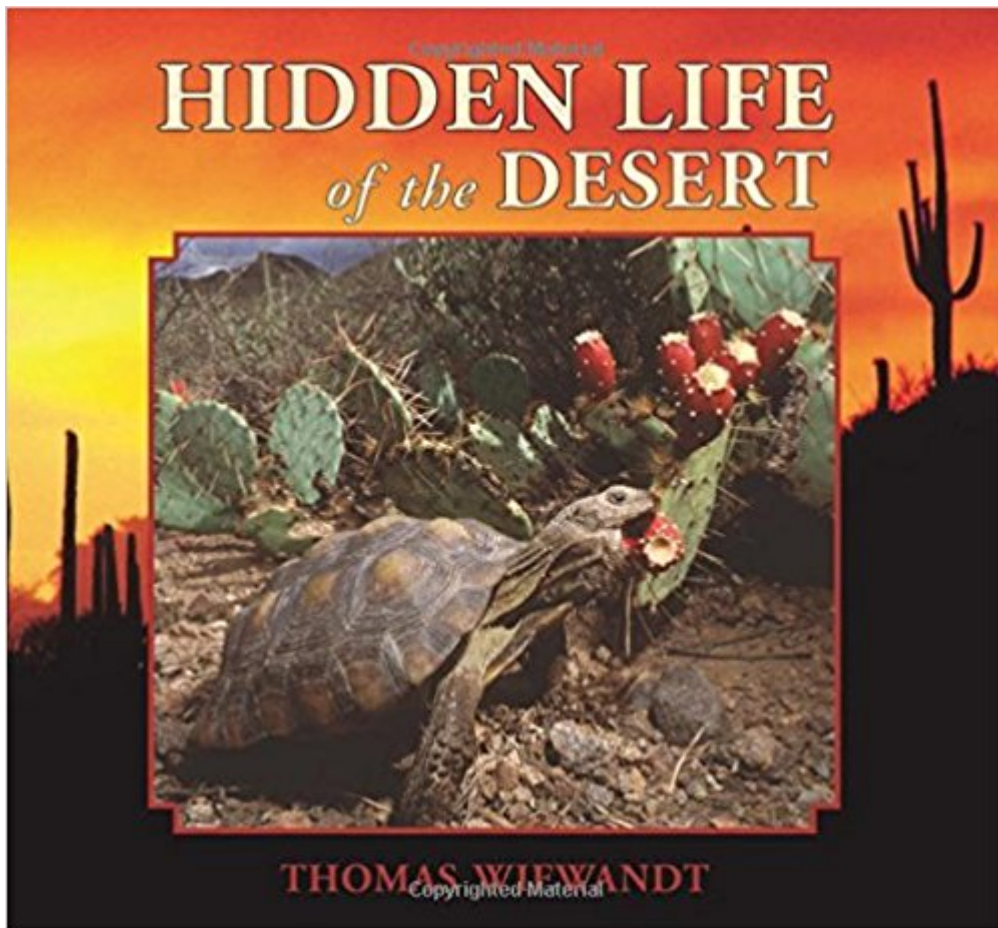


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# Hidden Life Of The Desert



## Synopsis

The Sonoran Desert of the American Southwest is a wonderland of the strange and fascinating. At first glance the hot valley floors and rugged mountainsides may seem barren and inhospitable, but look closely and you may find howling mice and toads that pop out of the sand. With patience you'll see giant centipedes, bobcats, and miniature owls. You could even catch a glimpse of a Gila monster, the only poisonous lizard in the United States. In *Hidden Life of the Desert*, author and nature photographer Thomas Wiewandt introduces young readers to many plants and animals that call the Sonoran Desert home. Following this unique ecosystem through its five seasons—spring, dry summer, wet summer, autumn, and winter—*Hidden Life of the Desert* uses stunning color photographs and clear, informative text to explore how life can thrive in a seemingly barren land. This greatly expanded edition of *Hidden Life of the Desert* follows in the footsteps of a Crown Books for Young Readers (1990) edition that made the John Burroughs List of Outstanding Nature Books for Young Readers. New in the 2010 edition are expanded text, more pictures, maps, a glossary, plant and animal species lists, an index, and an annotated list of recommended books and Web sites. But perhaps most important is the addition of a thought-provoking chapter titled *Facing the Future*, which considers where water in the West comes from, how we use it, and how energy and water use are connected.

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Dry, arid, and commonly called a wasteland, the desert proves to be anything but. "Hidden Life of the Desert" is a guide to the vibrant life one can find in the desert. With full color photographs and no shortage of information, Thomas Wiewandt gives readers a full assortment of the creatures who call the stereotypically inhospitable desert their home where they thrive and flourish. "Hidden Life in the Desert" is a core addition to any nature collection geared towards younger readers.

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