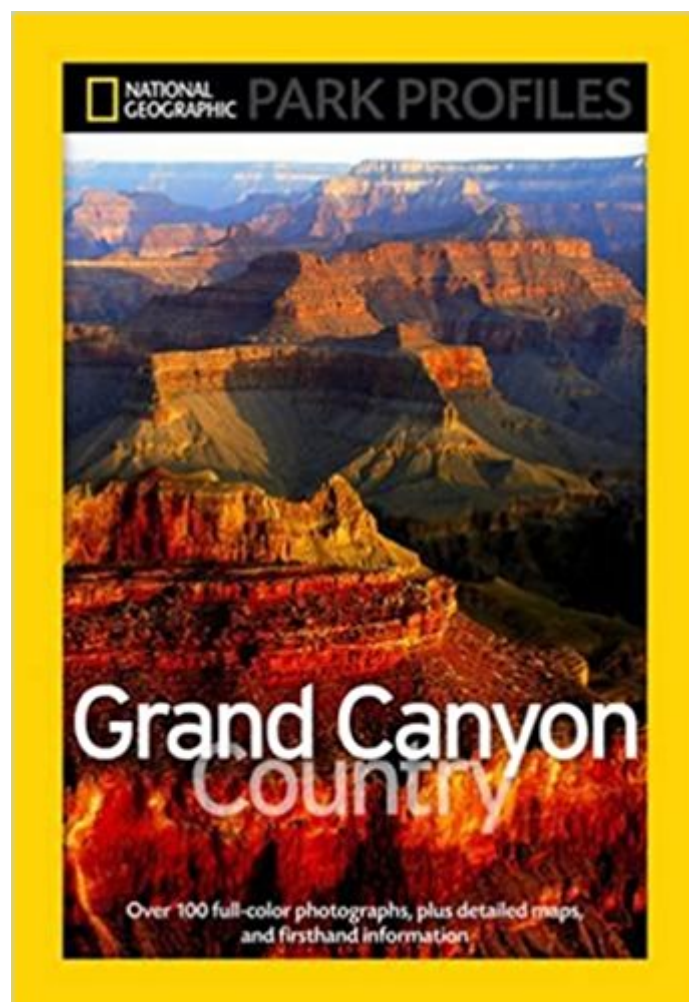




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Seymour L. Fishbein has written and edited numerous Society books on topics ranging from Alaska's Magnificent Parklands to Our Continent: A Natural History of North America. Raymond Gehman is an award-winning photographer for the Virginian-Pilot and the Ledger-Star in Norfolk, Virginia.

I admit, it must be hard to write a book about something as varied and diverse as a National Park. To weave together the different facets -- the geographical and human histories, the important physical features -- is challenging if one wants to engage the reader. Mr. Fishbein has certainly accomplished this in his portrait of Grand Canyon Country. While the volume is not quite as

engaging as other volumes in the National Geographic series (Yosemite is, in my opinion, the standard), nevertheless I found myself moved to revisit the Grand Canyon with this volume in hand. For anyone who would like to understand the geography, history, and thrills one can see firsthand in this wonder of the world, this book will give you as much as you need and more. The stunning photos are a bonus, but don't let them distract you from the visual imagery painted by Mr. Fishbein in his text.

School project

Nice book more history then a travel guide.

After a recent visit to the Grand Canyon, a first for my husband and me, we decided to purchase this book. Pictures and descriptions are wonderful. A great book to relive our special vacation.

Was a great companion book on recent trip to Grand Canyon. And also to relive our wonderful trip there

Book is beautiful & informative. It will be a good research tool for our visit. Shows maps & areas very clearly.

Wonderful

Great introduction to the Grand Canyon. About 200 pages with lots of glossy photos. The author, Fishbein, does a great job combining descriptive essay and travelogue. How many superlatives can you use to describe this colorful wonder of the world? And how many pages of pure description can you read? But by combining several hikes and running the river along with geology and cultural history, the author writes an interesting story even as he informs you. Some good maps are contained. The photography is excellent, as you would expect with National Geographic. I would have liked a little more natural history on things like the condor, burros, kaibab squirrels and the like. A little more on the Colorado river would have been nice. As an old scientist for the Bureau of Reclamation that monitors the river, I enjoyed seeing some old friends' names pop up in the book here and there. Still, a great introduction and easy read. 4 stars.

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