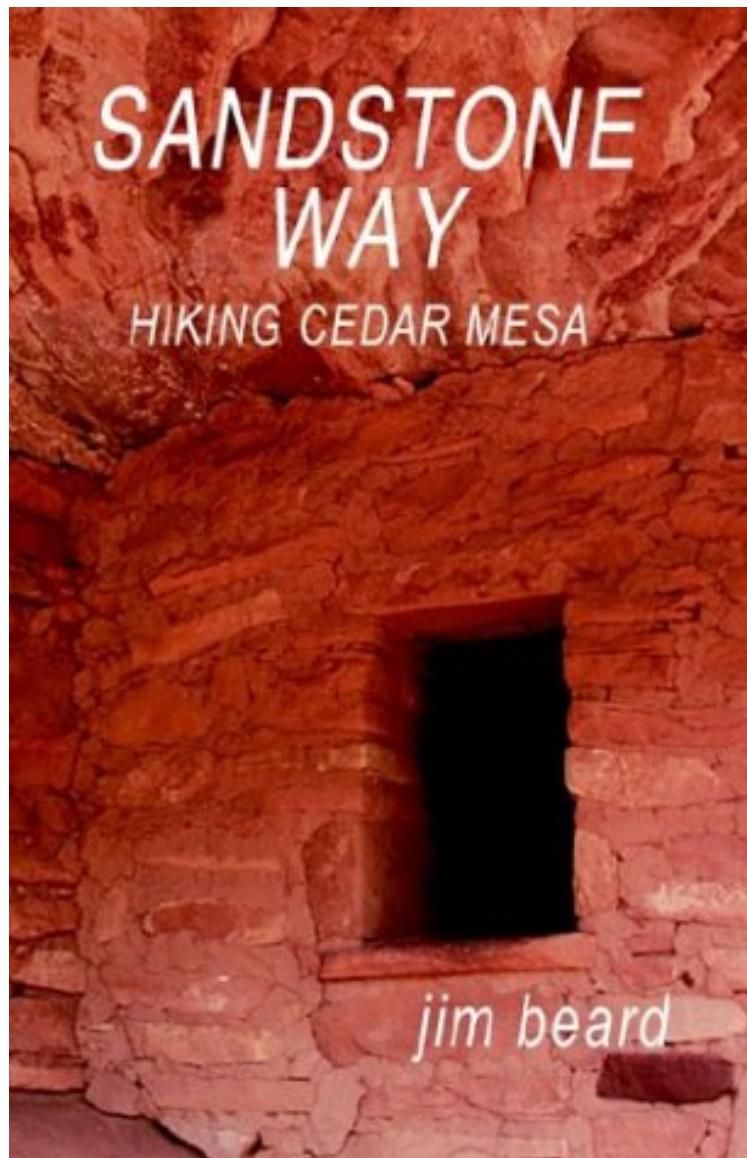


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author's personal experience. Much of the book has a superior and sanctimonious tone. Even more irritating is the author's use of shorthand words or non-words, such as "vue" instead of view, or "thru" rather than through. Worst of all is a chapter called "Thots", which I guess was supposed to be Thoughts. Please don't insult readers this way. There is nothing inherently uncool about clarity and good spelling. Bottom line: Don't buy this book. I can't see it being of any value to someone contemplating a visit to Cedar Mesa. There are two other books sold by about Cedar Mesa, both of which I found far more useful or enlightening. 1 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Excellent hiking info for Cedar Mesa/Grand Gulch By Jim Beard A hiking guide book for Cedar Mesa, SE Utah. Also contains essays about hiking, Anasazi, and some imaginary concepts.

Cedar Mesa is actually a Juniper and Pion Pine covered plateau in SE Utah, mostly famous for Grand Gulch, a sandstone canyon 52 miles long. It is bounded on south by San Juan River, on east side by cliffs, on north it butts up against Abajo Mountains and Dark Canyon Plateau. West it tapers of into drier country. There are many other sandstone canyons, such as Owl, Fish, McLoyds, Lime, Road, and Slickhorn Canyons quite as popular as Grand Gulch. This book includes a large Hiking Guide section for Cedar Mesa and nearby areas and a selection of my interpretations, dreams, and imaginings about Anasazi. Anasazi sites [buildings and rock art] abound in SE Utah, although none are as large or spectacular as those at Mesa Verde [as an example]. Many of these sites on Cedar Mesa are inaccessible without hiking. This book mentions only a few sites by name and, with a few exceptions, exact location info is not given. This is to protect their future. A large selection of photos may be seen online at www.anasazis.com, my companion website.