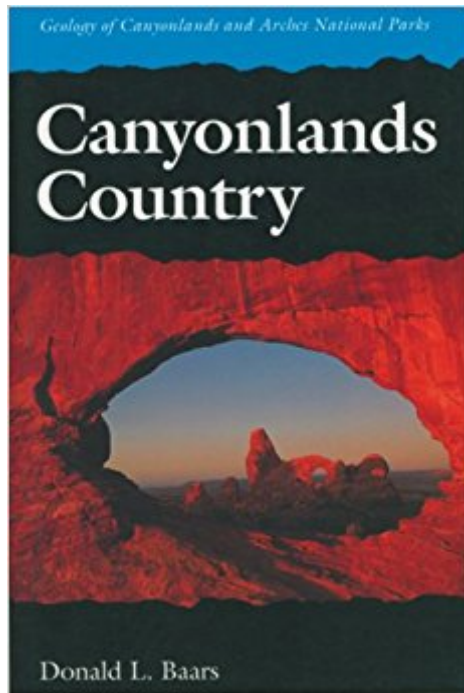


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This book is definately worth the money. I bought it while at Arches N.P. because I was amazed by the rock formations of the area. It was so varying that I wanted to learn more. This book definately helped me to understand in laymans terms. This book is definately for the novice. It will make you want to study the subject even more.

This book offers an excellent introduction to the geology of the two parks. It is intended for those with an interest in geologic structures and processes, but not necessarily any technical training in

geology. For this audience I feel it does an excellent job. I was particularly favorably impressed by the coverage of structural features and their origins as a sequence of changes, faulting and warping of the rock layers, at successive times as the strata now exposed at the surface were formed, each layer burying the layers laid down, deformed and eroded in their turn earlier. The discussion of tectonic forces that compress the thick layered rocks, faulting, folding and otherwise distorting them, is well fitted into the notion of huge earth forces operating over immensities of time. The historic story is well told, in terms understandable to anyone interested. It comprises a fine foundation for better understanding of the rock structures so beautifully displayed in the parks.

As one who has traveled, and will continue to travel and explore, the Colorado Plateau extensively, I find all of Mr. Baars' works both useful and entertaining. This one is no different. Mr. Baars has an excellent grasp of the geological complexities of this wonderful area and shares his enthusiasm and keen insights well. I would like to see more photography, especially color, because I believe it is important to visualize an area before seeing it in real life, if for no other reason than to enhance photographic opportunities. Even in this minor absence, the book is a great read, and heartily recommended for any student of the Plateau.

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