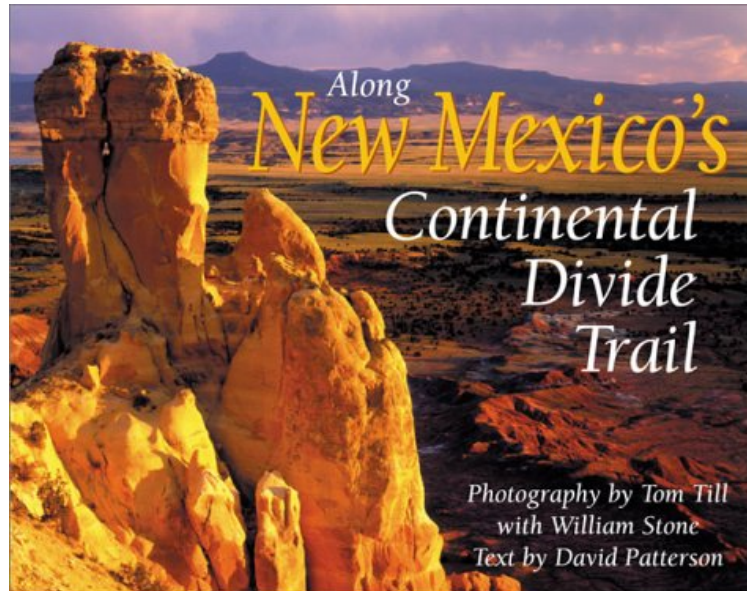


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**From Westcliffe Publishers :** Along New Mexico's Continental Divide Trail before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Along New Mexico's Continental Divide Trail:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another inspirational bookBy John P. Jones III and as those of us of a certain age know, there seems to be far more inspirations than time left. This book was published in 2001. David Patterson was 29 at the time, and already held, for me, one of the most desirable of life achievements, the Triple Crown of hiking. He had hiked the entirety of the three major north-south trails in the United States: the Appalachian, the Pacific Crest and the Continental Divide. He has hiked some 10,000 miles overall. This book contains a mere fraction of those miles, about 800, all in New Mexico. And the book is not a comprehensive account of those 800 miles; rather Patterson presents snippets of his adventure, just a sampling of his experiences.He starts in the boot heel in April. Then and now, security can be a concern, as this area is a major conduit for the drug trade. At one point he is stopped by the Border Patrol. One of the key points that he makes, early on, is the inchoate nature of the trail: meaning that much of it still has not been firmly established, due to private land rights. Even at the very beginning, he is actually 20 miles to the east of the Continental Divide due to those aforementioned rights.There are three other major sections that he describes: (my beloved) Gila Wilderness, the area around Mt. Taylor, and from Cuba (yes, NM) through Georgia O'Keefe's Ghost ranch, to the Colorado border. There is a lot of glorious elbow room along the way, meaning vast open spaces, sometimes TOO vast if you are carrying all of your food, and much of your water on your back. There are the trail angels along the way who simply help out in the adventure, sometimes for vicarious reasons. And I liked the section where he wrote of his experiences around Pie Town.The inspirational part of the book are the photographs. Tom Till and William Stone teamed up on the imaging project, permitting Patterson to eschew the camera, and, no doubt, allowing him to carry extra water. Each photo is crisp, clean, and conveys the infinite appeal of the natural world. Normally in a work containing photographs, I can usually identify two or three favorites. In this work, I cannot since they all are quite appealing. I cite a few, simply to indicate the range of the photographs. There

are a couple of wooden buildings in the ghost town of Chloride, with sunflowers in the foreground. Adjacent is a snowy field at sunrise, with a lone ponderosa pine casting long shadows. Lichen, paintbrush and claret cup cactus blooms are representative of the flora along the way. The green, green of the forest and meadows of Tierra Amarilla, near the Colorado border, contrast with the deserts of the boot heel. And fittingly, there are even a few small pictures of the intrepid hiker himself, the author, one of which is him crossing a snowfield. Overall, a wonderful tribute to the natural world, along the backbone of New Mexico. 5-stars. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful photographs and engaging text describing the Continental Divide Trail in New Mexico. By C. Stewart. A highly recommended book. I have always enjoyed the photography of Tom Till and this book is no exception with beautiful photographs of New Mexico along the trail. William Stone's text complements the photography and provides a good overview of the trail as of the writing date of this book (2001). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. new mexico's divide. By breanna. a brilliant book that not only has great photos but very important info on the continental divide in new mexico. note you should also check out the companion guide.

The Continental Divide Trail stretches across five states from Canada to Mexico--and the segment that winds through New Mexico is incredibly diverse, beautiful, and remote. In an engaging style well-known to his readers, David D. Patterson writes of his experiences hiking and mountain biking his way across the 750 miles of the trail that winds through this beautiful state. Photographer Tom Till captures the incredible diversity of New Mexico's landscapes, including lush national forests, broad deserts, and rugged volcanic bluffs.