

# The Grand Canyon: The American Wilderness

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**Robert Wallace : The Grand Canyon: The American Wilderness** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Grand Canyon: The American Wilderness:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Mary J. Moreygreat service and product0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice introduction to one of the world's sublime placesBy BrooksNYCI purchased this book shortly after a life-changing first trip to the Grand Canyon in 1974. Time Life books were immensely popular in their day. They were detailed enough to be informative and interesting without overwhelming the average reader.The photos in this volume are okay, but the print quality is middling, and the photos grainy by today's standards. If you're looking for a book of beautiful Canyon photographs, keep looking. There are plenty to be had.The book touches broadly on a range of topics. If you've a particular interest (geology, hiking, wildlife, rafting, etc.), look elsewhere for books that explore these topics in depth.The author's writing is often lovely. The following passage so perfectly captured my own first experience of the Canyon that reading it today still makes my hair stand on end:"One may sense the presence of the Canyon in the way one may sometimes sense the ocean just over the horizon, but there is no glimpse of it. If the road is deserted, as it may be at dawn, it is worthwhile to stop and listen for a few moments. There is a tremendous quiet up aheadnot merely the expected quiet of very early morning, but the brooding, almost supernatural sort of quiet in which an old dog for no apparent reason will whimper."I'm an old dog myself these days, and after a dozen trips to the Grand Canyon, the "brooding, almost supernatural" quiet of a Canyon dawn can still coax a whimper out of me! If there are better books on the Canyon, this oneon my bookshelf for forty-three yearsholds a special place in my heart.

Includes a Nature Walk to Widforss Point, forces that made the Canyon Grand, the challenge of white water, and the grandeur of rock river.