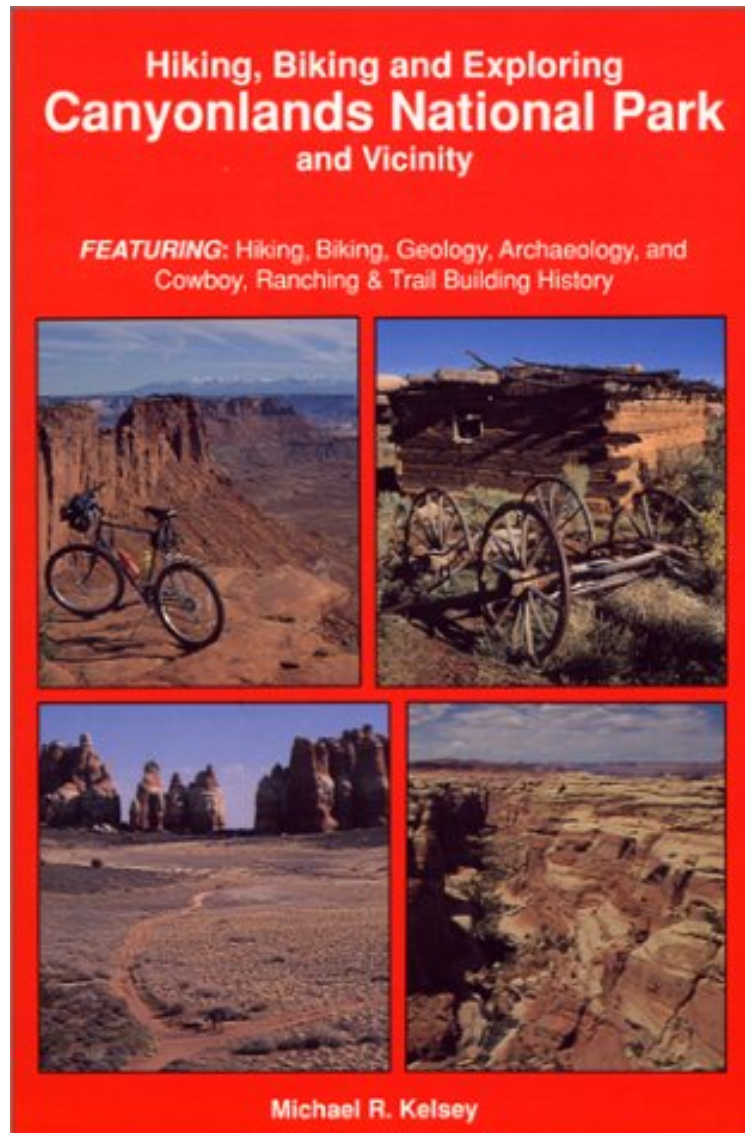


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The emphasis of the book is on hiking in Canyonlands National Park vicinity of eastern Utah. This park is located west of Moab and south of the town of Green River, in the area where the Green and the Colorado Rivers meet--locally known as The Confluence. But because not everyone has a 4WD vehicle, the author tells where a mountain bike can get you closer to a hike or canyon rim--without buying an SUV. The emphasis is getting people out to the rim of these major river canyons, and/or into a side canyon, and down to the bottom, or to one of the rivers. In many cases, hikers use old cattle trails. And this brings up the another part of this book; cowboy, ranching and trail building history. In gathering information, the author interviewed about 80 old timers who were born and raised in this county. In doing that, he has documented who built these trails and cabins, and when they were constructed. The same is true with several old abandoned ranches in the canyons. Many of those interviewed have since deceased, so their stories are long gone and lost forever--except in this book. As usual, the author has documented on his maps any archeological sites including Anasazi ruins and petroglyphs pictographs. Keep this in mind when you look at books in the national park visitor centers. No book there will show you any archeological sites! That's the reason the National Park Service (NPS) sells very few of this writer's books--because he always lets his readers know where they can hike to find Indian ruins or rock art. Falcon Press books, which are totally saturating the market these day, are often sold at visitor centers, embraced, and seemingly half-written by the NPS, but none will show you where Anasazi sites are. You'll also get a good dose of geology, and the theories of how Upheaval Dome came to be. The latest ideas point toward a meteorite, not a salt dome as previously believed.

About the Author The author was born in 1943, and experienced his earliest years of life in eastern Utah's Uinta Basin; first near the town of Myton, then Roosevelt. In 1954, the family moved to Provo, where he attended Provo High School, and later Brigham Young University, where he earned a B.S. degree in Sociology. Shortly thereafter he discovered that was the wrong subject, so he attended the University of Utah, where he received his Master of Science degree in Geography, finishing that in June, 1970. It was then real life began, for on June 9, 1970, he put a pack on his back and started traveling for the first time. Since then he has seen 223 countries, republics, islands, or island groups. All this wandering has resulted in a number of books written and published by himself. Here are his books, listed in the order they were first published: Climber's and Hiker's Guide to the World's Mountains and Volcanos (4th Edition), Utah Mountaineering Guide (3rd Edition); China on Your Own and the Hiking Guide to China's Nine Sacred Mountains (3rd Edition-Out of Print); Canyon Hiking Guide to the Colorado Plateau (4th Edition); Hiking and Exploring Utah's San Rafael Swell (3rd Edition); Hiking and Exploring Utah's Henry Mountains and Robbers Roost (Revised Edition); Hiking and Exploring the Paria River (3rd Edition); Hiking and Climbing in the Great Basin National Park (Wheeler Peak, Nevada); Boater's Guide to Lake Powell--Featuring Hiking, Camping, Geology, History and Archaeology (2nd Updated Edition); Climbing and Exploring Utah's Mt. Timpanogos; River Guide to Canyonlands National Park Vicinity; Hiking, Biking and Exploring Canyonlands National Park Vicinity; The Story of Black Rock, Utah; and Hiking, Climbing and Exploring Western Utah's Jack Watson's Ibex Country. He also helped his mother Venetta B. Kelsey, write publish a book about the town she was born and raised in, Life on the Black Rock Desert--A History of Clear Lake, Utah.