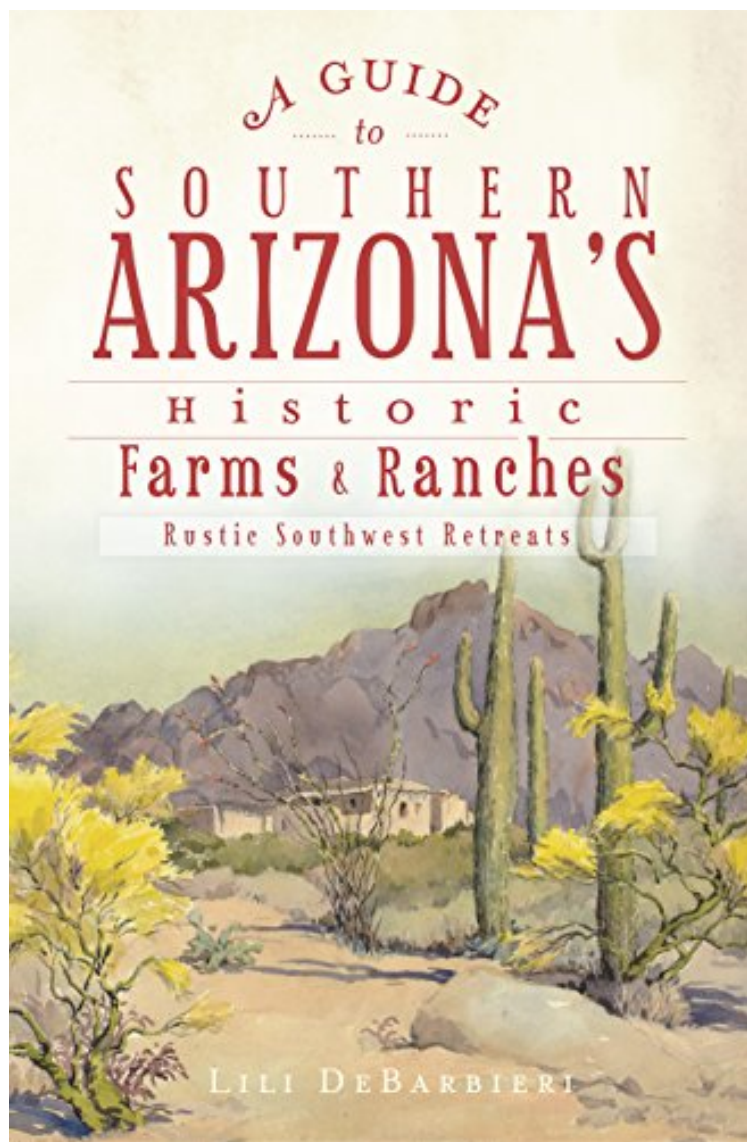


## A Guide to Southern Arizona's Historic Farms Ranches: Rustic Southwest Retreats

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**Lili DeBarbieri : A Guide to Southern Arizona's Historic Farms Ranches: Rustic Southwest Retreats** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Guide to Southern Arizona's Historic Farms Ranches: Rustic Southwest Retreats:

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for a book about historic Arizona ranches because this book is mistitled, it is a guide to bed and breakfasts in southern Arizona, not historic ranches. Maybe it was just a title mix-up down at The History Press. This is also not really a guide to historic ranches in southern Arizona or it would be all about the Pete Kitchens Ranch near Nogales, the first permanent American ranch in Arizona. But then the Kitchens Ranch didn't get turned into a bed and breakfast. And it would have included the Empire Ranch which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, another historic Arizona ranch that didn't become a bed and breakfast. I knew something was amiss when the author, Lili DeBarbieri, wrote that authors Mary Orsquo;Hara and Zane Grey contributed to America's interest in the West. Mary Orsquo;Hara wrote 9 books (4 of which were westerns) and Zane Grey wrote over 90 books (almost all westerns). There are several other examples of the authors female centric bias inappropriately inserted throughout the book. I also had to laugh when the author stated that the Elkhorn Ranch was at the mouth of Sabino Canyon which is 65 miles away on the other side of Tucson. I wouldn't bother to say such negative things but I paid over \$20 for this mistitled, 148 page, gynocentric, waste of paper. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great resource for southern Arizona vacations By Jackie Dishner This is a great new resource to learn about the various options available for your next guest ranch experience or farm stay in Southern Arizona. The author, a former guest ranch employee, provides background about both industries, for starters, and then goes on to highlight more than 20 different properties. She shares enough detail (complete with owner or manager interviews) and historical perspective to make each venue sound especially appealing. If I could, I'd visit every place listed, some of which I'd never even heard of before this book was published. From taking you to a place where you can watch first-hand the sandhill crane migration, to the inside look at a farm that specializes in heritage seed farming, to having fun with trying to count how many guest ranches might have hosted John Wayne, this book is entertaining, informative and fascinating -- and it's one I recommend.

Experience southwestern heritage, culture and cuisine while learning to rope and herd cattle, trail ride through the wilderness or make prickly pear syrup. With roots dating back to the mid-1800s, southern Arizona's historic guest ranches and farm stays include Spain's first mission in the continental United States, a former World War II prison camp and boys' boarding school and a Butterfield Stagecoach stop. Intimately connected to Arizona's land and legacy, these unparalleled retreats have hosted countless artists, movie stars and politicians and continue to enrich their present-day communities through food, education and conservation. Pack your bags and join travel writer Lili DeBarbieri for a journey into the rural west south of the Gila River.

About the Author Lili DeBarbieri is a non-fiction author, librarian and travel expert. Lili's notable, best-selling debut book *A Guide to Southern Arizona's Historic Farms and Ranches* was named a New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards Finalist. An accomplished and versatile writer, her work has appeared in a diverse range of publications over the years including the forthcoming scholarly book *The Utah Prairie Dog*. Lili is a stringer for Agence France-Presse, the international news agency.