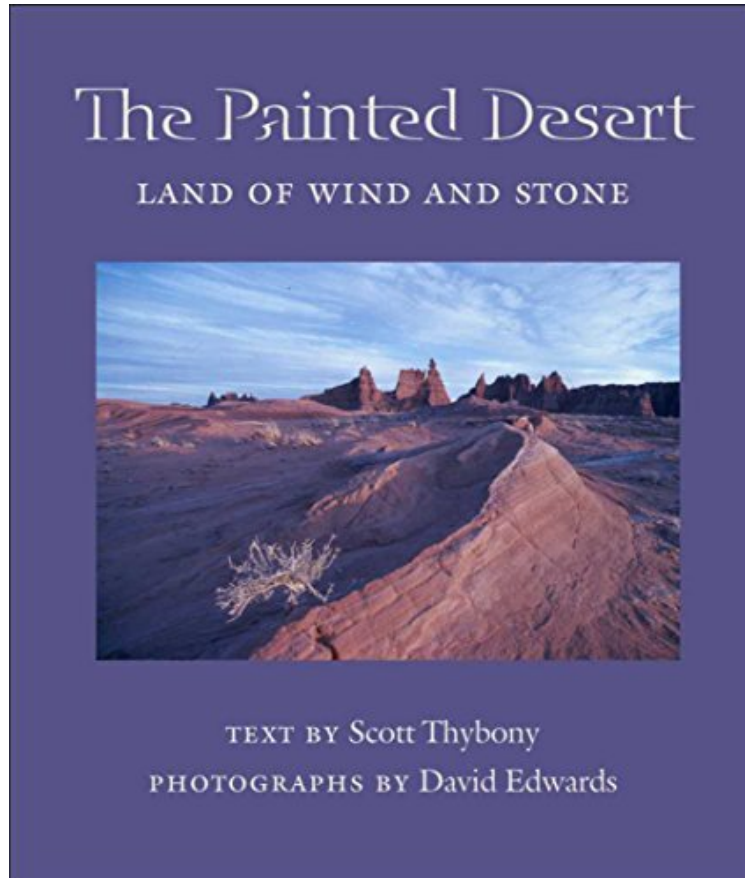


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**Scott Thybony : The Painted Desert: Land of Wind and Stone (Desert Places)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Painted Desert: Land of Wind and Stone (Desert Places):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Fine TravelogueBy John M.A wonderful travelogue with fine photography from the Ward Terrace area of the Painted Desert. Quite a little adventure in one of the most sunbaked windswept areas in the country. Not for readers interested in the southern Painted Desert area accessed via Hwy. 87 and I-40. This particular area of the Painted Desert is on the Navajo Nation and off limits to most travelers, which makes this read even more enjoyable.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One StarBy Joshua WeedmanAll black and white photos.4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Collection of anecdotal encounters and experiencesBy M. BroderickThe book is 76 short pages of anecdotes, some apparently taking place during a trip the author took with a photographer through the region, and some apparently as flashbacks of previous experiences. I learned nothing about the geology or geography, little about the people of the area, and got no useful information for planning a trip to the area. The book includes what look like some nice BW photos, but the photos are reproduced using about half the page in the already-small format of the book (remainder of photo pages is blank space).Fast and pleasant reading, but only mildly entertaining, not at all useful, and not worth the \$10+ I spent to get it.

Most people who are familiar with the Painted Desert of northeastern Arizona know it only from having pulled off at the Petrified Forest exit on Interstate 40. If they happen to come by it at midday, as most do, they find a landscape drained of color and flattened under the direct sunlight. But this remote pocket of the Arizona desert, sandwiched between the Little Colorado River on one side and bold escarpments on the other, is much more than most tourists ever experience. An ethereal landscape of sculpted rock, wind-fluted cliffs, and elegantly drifting sand, the Painted Desert is a rich storehouse of natural beauty, colorful history, and scientific wonders. Here the strongest winds in Arizona blow across extensive dunefields, where less than ten inches of rain falls each year and only a few desert-savvy Navajo are able to live. Now, for the first time award-winning writer Scott Thybony and freelance photographer David Edwards offer an intimate look at a place that remains inhospitable and inaccessible to so many. They share insights about the geology, paleontology, anthropology, and human history of the region as well as personal stories that dispel the misconceptions and mysteries that surround this delicate and difficult landscape. With fifteen stunning photographs gracing the text, this book offers a vibrant portrait of one of the Southwest's most barren, and most colorful landscapes.

“A terrific read for the armchair traveler.”—Arizona Republic  
“A worthy addition to the Desert Places series.”—The Times-Independent