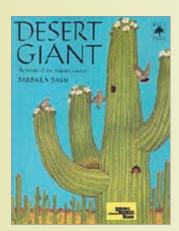


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* DESERT GIANT - THE WORLD OF THE SAGUARO CACTUS

Reading Rainbow Book Author – Barb Bash List Price – \$6.95

Reading level: Ages 4-8 Paperback: 28 pages Bright colorful pictures – Shows how both animals and people benefit from the saguaro – Describes how people harvest and use the saguaro fruit – Several pages about decomposition of the saguaro at the end of its lifecycle – Gives pronunciation key for unfamiliar words – Many interesting facts stated in a way that children can understand.



* WILD FOODS OF THE SONORAN DESERT

Author - Kevin Dahl List Price - \$4.95

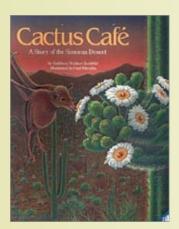
Paperback: 24 pages Dimensions – 8 x 8 inches Great ethnobotany book that children will understand

– Clearly and simply written – Illustrates and
describes use of Sonoran plants by indigenous
people – Examples: prickly pear cactus, saguaro
cactus, chiles, maize, agave, cholla buds, and
amaranth – Gathering and farming methods – Mostly
colored photos used – Some sketches and maps.

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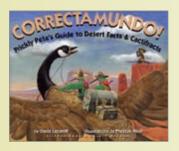


* CACTUS CAFE - A STORY OF THE SONORAN DESERT

Author - Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld Illustrated by - Paul Mirocha List Price - \$9.95

Reading level: Ages 4-8 Paperback: 27 pages Great pictures – Begins briefly in the daytime but most of the book talks about nocturnal animals – Some animals mentioned: owls, fox, javelina, white wing doves, cactus wren, and woodrats– Info on saguaro including animals that depend on it for food, pollination by bats, Tohono O'odham People collecting fruit, harvesting pole use.

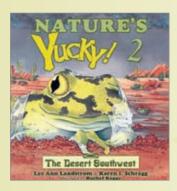
One page with info about the Sonoran Desert – Threats to the desert today – One page with map – Fold out page at end of book is a desert scene with plants and animals – Colored picture of each animal.



CORRECTAMUNDO – PRICKLY PETE'S GUIDE TO DESERT FACTS & CACTIFRACTS

Author – David Lazaroff Illustrated by – Preston Neel List Price – \$9.95

Reading level: Ages 9–12 Paperback: 32 pages Travel with Prickly Pete the Packrat into the desert and discover whether the things you heard about the desert are true. Correctamundo and cactifracts (meaning untrue) are terms kids will love to use – Great read aloud – Fun way to challenge the students' desert knowledge while giving correct information – Large colorful paintings.



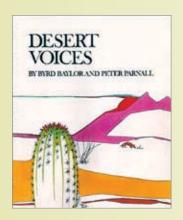
NATURE'S YUCKY - 2 THE DESERT SOUTHWEST

Authors – Lee Ann Lanstrom and Karen I Schragg Illustrated by – Rache Rogge List Price – \$12.00

Reading level: Ages 4–8 Paperback: 48 pages Lots of YUCKY facts about numerous desert animals that most kids will enjoy – Examples: Regal horned lizards can spit blood from their eyes – Kangaroo Rat has sandy pee – Skinks break off tails – Javelinas smell like stinky socks – Butterflies sip soupy mud. The "yucky" part is then explained in terms of how it benefits the animal. At the end there is additional information about some of the animals mentioned.



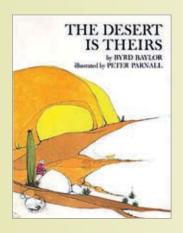
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DESERT VOICES

Author – Byrd Baylor
Illustrated by – Peter Parnall
List Price – \$6.99

Reading level: Ages 4-8 Paperback: 32 pages Book of poetry – 10 different desert animals tell about their way of life in the desert. It would be fun to have students choose an animal to write about in the same poetic style that Byrd Baylor uses in her book.



THE DESERT IS THEIRS

Author – Byrd Baylor Illustrated by – Peter Parnall List Price – \$7.99

Reading level: Ages 4-8 Paperback: 32 pages Poetic form – Animals and plants of the southwest desert – Includes culture of Native Americans – Gives insight into what it's like to live in the southwest desert – Animals: ant, badger, buzzard, coyote, deer, dove, fox, gopher, hawk, jack rabbit, kangaroo rat, lizard, pack rat, rattlesnake, tarantula spider, toad – Plants: greasewood, mesquite, saguaro, yucca.



SING DOWN THE RAIN

Author – Judi Moreillon Illustrated by – Michael Chiago List Price – \$14.95

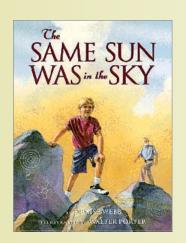
Reading level: Ages 4-8 32 pages

A rhyming poem story about the Tohono O'odham nation's Saguaro Wine Ceremony and their song to bring rain to the Sonoran Desert. Wonderful watercolor illustrations help tell the story. Good for choral reading.

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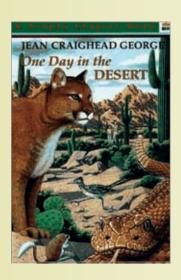
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THE SAME SUN WAS IN THE SKY

Author - Denise Webb illustrated by - Walter Porter

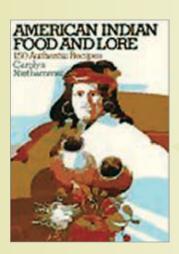
Reading level: Ages 4–8 Hardcover: 32 pages This is a story of a boy and his grandfather visiting a Hohokam petroglyph site – Through questions the boy asks, we learn about the meaning of the carvings and Hohokam Indian's way of life over five hundred years ago. The author gives additional information about the Hohokam culture. Great water color illustrations.



ONE DAY IN THE DESERT

Author – Jean Craighead George Illustrated by – Fred Brenner List Price – \$4.99

Reading level: Ages 9-12 Paperback: 64 pages Short suspenseful chapter book about a wounded mountain lion that also serves as an introduction to desert ecology. Taking place in the Sonoran Desert, it discusses the Papago Indians and adaptations of desert plants and animals. Some mentioned plants and animals include the road runner, kangaroo rat, ringtail, elf owl, saguaro, teddy bear cholla, and coyote. The book includes sketches of plants, animals and Papago huts and good information for discussion.



* AMERICAN INDIAN FOOD AND LORE

Author - Carolyn Niethammer

Paperback: 192 pages

Great ethnobotany reference book – honors Native People, their traditions, and culture – Blend of desert culture and how–tos – Gives plants and the time of year they are available, common name, scientific name, habitat, how the plant is harvested, cleaned, prepared, and recipes – Detailed illustrations – Example of plants in book: cactus, nuts, seeds, grapes, berries, buffalo gourds, grasses, beans and many more.

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