Some Recommended Books on the Apache and Other Related Subjects

   A good first book by an award-winning research and correlation writer about the Apache history with the Mexicans, the Americans in New Mexico and Arizona, Gen Crook, John Clum, Victorio, Nana, Geronimo, etc. Includes cultural aspects of the Apaches.

   The best about the life culture of the Apache people. Half of the book is on their religious beliefs, culture, dress, language, marriage, etc; and half on the war history from the Boundary Commission to Geronimo’s surrender.

   Dan Thrapp is the authority on the war history of the Apaches. This reads easy but has lots of detail and is in the real enthusiasm. Read the above books first.

   This is the other book from the Apache point of view. This presents the recollections of a Warm Springs Apache. It is sure to draw crowds, but it tells wonderfully what it was like to be an Apache always on the run. Thank you, Eve Ball.

   This is the real thing. It is the 1872 journal of Lt. Frank J. Sladen, who was Gen. Howard’s aide, about the ten days they, along with Tom Jeffords, spent in Cochise’s Stronghold making peace. An Apache told me “At least it is honest”. I consider this one of my treasures.

   Another one by the expert. This is about the brilliant scout, Al Sieber, and Gen. Crooke’s 1872-73 campaign in central Arizona. An excellent book.

   Boy, does she know how to write. This is the book on Geronimo. Well balanced, accurate, easy to read. No wonder it won so many awards.
11. The Truth about Geronimo, by Britton Davis (1929) Yale Univ. Press
This is Lt. Britton Davis’ book written in his later life about his dealings with Geronimo. It is very good, extremely
complimentary of Crook, and critical of Miles.

This is the only book on Apache women, and it is excellent. It is the real thing, based on interviews with real Apache
women, and written by a disciple of Eva Ball.

13. An Apache Lifeway, by Morris Edward Opler (1941) Univ. of Nebraska Press
This is one of the first books describing this community, written with the cooperation of the Chiricahua Apaches, written by
the eminent anthropologist. It is a real classic.

14. Myths and Tales of the Chiricahua Apache Indians, by Morris Edward Opler (1942) Univ. of Nebraska Press
This is another book by Dr. Opler, a thin book wherein he tells some of the tales and myths of the Chiricahuas. A very
interesting book.

Thought provoking and well written. This is a book setting forth general Native American religious beliefs, written by a leading
Native American writer who is a professor at the Univ. of Arizona.

This is the companion book to the "Paths of Life" display at the Heard Museum (the old library). The trip to the
museum is well worth it. Then decide on the book.

This is the best book on general Arizona history. It's available in all of the popular bookstores. Marshall Trimble is a great writer and a
fun guy.

Another book by Marshall Trimble. Great to use as you drive along.

Another book by our own local Tom Sheridan. This is an excellent book on the history of Arizona.

The best book on the history of Tucson. This is the yellow book.