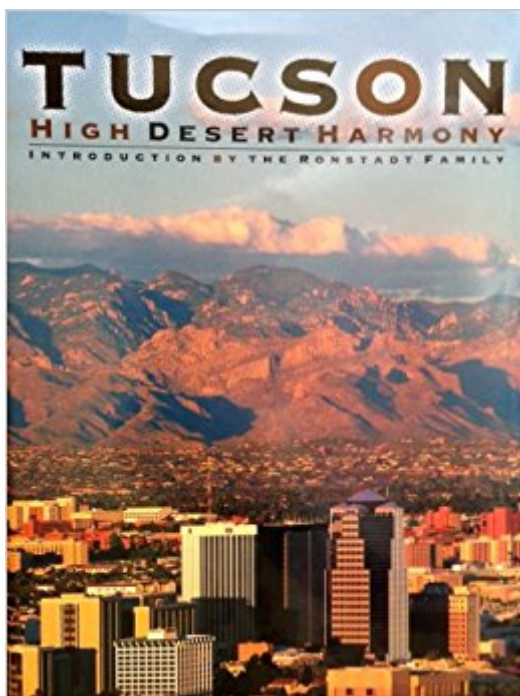


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I lived in Tucson Az but moved back east. This book definitely reminded me a lot of stuff that I miss so much out west. I recommend it for anyone that is home-sick (like me) or just want to know more about the specifics in Tucson. It has a lot of great pictures and a whole bunch of information about the ecology.

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