

## Books on Nature Writing, Natural History, and National Parks of the American West @ Your Leatherby Libraries

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*An Island Called California* by Elna S. Bakker  
QH105.C2 B3 1971 - 3rd FL Science & Technology  
Library Books

This classic in ecology examines the diverse environments and natural communities found throughout the state of California.

*Organ Pipe: Life on the Edge* by Carol Ann Bassett  
QH105.A65 B37 2004 - 3rd FL Science &  
Technology Library Books

The beauty and mystery of the desert are portrayed in this book that explains the natural and cultural history of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument in Arizona's Sonora Desert.

*Indian Country, God's Country* by Philip Burnham  
E98.L3 B87 2000 - 2<sup>nd</sup> FL Humanities Books

This is a history of the relationship between American Indians and the National Park Service that discusses how some Indians were removed from their traditional lands that became national parks in the West.

*One Day at Teton Marsh* by Sally Carrighar  
QL215.C3 1955 - 3rd FL Science & Technology  
Library Books

In timeless nature writing, Carrighar describes the activities of individual animals that inhabit a marsh in Grand Teton National Park. The stories connect with one another, showing the interaction of the inhabitants of this environment.

*Challenge of the Big Trees* by Lary M. Dilsaver and  
William C. Tweed  
F868.S4 D55 1990 - 2<sup>nd</sup> FL Humanities Books

Well illustrated with helpful maps, this is a human history of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Included are discussions about the effort to preserve the big trees and the establishment of the parks.

*A Place Called Grand Canyon* by Barbara J.  
Morehouse  
GF504.A6 M67 1996 - 2nd FL Social Science  
Library Books

In this geographical history, Morehouse examines the "greater Grand Canyon," an area that extends well beyond the parks boundaries, looking at the changes that have taken place over time and the relationships of people with this landscape.

*The Mountains of California* by John Muir  
F866.M95 1911 - 2<sup>nd</sup> FL Humanities Books

One of several classics in nature writing by John Muir, this book describes the landscape and natural history of California's mountain ranges, focusing on the Sierra Nevadas.

*Our National Parks* by John Muir  
E160.M95 1901 - 2<sup>nd</sup> FL Humanities Books

This classic in nature writing is a collection of ten essays that discuss the importance of national parks such as Yosemite, Sequoia, and Yellowstone.

*Travels in Alaska* by John Muir  
QH31.M9 A36 1979 - 3rd FL Science &  
Technology Library Books

In this book, Muir recounts his first experiences in Alaska from 1879 to 1899, focusing on his appreciation for glaciers.

*The Yosemite* by John Muir  
F868.Y6 M9 1962 - 2<sup>nd</sup> FL Humanities Books

This is a classic guide to Yosemite National Park, describing hiking trails, plants and animals, and landmarks.

*Natural State* edited by Steven Gilbar  
QH105.C2 N425 1998 - 3rd FL Science &  
Technology Library Books

Essays, journal entries, and excerpts are included in this anthology of nature writing on California. Several well known and less familiar authors are included, and the writings are arranged by geographic areas and features (e.g., mountains, the coast).

*A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold  
QH81.L56 1970 - 3rd FL Science & Technology  
Library Books

This is a classic text that explores the natural history of America. Originally published in 1949, it was written by Aldo Leopold, who believed in a mutually beneficial relationship between humans and nature.

*A Living Bay: The Underwater World of Monterey Bay* by Lovell and Libby Langstroth  
QH105.C2 L36 2000 - 3rd FL Science & Technology  
Library Books

Wonderfully illustrated with color photographs, this book explores Monterey Bay and offers scientific information in an easy to read and informative text.

*Yellowstone: The Creation and Selling of an American Landscape, 1870-1903* by Chris J. Magoc  
F722.M23 1999 - 2<sup>nd</sup> FL Humanities Books

This is an environmental history of the founding years of Yellowstone National Park, discussing the Euro-American perception of the park, wilderness values, tourism and the railroad, extraction of resources, and how the park's current ecological well being may be threatened by tourism and industrial development.

*Gathering the Desert* by Gary Paul Nabhan  
QK211.N33 1985 - 3rd FL Science & Technology  
Library Books

Divided according to the seasons of the year, this book looks at twelve native plants of the Sonoran desert and their uses by humans over time.

*Yosemite: The Embattled Wilderness* by Alfred Runte  
QH105.C2 R86 1990 - 3rd FL Science &  
Technology Library Books

This book is an environmental history of Yosemite National Park, focusing on the management of natural resources.

*Protecting Paradise: Yosemite Rangers 1898-1960* by Shirley Sargent  
SB481.5 .S27 1998 - 3rd FL Science &  
Technology Library Books

The stories of the lives of civilian rangers in Yosemite National Park are described in this well illustrated book.

*The Log from the Sea of Cortez* by John Steinbeck  
QL225.S74 1995 - 3rd FL Science & Technology  
Library Books

An interesting mixture of science, philosophy, and adventure, this is a daily account of Steinbeck's journey to the Gulf of California with biologist Ed Ricketts.