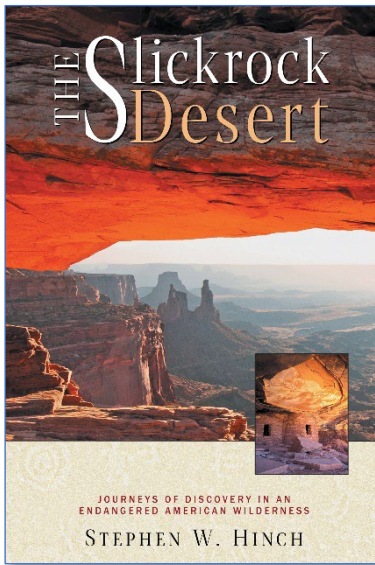


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## New Book, ‘The Slickrock Desert,’ Explores Threatened Southern Utah Landscape

SANTA ROSA, CA – March 28, 2022 – Stephen W. Hinch’s latest book, *The Slickrock Desert: Journeys of Discovery in an Endangered American Wilderness*, is a lively tour of the Four Corners Region of the American Southwest—its history, natural history, geology, paleontology, ecology, and what we know of its earliest inhabitants. It is a region under threat, and Hinch explores both the threats to this land and the work being done to protect it.



Hinch uses stories of his own travels, both inspirational and tragic, to introduce deeper insights into this land. One story tells how tyrannosaur fossils discovered by a paleontologist in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument changed our views of dinosaur lifestyles. Another tells how President Clinton’s daughter Chelsea may have been the deciding factor in his decision to create that monument. Among the threats, Hinch critiques Utah’s controversial “Mighty Five” marketing program that has overwhelmed the state’s five national parks. No longer peaceful refuges from the bustle of city life, the lines to enter those parks today can be over an hour long.

*The Slickrock Desert* has already received pre-release praise from notable reviewers. Stephen Trimble, award-winning author of twenty-five outdoor-related books, calls it “excellent background reading for anyone newly entranced by Four Corners canyon

country.” Carolyn Z. Shelton, retired Assistant Monument Manager for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, calls it “a great balance between the beauty, experience, and the responsibility that we all bear in going to these great wild places.”

*The Slickrock Desert* is a 280-page paperback with 50 photographs. It is available now from Atenera Press’s distributor, Mountain Press ([www.mountain-press.com](http://www.mountain-press.com)), as well as Amazon, Ingram, and other physical and online booksellers. A complete media kit can be found at [www.atenera.com/mediakit](http://www.atenera.com/mediakit).

### About the Author

Stephen W. Hinch has explored the lands of the American Southwest for over forty years. He is the author of four books and a contributing author to three more. A recognized expert on the use of map, compass, and GPS to navigate in the outdoors, his book, *Outdoor Navigation with GPS*, now in its third edition, is a bestselling guide to the subject. He is available for interviews and welcomes the opportunity to appear at events such as in-person readings, book signings, or online presentations.

### About the Publisher

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