

Annotated Bibliography for Iconic Images of Tucson

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Walking tours by the Tucson Presidio; go to their website at TucsonPresidio.com Click on “Visit” at the top and then “Tucson Area Walking Tours”. The tours are listed alphabetically with full descriptions and dates. Cost for most is \$35 for non-members.

Arizona Daily Star, **Tucson Oddities: A Collection of the Strange Sites that Make Up the Old Pueblo**, 2011, 89 pages.

Arizona Daily Star, **Tucson Oddities, Too: Another Collection of the Strange Sights That Make up the Old Pueblo**, 2012, 89 pages.

These two short paperbacks are a compilation of what was published in the *Star* over a period of a couple of years. Each volume contains 50 sites/objects about a quarter of which qualify for my talks. The rest may be mildly interesting but lack historical significance.

Cooper, James F., **The First Hundred Years: The History of Tucson School District 1, Tucson Arizona 1867-1967**, 190 pages. This book is arranged chronologically by decade. The earliest years are the most interesting. More details than what one might want such as the cost of each school edition since it was built. A revised and updated version(to 1993) by Georgia Cole Brousseau of this book can be found on TUSD #1’s website.

Cuming, Harry and Mary, **Yesterday’s Tucson Today: Your Guide to Walking The Historic Old Pueblo** – Book I, revised and enlarged edition, Trillium Enterprises, 1996. This book is a good overview of sites inside El Presidio walls, El Presidio Historic District, the Downtown Heritage District, and Barrio Historico District. The illustrations of all buildings are drawings done by Harry. Not a lot of detail (each site gets only one page), but a great place to start, and the descriptions often include details that are not found in more familiar sources.

Devine, David, **Tucson: A History of the Old Pueblo from the 1854 Gadsden Purchase**, McFarland & Co, 2015. 298 pages. Really starts with 1890 and then does a decade by decade account of Tucson’s history up through 2014. Uses the two local newspapers as its major resource. Limited number of photos. This is the only book for an up-to-date history of Tucson.

Sonnichsen, C. L. , **Tucson: The Life and Times of an American City**, University of Oklahoma Press, 1982, 369 pp. This well-illustrated volume gives an excellent account of the growth and development of Tucson from a Spanish outpost to a thriving metropolis. Since this book reads well and is meticulously researched, I would recommend it as the best overall history of Tucson.

Annotated Bibliography for John Spring Talk

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Bell, Dennis, **Barrio Historico Tucson**, College of Architecture, University of Arizona, 1972.

This study was undertaken as a class project whose intent was to look at the preservation and reuse of historic architecture as an alternative to total destruction and rebuilding. Barrio Historico was selected because at the time (1972) the area was under threat of immediate demolition. Part One includes the history of the barrio, a profile of its residents, and a description of the physical character of its buildings. Part Two presents projections for the future of the area and a suggested Master Plan. Even though this study was done 30 years ago, it is interesting and valuable.

Bret-Harte, John, **Tucson: Portrait of a Desert Pueblo**, American Historical Press, 2001.

Profusely illustrated; has received excellent reviews. Not as detailed as Sonnichsen's but covers up to the end of the 20th century. Recommended

Gustafson, A. M. ed, **John Spring's Arizona**, University of Arizona Press, 1966. A

compilation of the columns that Spring wrote for the *National Tribune* in 1902-03 with a 22-page introduction which corrects some of Spring's errors. By far the most complete account of Spring's activities written in the language of the times. As of 2/3/06 there were 23 copies (some duplicates) listed on www.addall.com ranging in price from \$25 to \$93.

Lockwood, Frank, **Life in Old Tucson 1854-1864: As Remembered by the Little Maid**

Atanacia Santa Cruz, Tucson Civic Committee, 1943. Since Lockwood personally interviewed Atanacia Santa Cruz extensively in her later years, he has placed her at the center of his stories and views life in Old Tucson through her eyes during the years she was growing up (she was born in 1850). Each of the 20 chapters deals with a person living in Tucson at this time including Pete Kitchen, Solomon Warner, Peter Brady, William Oury, Charles Poston, Charles Meyer, Hiram Stevens, Estevan Ochoa, Elias Pennington and family, and Samuel Hughes. Great stories! Lockwood is one of the more prolific and respected writers of the history of Southern Arizona.

Smith, Cornelius, Jr., **William Sanders Oury: History-Maker of the Southwest**, University of Arizona Press, 1967, 298 pp. A Tucson contemporary of Bill's in the 1880s once asked: "Mr Oury, why don't you write a history of Arizona?" Bill rejoinder: "Because I am too damned busy *making* it." And making it, he did. Oury was involved with the Territory's part in the Civil War, the Bascom Affair, the Hernandez murder, the Cooke's Canyon episode, and the Camp Grant Massacre. Written by his great-grandson.