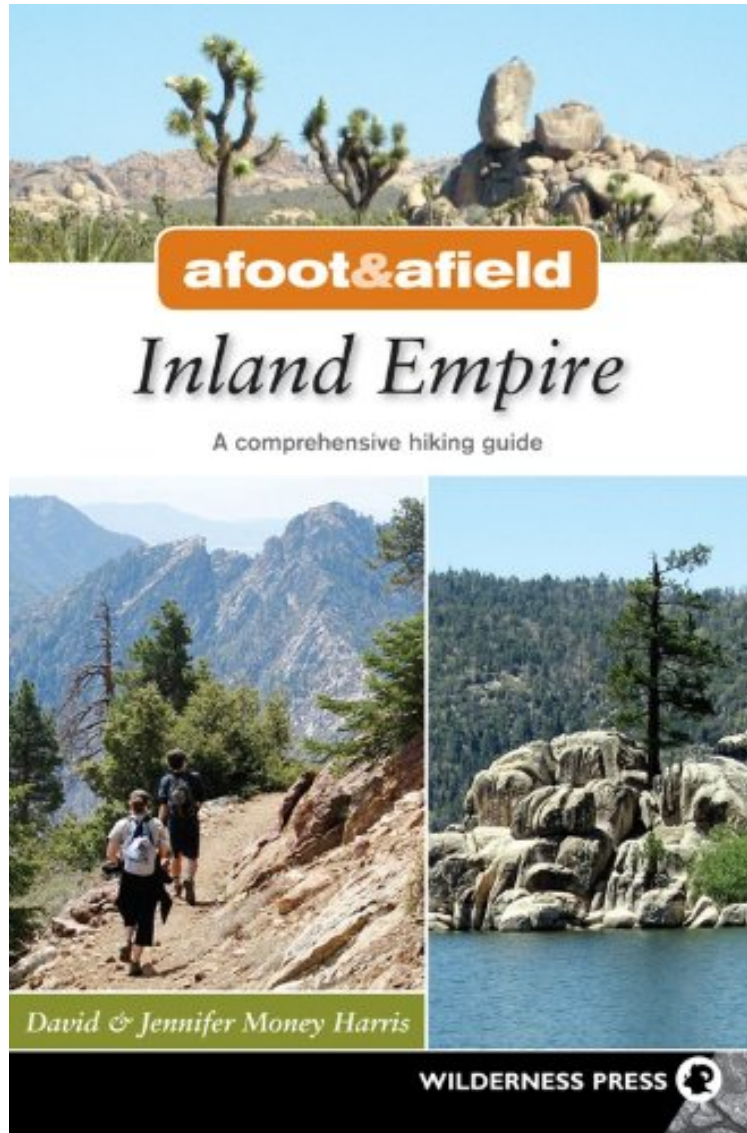


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**David Money Harris, Jennifer Money Harris : Afoot and Afield: Inland Empire: A Comprehensive Hiking Guide** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Afoot and Afield: Inland Empire: A Comprehensive Hiking Guide:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Very Well Done and Comprehensive Inland Empire Hiking GuideBy Big Game JamesThis is a great hiking book. Not only does David Money Harris provide a superb combination of notable, routine and even obscure hikes around the Inland Empire area of Southern California, but he

does it with clarity and detail. I got this book on Google Play a while back after waiting and waiting for the Kindle edition to become available. Sure enough, the Kindle edition became available about a month afterwards. I resisted paying an additional \$9.99 for the Kindle version since I already purchased it on Google Play, but finally went ahead and purchased it on Kindle due to the superior formatting. The point is, this book is worth buying twice. Anyway, Harris covers just about every hike you want to do in the Inland Empire from hills like Mt. Rubidoux and the Claremont Hills Wilderness Trail, to the towering mountain peaks like Mt San Gorgonio and Mt San Jacinto. I like Harris' hike descriptions. For example, he tells you that expert mountaineers have had fatal slips on Mt Baldy and that a slip down the steep chutes of the Devil's Backbone, may be your last, but he doesn't try to scare you. Because "Afoot and Afield Inland Empire" covers the entire Inland Empire, it's not quite as thorough as guides that cover one specific area such as John Robinson's San Bernardino Mountain Trails: 100 Hikes in Southern California, which coincidentally, David Money Harris is contributing author on. But it is quite thorough. All in all, with this book, you get an outstanding variety of hikes throughout the Inland Empire, ranging from easy to very strenuous. Get the book and lace up your trail runners!

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. excellent hiking guide  
By David Benson  
I wish all hiking guides were like this one. It has all the features: locator maps, natural history, access information, etc. But what it really has is an impressive selection of hikes. There's both hikes suitable for kids, and epic adventure hikes (like San Antonio Ridge or Leatherneck Ridge or Cactus-to-Clouds), and a great range in between. The list of geographic sections alone is quite impressive. Several of the sections (e.g. the Desert Divide) cover areas I've never seen covered thoroughly in a hiking book. And in sections that are heavily covered (e.g. Joshua Tree), I think the selection is really really good. I keep thinking of favorite hikes in the area -- and when I go to look it up, there it is. Also pleasant is the calm tone. This is not a book that tries to scare you away from having fun - and it assumes that you will read the route description carefully - and handle whatever may come up. At one point in an otherwise normal sounding hike (San Antonio Ridge #1.14), the instruction is: "Cross the aptly-named Gunsight Notch which involves exposed third-class moves on poor quality rock." It sounds so casual - I hope people read this descriptions carefully before starting out. Here what John Robinson's classic Trails of the Angeles says about that entire trip's route, as a footnote to the Iron Mountain Hike (#86): "[it is] long, difficult and dangerous". Robinson left out: "fun". An absolute must-have for SoCal hikers.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is awesome for someone who loves and adventure and wants to ...  
By pameladtuck  
This book is awesome for someone who loves and adventure and wants to seek out something different from their local backyard trails. I have already completed a good six or more hikes from this book. Very informative with great descriptions, you will easily be able to successfully complete a hike by using this book as a guide. I do wish the picts. were in color.

The Inland Empire--the area east of Los Angeles and located primarily in San Bernardino and Riverside counties--is known as Southern California's big backyard. And with its mountain, foothill, valley, and desert recreational opportunities, it's a hiker's paradise. Afoot Afield Inland Empire describes nearly 200 noteworthy hikes ranging from easy to very strenuous in this first comprehensive hiking guide to the length and breadth of Inland Empire. These hikes explore Southern California's three tallest mountains, the stark beauty of the high desert, including Joshua Tree National Park and Mojave National Preserve, as well as trails that wind through urban and regional parks. Each hike is shown on custom-created maps that also include GPS waypoints: the maps alone are worth the price of the book.

About the Author  
David and Jennifer Money Harris live in California with their two sons. David grew up rambling about the Desolation Wilderness as a toddler in his father's pack and later roaming the High Sierra as a Boy Scout. As a Sierra Club trip leader, he organized mountaineering trips throughout the Sierra Nevada range. For the past decade, he has been exploring the mountains and deserts of Southern California. Since the birth of their first son, David and Jennifer have discovered the joy of day hiking with children. Jennifer teaches English composition and studies Early Modern English Literature. She is also interested in preserving the oral histories and languages of indigenous South American peoples. David teaches Engineering at Harvey Mudd College and formerly designed microprocessors at Intel.