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One of the most recognizable animals of the Southwest, the desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) makes its home in both the Sonoran and Mohave Deserts, as well as in tropical areas to the south in Mexico. Called by Tohono O'odham people "komik'c-ed," or "shell with living thing inside," it is one of the few desert creatures kept as a domestic pet. As well as one of the most studied reptiles in the world. Most of our knowledge of desert tortoises comes from studies of Mohave Desert populations in California and Nevada. However, the ecology, physiology, and behavior of these northern populations are quite different from those of their southern, Sonoran Desert, and tropical cousins, which have been studied much less. Differences in climate and habitat have shaped the evolution of three races of desert tortoises as they have adapted to changes in heat, rainfall, and sources of food and shelter as the deserts developed in the last ten million years. This book presents the first comprehensive summary of the natural history, biology, and conservation of the Sonoran and Sinaloan desert tortoises, reviewing the current state of knowledge of these creatures with appropriate comparisons to Mohave tortoises. It condenses a vast amount of information on population ecology, activity, and behavior based on decades of studying tortoise populations in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico, and also includes important material on the care and protection of tortoises. Thirty-two contributors address such topics as tortoise fossil records, DNA analysis, and the mystery of secretive hatchlings and juveniles. Tortoise health is discussed in chapters on the care of captives, and original data are presented on the diets of wild and captive tortoises, the nutrient content of plant foods, and blood parameters of healthy tortoises. Coverage of conservation issues includes husbandry methods for captive tortoises, an overview of protective measures, and an evaluation of threats to tortoises from introduced grass and wildfires. A final chapter on cultural knowledge presents stories and songs from indigenous peoples and explores their understanding of tortoises. As the only comprehensive book on the desert tortoise, this volume gathers a vast amount of information for scientists, veterinarians, and resource managers while also remaining useful to general readers who keep desert tortoises as backyard pets. It will stand as an enduring reference on this endearing creature for years to come.

Desert Voices National Geographic Children's Books

Describes the activities of various animals in Arizona's Sonoran Desert.

[Atlas of the World's Deserts](#) Franklin Watts

The world's largest deserts are situated where the average annual rainfall is scarce. Most of them lie in two great belts near the Tropic of Cancer in the north and the Tropic of Capricorn in the south. Temperatures are usually thought of as being extremely high, but this is not always the case. Also question of rainfall.

Vampires of the Desert (Cryptofiction Classics - Weird Tales of Strange Creatures) National Geographic Children's Books

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Creatures of the Desert World UNC Press Books

A venerable saguaro cactus stands like a statue in the hot desert landscape, its armlike branches reaching fifty feet into the air. From a distance it appears to be completely still and solitary--but appearances can be deceptive. In fact, this giant tree of the desert is alive with activity. Its spiny trunk and branches are home to a surprising number of animals, and its flowers and fruit feed many desert dwellers. Gila woodpeckers and miniature elf owls make their homes inside the saguaro's trunk. Long-nosed bats and fluttering white doves drink the nectar from its showy white flowers. People also play a role in the saguaro's story: each year the Tohono O'odham Indians gather its sweet fruit in a centuries-old harvest ritual. In this first volume of Sierra Club Books' Tree Tales series, a simple, easy-to-read text and appealing drawings document the life cycle of this amazing cactus tree and the creatures it helps to support. Readers will come away with a better understanding of and a lasting respect for this accommodating giant of the desert.

[Life in the Deserts](#) Speedy Publishing LLC

Discusses the vulture, including what it eats, why it lacks feathers on its head, and how it raises its young.

Fraser's Magazine for Town and Country Read Books Ltd

Did you know that deserts, though barren, are abuzz with life? Learn all about the beautiful creatures that thrive in the harsh conditions of the desert. This educational resource is complete with pictures for a full learning experience. Learn about the deserts today, and the rest of the world tomorrow. Secure a copy of this book now!

Desert Habitats Routledge

'Wetland Animals' investigates how people are working to save one of our most important ecosystems, and the millions of animals that rely on the world's wetlands for survival. It is part of the 'Saving Wildlife' series, which investigates the world's endangered species in the context of their different environments.

