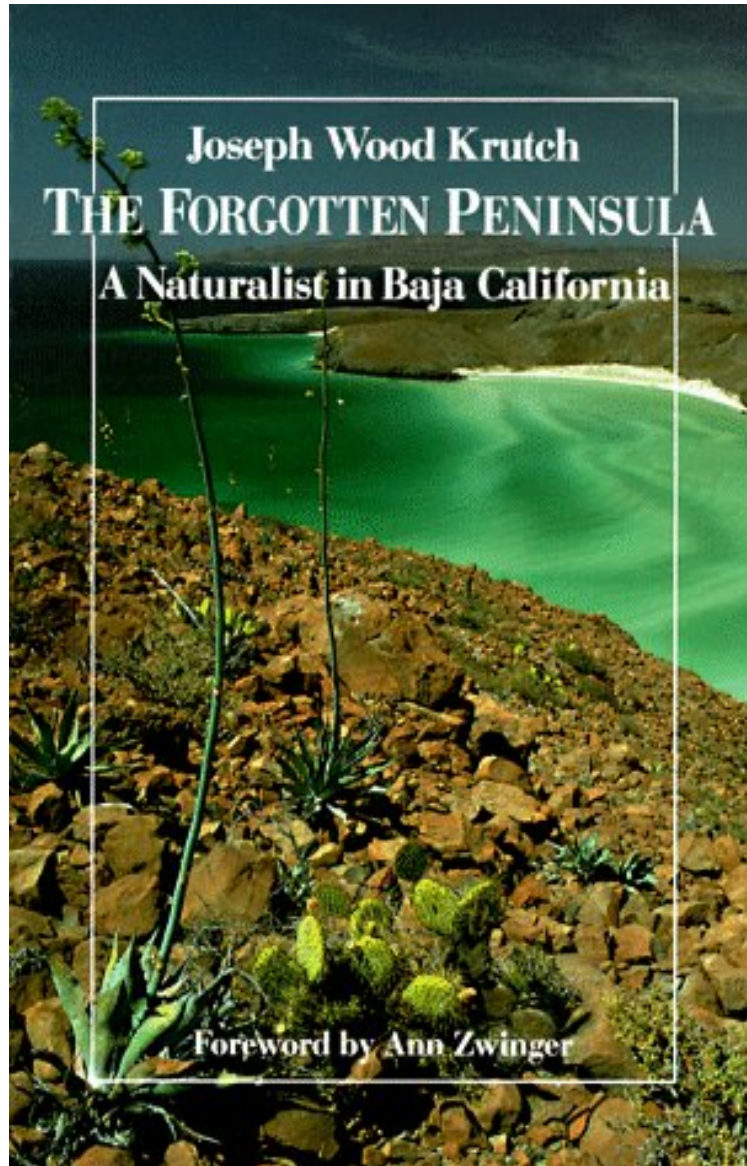


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Joseph Wood Krutch : The Forgotten Peninsula: A Naturalist in Baja California before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Forgotten Peninsula: A Naturalist in Baja California:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Almost forgottenBy HowardI first read Joseph Wood Krutch in an introduction he wrote to "Walden and other writings". Undoubtedly Thoreau influenced Krutch's world view and

philosophy (so much so you would say that he evolved from a drama critic to a naturalist, although no doubt both of these interests occupied him concurrently at least for some portion of his life). *The Forgotten Peninsula* is a fine book by a naturalist. Krutch described the desert plants and marine animals as well as the human and natural history of Baja California based on several trips he made (some the "hard way" by 4-wheel vehicles, some the "easy way" by plane). The descriptions are crisp and vivid, if somewhat detached. I deduct one star because sometimes I wish he was a little more emotional, more personal and more passionate in his writing -- maybe this is why another reviewer thinks it is a "dry listing" (actually it is much better than that). Perhaps he was too content with being (and indeed he may have intended to be) merely an observer. The last two chapters posed some profound questions about the place of the human race in nature and the virtue of progress. This is a book written almost 50 years ago, reading these questions in the context of what the world has become now gives one much to ponder. No doubt a lot of things described in this book may have long disappeared, but ironically Baja is forgotten no more (ever heard of or seen on ESPN Baja 500?). Yet reading the book still makes one want to go to Baja California (a place I have not yet been to) to see what little still remains there.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful travelogue perspective
By R Vancleve
We've traveled Baja for 50 years, seen many of the changes the book speaks of. It's so fun to relate to the old days. Some areas (and roads) haven't changed all that much. Others are welcome in that you can drive on the road rather than travel along beside because of the holes and obstacles. We drove the entire peninsula 10 years ago in our trusty Isuzu and encountered marvelous people and experiences. So glad we did it then before the nasty cartel gangs ruined the opportunity for travel and the tourism for the peninsula.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly recommended for anyone interested in the Baja
By Mary Griffith
A classic of Mexico and travel literature, and a lovely, poetic introduction to the land and the plantlife of the Sonoran Desert. Highly recommended for anyone interested in the Baja.

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