

# Book on the Great Basin

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I've just started reading a book on the natural history of the Great Basin (a physiographic area of the western US roughly bounded by the Sierra Nevada on the west, the Oregon/Nevada border on the north, the Wasatch Range on the east and the Colorado river on the south). Its quite interesting reading for anyone who spends a great deal of time in the G.B. (which includes the entire state of Nevada). Here are the details on the book from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com):

The Desert's Past : A Natural Prehistory of the Great Basin  
 by Donald K. Grayson  
 Hardcover, 356 pages  
 Published by Smithsonian Inst Pr  
 Publication date: October 1,1993  
 Dimensions (in inches): 11.24 x 8.76 x 1.15  
 ISBN: 1560982225

Book News, Inc., 02/01/94:  
 A thoroughly informed but highly accessible narrative synthesis of the environmental and human history of the Great Basin--a 165,000 square mile region centering on Nevada and including substantial parts of California, Oregon, and Utah. Grayson recounts the historical development of the Great Basin, reconstructing the defining environmental features, cataloging the existence of such mammals as lions, camels, and mammoths, and discussing the rise and fall of huge lakes that were once found here. He also characterizes some 11,500 years of human history within the Great Basin, in the context of the past environments of the region. Includes b&w maps and photographs. Annotation copyright Book News, Inc. Portland, Or.

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[Glenn, you might want to consider adding this item to your catalog.]

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  ``Between stimulus and response is the will to choose.''
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