The Desert Vet National Geographic Books

Internationally renowned author and scientist Tim Flannery explores Earth's deserts and grasslands and the extraordinary animals that live in them. Are zombie ants real? How high can an armadillo jump? What's it like to wrestle a python? Tim Flannery has the answers. In this informed and accessible book, he introduces some of the most spectacular and unusual creatures in our planet's deserts and grasslands with in-depth and often-bizarre facts. Flannery ties together concepts of climate change, evolution, conservation, and taxonomy throughout each animal's profile, firmly connecting it to its environment while sparking wonder at its role in the natural world. Packed with vibrant illustrations and guided by real-life anecdotes from one of our greatest science communicators, *Weird, Wild, Amazing! Desert* teaches readers to cherish and delight in our planet's ecosystems with Flannery's signature mix of humor and wisdom.

Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods National Geographic Books

On the hottest summer afternoons when desert creatures look for shade and stay close to the earth and keep their voices low I sit high on a cactus and fling my loud ringing trill out to the sun... So sings the Cactus Wren, one of the ten desert creatures that speaks for itself in the evocative and lyrical verses of *Desert Voices*. In both text and illustration, *Desert Voices* conveys a message of spirit and courage from the shy and quiet creatures of the beautiful desert land.

Creatures of the Desert World and Strange Animals of the Sea National Geographic Society

The *Atlas of the World's Deserts* examines the hostile and extreme environments that characterize deserts, and is divided into chapters that concentrate on specific aspects of a desert's geology, life forms, history, and future. For more information including sample pages, visit the *Atlas of the World's Deserts* web site. Also includes 160 color maps and photos.

Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods White Star Kids

Introduces some of the dangerous animals that live in a desert and describes how they survive in such a harsh habitat.

The Sonoran Desert Tortoise Andesite Press

Deserts are one of the harshest places to call home. Even though deserts may seem like barren wastelands, many animals live and thrive in these areas throughout the world. Readers will learn about the highly adapted animal species, such as jackrabbits and camels, that live in deserts. Full-color photographs grab readers' attention while fact boxes supplement the main text.

Curious Creatures Glowing in the Dark Univ of California Press

Text and pop-up illustrations depict sea animals such as the hermit crab, moray eel, and octopus. *Saving Wildlife* Gareth Stevens Publishing LLLP

Meet animals fierce and timid, large and small, fast and slow, and even some that are extinct. This stunningly illustrated atlas takes children across the globe, from polar ice and tundra to the rainforests and desert, so they can locate each creature precisely and understand its unusual characteristics and behavior. In addition, it introduces seven inspiring people who have dedicated their lives to saving our planet's fauna, including Charles Darwin, Dian Fossey, President Ulysses S. Grant, Nobel Prize winner Konrad Lorenz, and Armand David.

Desert Giant (pb) ABDO

Describes the desert environment and the different types of plants and animals that live there.

The Desert World Beetle Books

This "genre-shredding" (Tor.com) feminist dystopian horror traces a girl's coming-of-age on a post-apocalyptic trek through the Southwest, for fans of *The Last of Us*. What compromise does survival require of a woman—and can she ever unlearn the instincts that have kept her alive? Eleven-year-

old Magdala and her father have been exiled from their home; they flee through the harsh landscape of the American West, searching for refuge. As violence pursues them, they join a handful of survivors on a pilgrimage to the holy city of Las Vegas, where it is said that vigilante saints reside, bright with neon power. Magdala, born with a clubfoot, is going to be healed. But when faced with the strange horrors of the Sonoran Desert, one by one the pilgrims fall victim to a hideous sickness—leaving Magdala to fend for herself. After surviving for seven years on her own, Magdala is tired of waiting for her miracle. Magdala turns her gaze to Las Vegas once more, and this time, nothing will stop her. She recruits an exiled Vegas priest at gunpoint to serve as her guide, and the pair form a fragile alliance as they navigate the darkest and strangest reaches of the desert, on a journey that takes her further from salvation even as she nears the holy city. In this moving debut novel, acclaimed short fiction writer Kay Chronister twines the strange, terrible beauty of the desert into a deeply human exploration of hope in the midst of devastation. With ferocious imagination and poetic precision, *Desert Creatures* is a haunting story of survivors finding meaning after trauma—and of endurance at the expense of redemption.

Creatures in a Hot Desert Weekly Reader/Gareth Stevens Pub

What creatures live in rotting piles of garbage, in the decaying wood of a fallen log, or in the hidden world of the human body? With the help of color photographs and illustrations, *Microhabitats* takes the reader into these busy but often unseen worlds, where a variety of microbes, animals, and plants interact in a complex, and sometimes endangered, web of life. Book jacket.

Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods MacMillan Publishing Company

"Plant and animal life of the American desert"--Jacket subtitle.

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