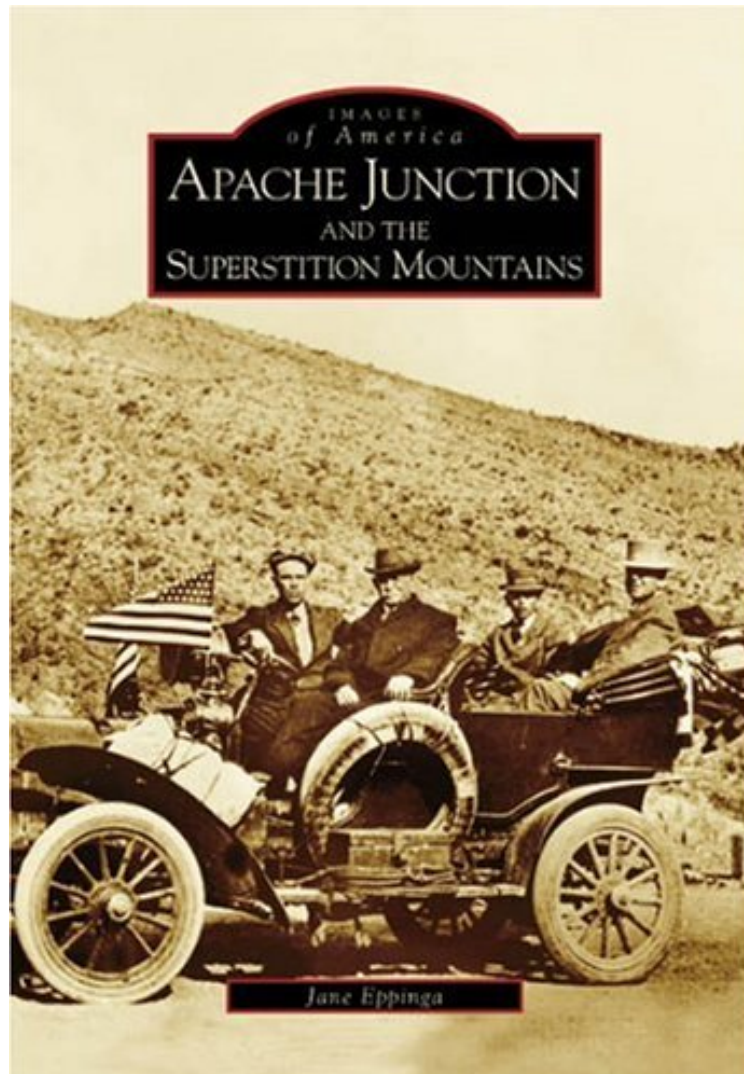


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About the AuthorAward-winning historian Jane Eppinga, the author of previous Arcadia titles on Nogales, Tombstone, and Tucson, has worked in concert with the Apache Junction Historical Society and the Salt River Project to select from their archives the vintage images highlighted in this fascinating collection. The Old West spirit and the mythology of this beautiful setting still thrives today and are well represented in more than 200 fascinating photographs.