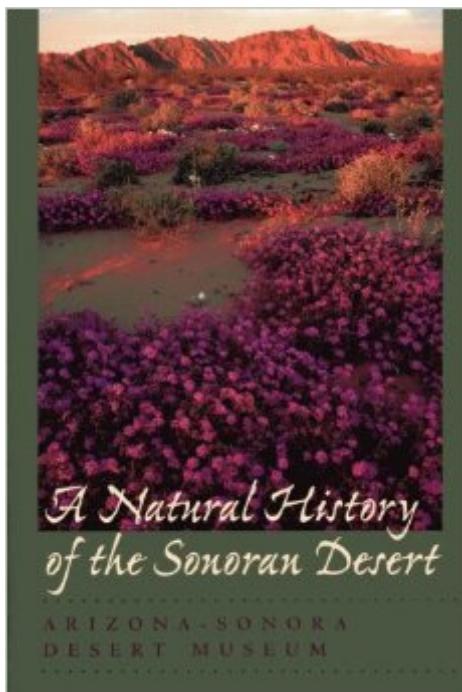


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This book covers every aspect of the Sonoran Desert in readable chunks. The writers gain the readers credibility and interest easily and quickly. The book would be more useful if the drawings were in color.

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