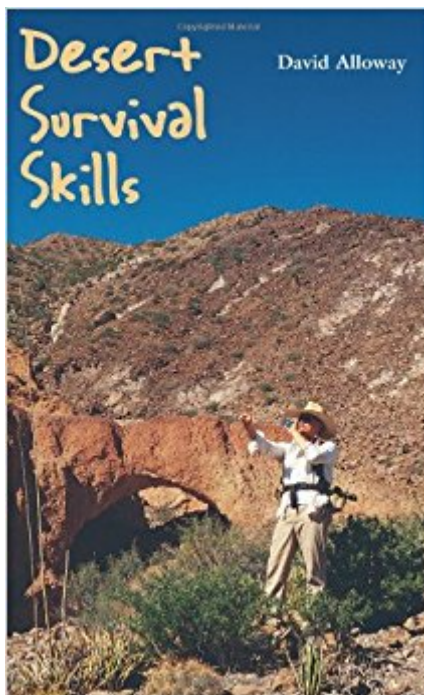


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# Desert Survival Skills



## Synopsis

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Every year people die in the deserts of California, the Southwest, and northern Mexico. Alloway's goal is to show how these deaths can be prevented through the use of desert survival skills. He covers survival in a logical and sequential manner, starting with "Intelligence: The Ultimate Survival Tool" and continuing with more specific topics such as survival kits, water, fire, shelter, tools and weapons, traveling, and wayfinding. Throughout, he liberally sprinkles true survival stories, which reinforce the need for acquiring desert survival skills. Illustrated with line drawings, photographs, and maps, the handbook includes a brief glossary and over 50 selected references. Alloway is employed as an interpretive naturalist for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in the Chihuahuan Desert, has worked with the U.S. Air Force on survival skills, and is a veteran of search and rescue—all of which explains why his book is authoritative, comprehensive, well written, and entertaining. Recommended for all public libraries in the region, large public libraries in the rest of

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I live in a Desert and want to go out into some of the wild places, but wanted to have some information to cover my butt. Mark

Alloway's book is perfect for anyone who enjoys the outdoors, especially those who visit arid regions. This book is chock full of very useful ideas and tips about being prepared for the most common circumstances you are likely to encounter. By taking the simple steps outlined in the book, you and your friends and loved ones will greatly reduce the chance of becoming victims in remote areas. The vast majority of deaths and serious injuries in the desert are due to the fact that people who venture out into these remote areas are not prepared. When unfortunate situations occur, unprepared people panic, and fear causes them to make hasty and poor decisions. Don't be a statistic! Read this book if you are planning a trip to arid or desert regions and make your stay comfortable and safe.

"Desert Survival Skills" is enjoyable to read and very informative. While written specifically about the Chihuahuan desert (mainly Texas, New Mexico and Mexico), much of the information is applicable to other US deserts. The section on navigation is limited, but then the topic is desert survival, not land navigation. He provides a great deal of excellent instruction regarding plants (for food and medicine)

and animals. You will also gain a good understanding about things you should not do (assuming you don't enjoy snake bites). In addition, he provides sound guidance on selection of survival equipment and how to help Search and Rescue teams locate you. Also of interest are true-life stories of others who have found themselves in desert survival situations. Some of these ended well - many did not. These (very brief) accounts are sprinkled throughout the book and help illustrate his points. I found the book easy to read and well worth the money.

I have learned any things i thought i already knew but realized i was very misinformed good to know alot of the things i read in this book love this

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