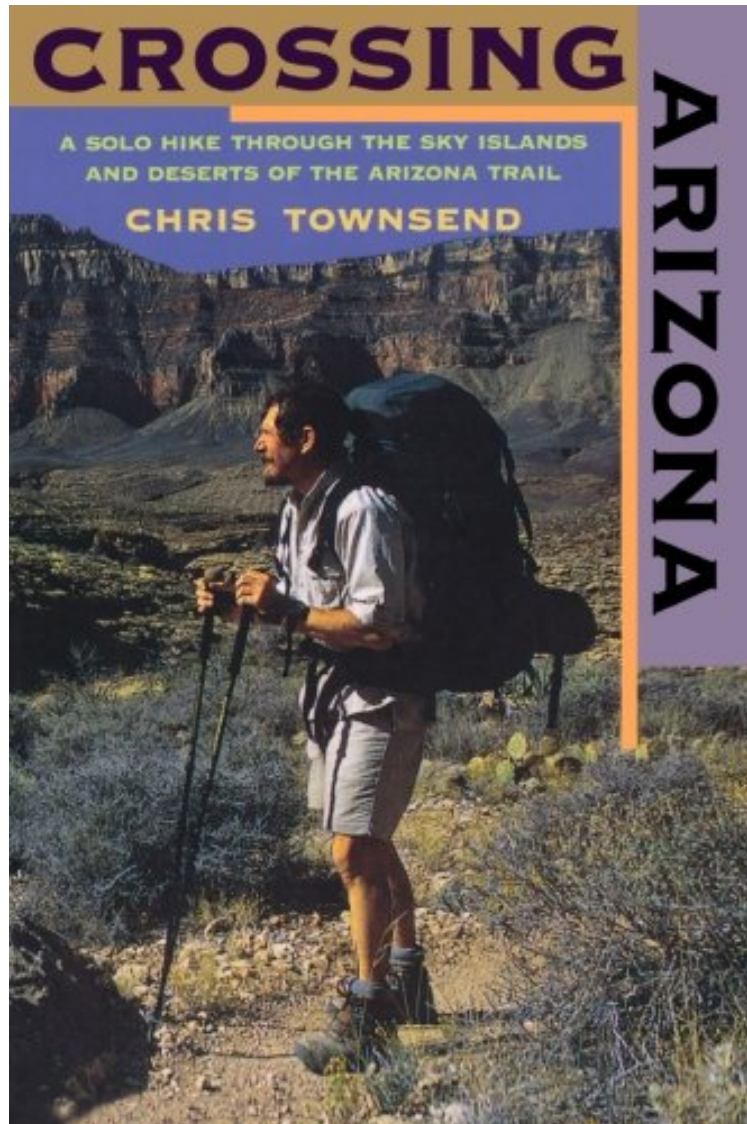


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Arizona, USA! I've almost finished reading to the end, and have been transported onto the trail in this book. I've found this book to be extremely relevant and interesting account of Chris's walk along the Arizona Trail. I've learned some valuable facts about the trail, and what to expect. I've been using a few of the National Geographic maps to follow along while I read, and to locate the geographic points he refers to in the writing. Water is a prime concern on this hike, especially in the southern regions. The one thing I haven't been able to find is reference to any dates that would reveal the time of year he began his hike. It would help place the time of year and the availability of water during this time of year. I see no reason to give anything but a top rating to this book, I just love it! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great arm-chair traveler read. By Scot H. This is a journal, not a 'how to' book, and as that is quite enjoyable. Only caveat is he's from a cooler climate than Arizona so is struggling in heat where we Arizonians are just getting started. A great read and very inspirational. Not only for those thinking about long hiking trips. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. a good read By jeepgirl61 I bought this book because I am (someday) going to do this hike. What a great adventure! Reading this book has made me put it a little higher on the "to do" list. Chris Townsend did a great job telling his story. It has not only been educational but a very enjoyable read that I highly recommend to any avid hiker.

The author's engaging account of his solo hike along the Arizona Trail from the Mexican border to Utah. Crossing Arizona takes us on an extraordinary journey across some of the harshest, most remote, and arguably most beautiful natural terrain in the Lower 48. Long-distance hiker Chris Townsend, inspired by the writings of Edward Abbey and Colin Fletcher, set out alone to explore the desert landscape that inspired them. The rough, still-evolving Arizona Trail he hiked runs 800 miles from desert floor, through grasslands, through mountain forests, all the way from the Mexican border to Utah. Along this distinctly American path, Townsend's uniquely British sensibility ensures an entertaining read. Crossing Arizona is both an account of Townsend's adventure, and a chance to experience a truly unique corner of the world. This ultimate Lower 48 adventure describes some of the most beautiful and remote wilderness in the states. 20 black and white photographs 1 map Index

From Library Journal Townsend, an experienced hiker and author of 14 other books on hiking and the outdoors (e.g., *Walking the Yukon*), recounts his solo hike from the Mexican border up through the deserts, mountains, and canyons of central Arizona to the Utah border. His personal reflections during the two-month hike are intertwined with historical anecdotes as well as information about the region's flora and fauna and geological formations. Owing to the occasional repetitiveness and the lack of clear photographs the black-and-white images included are too grainy this title may be cumbersome to read if you are looking for an enticing travel adventure. But the plethora of background information, along with Townsend's experience as a long-distance hiker, may serve as a useful reference for those planning to attempt the 800-mile hike. Similar titles include Bruce Grubb's *Hiking Arizona* and Jerry Sieve's *Along the Arizona Trail*. Recommended for all libraries in Arizona and other libraries with an active outdoor clientele. John McCormick, New Hampshire State Lib., Concord Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist The 800-mile Arizona Trail divides the state roughly in half, from Mexico to Utah, and it crosses desert, brush country, the Grand Canyon, and even the occasional snow-covered mountain pass. In March 2000, Townsend became one of the few people to have hiked the trail from beginning to end. This account of his adventure works both as a travel memoir and a how-to guide. Evocative descriptions of the scenery mix comfortably with useful tips for long-distance hikers. (Townsend had a "running supply box," which he kept mailing ahead to the next town and used to replenish his provisions, rather than carrying everything with him.) Occasionally, the text turns a bit philosophical, but mostly Townsend sticks to what was in front of him. The result is a vivid day-by-day chronicle of what he saw, the places he visited, the people he met, the things he learned. Recommend this one to fans of Bill Bryson, Tim Moore, or Tony Hawks. David Pitt Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved About the Author Chris Townsend is Lecturer in the Department of Media Arts at Royal Holloway, University of London. He is co-author with Mandy Merck of *The Art of Tracey Emin*, also published by Thames Hudson.