Record Nr. UNINA9910814038403321 The nature of desert nature / / edited by Gary Paul Nabhan Titolo Tucson, AZ:,: The University of Arizona Press,, [2020] Pubbl/distr/stampa ©2020 **ISBN** 0-8165-4028-4 1 online resource (vii, 180 pages): illustrations (some color) Descrizione fisica Collana The Southwest Center series Disciplina 577.54 Soggetti Desert ecology **Deserts Essays** Essays. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Sommario/riassunto In this refreshing collection, one of our best writers on desert places. Gary Paul Nabhan, challenges traditional notions of the desert. Beautiful, reflective, and at times humorous, Nabhan's extended essay also called "The Nature of Desert Nature" reveals the complexity of what a desert is and can be. He passionately writes about what it is like to visit a desert and what living in a desert looks like when viewed through a new frame, turning age-old notions of the desert on their heads. Nabhan invites a prism of voices--friends, colleagues, and advisors from his more than four decades of study of deserts--to bring their own perspectives. Scientists, artists, desert contemplatives, poets, and writers bring the desert into view and investigate why these places compel us to walk through their sands and beneath their cacti and acacia. We observe the spines and spears, stings and songs of the desert anew. Unexpected. Surprising. Enchanting. Like the desert itself, each essay offers renewed vocabulary and thoughtful perceptions. The

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