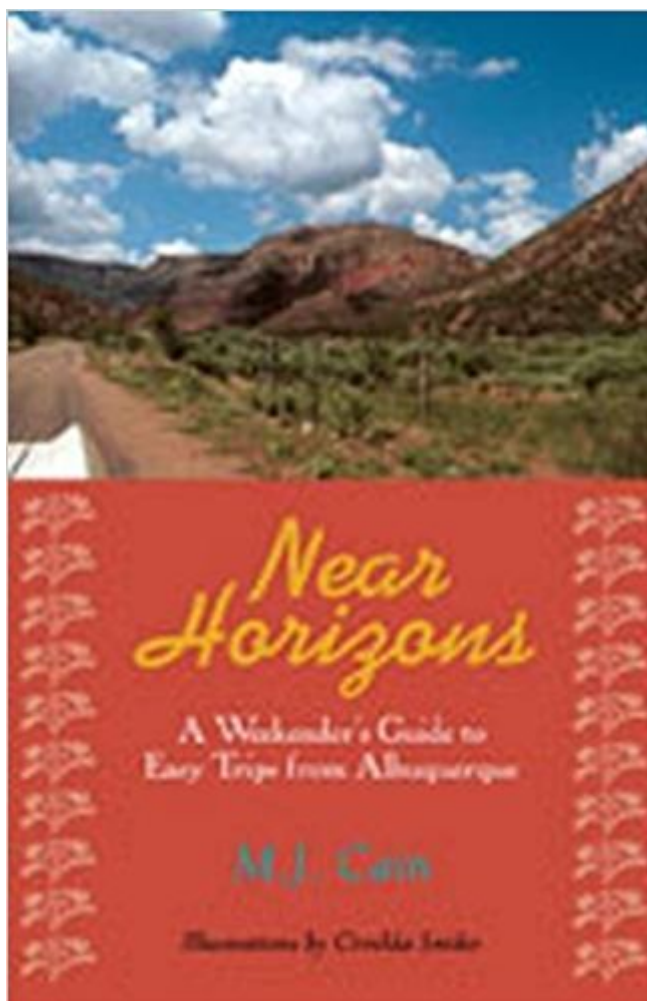


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Near Horizons: A Weekender's Guide To Easy Trips From Albuquerque



Synopsis

Designed to assist the Albuquerque dweller who may not have a lot of time, or a huge budget, this guide offers regular doses of "escape." Santa Fe and Taos are not discussed, because so many tour books cover these towns to the nth degree. There are a host of places roughly one to three-and-one-half hours away from Albuquerque just fine for a weekend, if not necessarily ideal for a long vacation. Trips are chosen based on distances that are an easy reach (primary destinations are 179 miles or less)--Jemez Springs, Pecos, Grants, Cuba, Chimayo, Gallup, Quemado, Carrizozo, Truth or Consequences, Conchas Lake, Dulce/Chama, Tres Ritos, and Aztec. This book is a treasure trove of information about places close at hand but not usually thought of as destinations. Here they are presented as delightful journeys with practical knowledge about lodgings, restaurants, day hikes, flora and fauna, recreational resources, camping opportunities, historical context, architectural insights, flavorful neighborhoods, local culture, useful tips, navigation, and interesting facts about the contrasting environments of New Mexico. Though the book is specifically oriented to "getaways" from Albuquerque, its contents are pertinent to anyone wishing to visit these overlooked areas.

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"Buy this book, it's the best \$14 you'll spend this season." "Near Horizons" celebrates the glory of the one-tank road trip, authenticating through atlas-type information and shaggy dog tales the penetrating knowledge that cuts deep and reveals place in all its layers. Whether you're a jaded local lulled into a flatline alpha wave trance by the Albuquerque to Santa Fe to Taos highway blues

or an adventurous visitor in search of pre-nuclear New Mexico, you'll find an alternate route to weekend escapism in this meaty, all-natural guidebook."

This book is a treasure trove of information about places close at hand but not usually thought of as travel destinations. Its content, pertinent to anyone wishing to visit these overlooked areas, includes lodgings, restaurants, day hikes, flora and fauna, historical context, local cultures, useful tips, and more.

As a new part-time resident of Albuquerque, I wanted to get to know the area better and explore. Picking up this book has been invaluable in providing suggestions for short trips into the surrounding area. It's like having a resident guide to ride along with you and point out the features and attractions of the area. Now instead of driving aimlessly and hoping to find something interesting, I not only know what to look for and have some understanding as to where to look and why it is important. Engagingly written in a conversational style, this is a resource well worth having whether you live in the area or are just passing through and want to know where to look.

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