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Abstract
According to his preface, McGregor's intentions were to fulfill a need for a general summary of the vast literature on southwestern archaeology. Cultural centers were emphasized; outlying cultures were mentioned; and more peripheral aspects were omitted. More detailed data were indicated by specific and general bibliographies. The book was intended to serve as an introductory paper for the beginner and as a summary for the more advanced student.

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