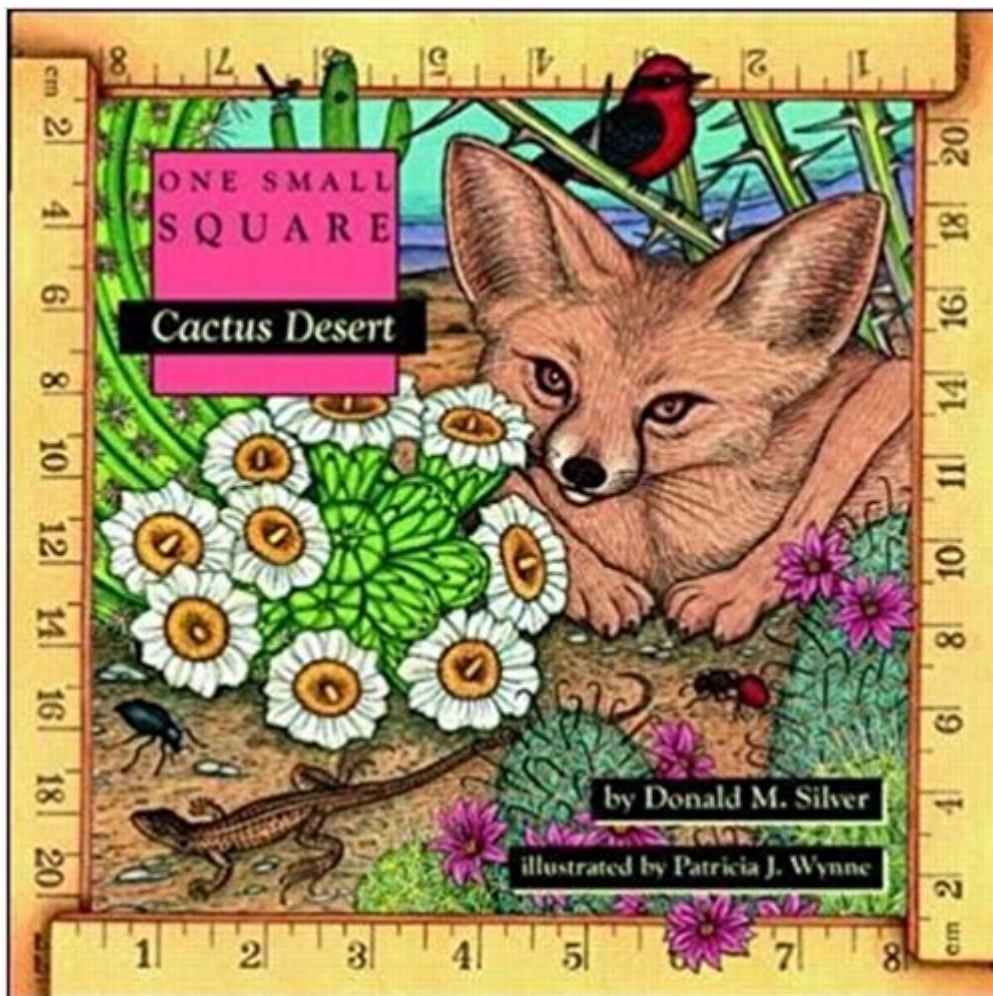


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# Cactus Desert (One Small Square)



## Synopsis

It's a sun-scorched world where clouds rarely come and nothing seems to move. That is, until children ages 6 - 9 up look a little closer to find tortoises, toads, and lizards, not to mention the scary rattlesnake and scorpion. Here, plants send their roots deep into the earth to find water, beetles stand on their head and shoot a stinky spray to fight off enemies, and roadrunners whiz by sleepy turtles and nervous desert mice on their way to ... where? Kids need only light clothes and a few simple pieces of equipment to explore the enchantments of cactus country.

## Book Information

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Each book considers 'one small square' of Earth at a time, looking at geology, biology, and the complete ecosystem of given regions. This focus on cactus country uses appealing color drawings and many facts to illustrate desert facts. -- Midwest Book Review --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I reviewed this book for The Home School Manual =====One Small Square One Small Square, Cactus Desert "Whew! It's hot: 115°F (46°C), and the temperature is still climbing. . . . Welcome to cactus country. Home of rattlesnakes and roadrunners, yuccas and chuckwallas. . . . In this desert you will discover animals that never take a drink of water and plants that double as 'apartment houses.' . . ." On turning the page we are told that exploring offers many surprises, but to be prepared in case one of the surprises happens to be a scorpion or another dangerous creature. The words, "small square," emphasize the idea that careful observation, even in a small space, yields a wealth of interesting information. And the book itself is square (9" X 9"). You are shown life under the ground as well as above it. Notes in the illustrations point out interesting facts, and each chapter of two or more pages deals with a general topic like protection from the heat, dangers in the night, or how certain plants and animals take quick advantage of a rare rainfall. One chapter near the end explains that some deserts (including Antarctica) are cold. Names are given for all the plants and creatures shown. Studying this book is, in some ways, even better than visiting the desert itself. The book offers good science and would even make a great gift. One of a series of Small Square books by Donald M. Silver. This one is illustrated by Patricia J. Wynne. For readers 7 to 12 (as if adults wouldn't have fun learning all these things, too). Hardcover, 48 pp. Was \$14.95. 1995, from another publisher.

We are homeschooling next year and using this series as the basis for my 1st grade science. They have amazing pictures and so much information plus extra supplemental activities. Awesome books!

wonderful and filled with information. We picked and chose what to read to the 6 year old because there were so many words on each page. We could learn something a little different each time. We loved the illustrations and information

We used this book to prepare for a trip to the Sonoran Desert with our 5 and 9 year old. We read a few pages each day and they then journaled about that day's reading. It gave us lots of things to look for and consider when we visit and was a perfect introduction for elementary aged kids.

This is the kind of book that helps to bond with your (or other) children. I found it to be a great way to "play" with my kids. Will

Met all my expectations. Thank you.

great science book

This book is very informative for project such as a diorama. It goes into detail about the different aspects of a desert ecosystem, and really can help to organize things out. It is so interesting to learn about things you never think about that goes on in one tiny space of an open desert.

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