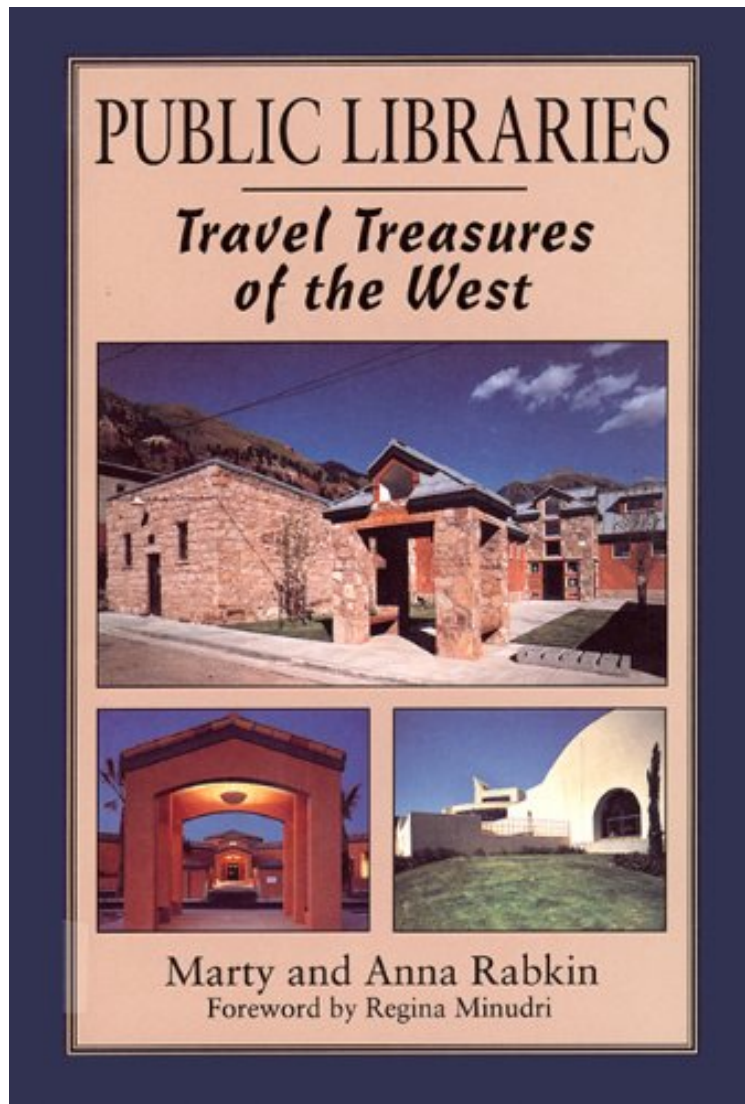


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From Library Journal The Rabkins are library buffs, having visited countless libraries during their extensive travels.

Their enthusiasm is reflected in this "eclectic, personal, and somewhat idiosyncratic guide to libraries in the fourteen Western states." Listing mostly tax-supported public libraries, the book is organized by state and by city within state. Entries include address and telephone number, a brief description of the library building, its collections, and any local areas of interest. Special symbols indicate whether the library has architectural or historical significance, is near a popular tourist attraction, or has a spectacular view. While some of the information is unfortunately already out-of-date (Waxahachie, Texas was the home of the recent cancelled superconducting supercollider project), there is enough here to help plan an unusual travel itinerary. How about a visit to Berkeley, California's Tool Lending Library, one of only four in the country? For librarians wanting to remodel their buildings, the 90 black-and-white photos and the separate index to architects will prove useful.- Wilda Williams, "Library Journal" Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc.