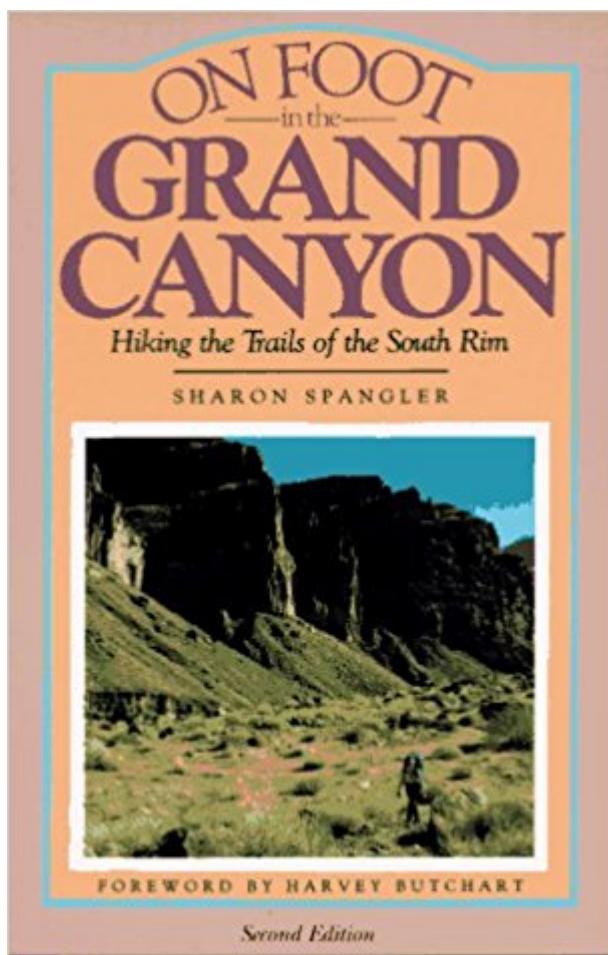


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Written for all levels of hikers (including armchair ones), this book is a careful description of the (mostly) unmaintained trails on the South Rim. Spangler provides accounts of her own experiences on each of seven trails over a six-year period during every season of the year. Her personal narrative is enriched with natural and human history, contemporary and historical anecdotes, geological information, and a great appreciation for the beauty of the Grand Canyon. It complements well the more numerous descriptions of river travel, such as David Lavender's River Runners of the Grand Canyon (LJ 9/1/85). Appendixes include cross-sections of rock formations, detailed trail data, addresses, etc. Photos not seen. Recommended for recreational collections, especially those emphasizing the Southwest. Roland Person, Southern Illinois Univ. Lib., Carbondale Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Today this book is still valuable for its original purpose: a testimony to the accessibility of the Grand Canyon Backcountry and practical advice on trails and hiking. If you are wondering if you can successfully hike in the canyon, this book will help convince you to go ahead. Ms. Spangler's trail descriptions are still very relevant. Of course there is a wealth of trail description data available that

was not at the time of publication. The avid GC hiker/mystery buff is attracted to this book by the poignancy of Sharon Spangler's personal story. As you read her accounts (as well as when you follow the same trails) you are overcome by an eerie sense of foreboding knowing she hiked with and lived with a cold-blooded killer...and you are following his route as well. This is even more the case due to the large number of references to husband Bob Spangler in the book. Sharon's story and her book are part of the lasting lore and mystery of the Grand Canyon.

I like this book because it makes you feel somewhat like you are on the hikes with Sharon and friends.

Way old version. My fault, as I did not see when it was published. I hiked the Grand Canyon this summer and this book was absolutely no help, I think it was made back in the wagon days. again my fault. Always check when things were published.

Point of interest. Sharon Spangler's husband Bob was convicted of murdering his first wife as well as 2 children in Colorado. He then murdered his third wife in the Grand Canyon by throwing her off a cliff. He was also implicated in driving the author, his second wife, to suicide.

I have almost completed this book. It has detail on the trail conditions at the time. It is a shame her life ended so soon, I would like to read more books on the treks in the Canyon. Very good reading for anyone who has hiked or plans to hike in the canyon. She has information on other books that she read and gained info from for more Grand Canyon reading.

This is the most accurate representation of the true experience one gets in hiking the Grand Canyon. Other books I have read, actually written by super-hikers, can seriously misrepresent what a typical hiker will get into down there. Her style is also a very comfortable read. Nobody should hike in the Canyon without reading this book!

This book is full of wonderful stories and very useful information on particular South Rim trails. It is not a trail guide, but rather a well-written and very interesting report on what it is like to backpack in the Grand Canyon.

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