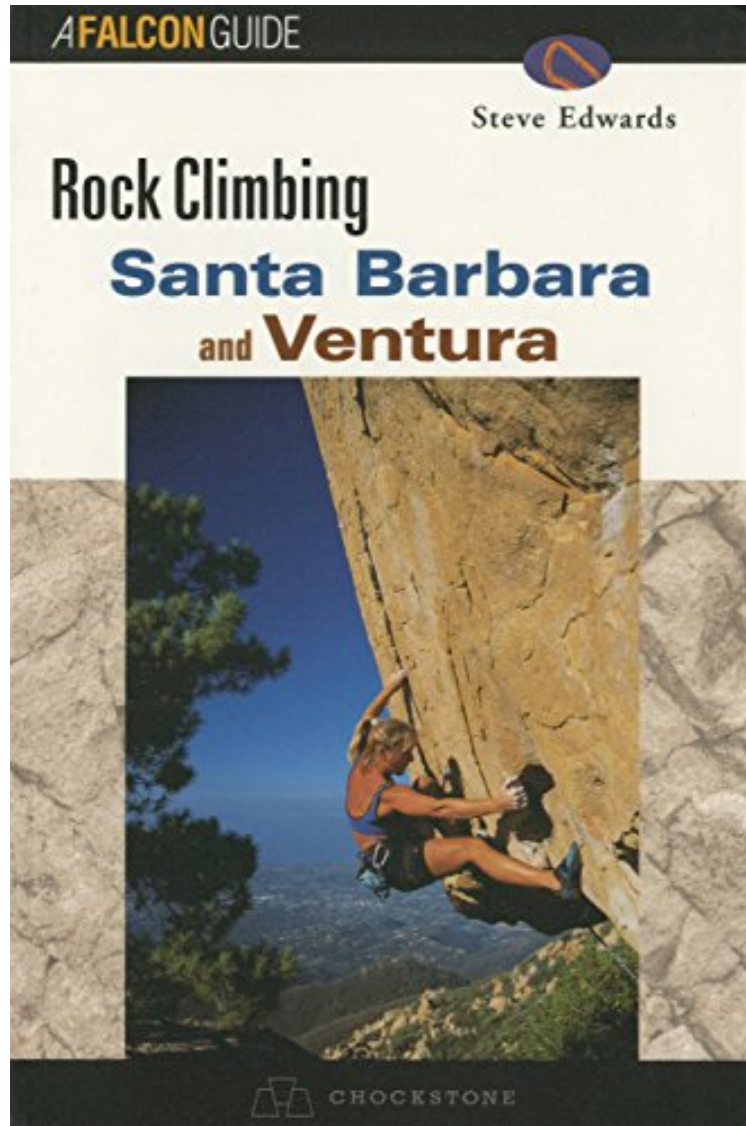


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...By ohmhewholebagVaaaaaague. Edwards omits much of the Brickyard and Lizards Mouth information which is disappointing considering his part in developing those areas. Wish O11 was more common. Need a 21st century guide. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Climber's Tool and LiteratureBy TED CAISSteve Edwards' book was my first purchase as an avid rockclimber when I visited Santa Barbara in January 2002 to prepare for my transfer to the area. Even before using the guide to locate the local climbing I enjoyed it immensely for the history and personal flavor given by the author. There is much more to this book than a climbing guide. It is also a personal pilgrimage. Steve experienced a golden era in Santa Barbara climbing that he describes so vividly yet knows has passed forever. His is the passion of a personal life transition that we all go through and there is both joy and sadness in the writing. His obsessive intensity and endurance for physical training is mirrored by an affection for caffeine, alcohol and nicotine that make him such an interesting character. Steve is also a movie connoisseur from his early days running a video shop in the student quarter (Isla Vista) next to UCSB and he blends this knowledge with climb descriptions for occasional flashes of brilliant humor. And I should refrain from commenting on the Reverend Speefknarkle! Steve's defining picture is buffed and honed on "Pieces of You" atop the fantastic Pine Mountain boulderfield. The book fulfills its primary purpose as a tool for guiding the climber in locating and selecting appealing routes exceptionally well. My copy is already dogeared and marked up with yellow highlights after just one season and it has never led me astray. Only rarely have I disagreed with the grades Steve gives for difficulty and quality but this is to be expected for these subjective ratings. In summary, this book is a must buy for any climber interested in the Santa Barbara - Ventura region yet it has deeper appeal as literature capturing one man's personal journey through the 90's. How we all wish to turn back the hands of time! 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Isn't there better out there...? By JF Many climbs listed in this book are written from an expert's perspective, and pertinent details for the rest of us apparently nominal climbers is omitted. Eg, beware that many of the bolted routes listed don't have any pro for 25-30', with no option for hexes, nuts, cams, etc for augment. Some of the routes listed are given low ratings, but upon looking over the many of the routes upon arrival my initial thought was "Who actually climbs that?" Also, don't get this expecting very much detail about where you are going...many of the reference pics are just poor-to-no quality drawings, with very little description of the routes themselves. If anything, with a little margin for error you can nail down locations, but take everything else with a grain of salt. If you are in the SB area and don't want to wait/pay for shipping, the SB travel store just off of State to the west stocks this for the same price, plus you can support something local. Or keep an eye out for something a little more informative...the author makes himself out to be pretty a pretty serious climber and very dedicated to the book, but I have seen much better ("The Voo" is a freaking awesome example). Overall poor in quality, but possibly worth \$15 if you are okay with the fact that regular people just aren't as awesome as the author.

Coverage of climbing routes and bouldering problems from Echo Cliffs to Owl Tor

From the Back Cover Santa Barbara and Ventura counties have long been known as sublime tourist areas, but the rock climbing and bouldering along the California's south-central coast are just beginning to attract the attention they richly deserve. From the sweeping walls of the Echo Cliffs to the awesome overhangs at the Owl Tor, from classic problems at Painted Cave to the vast boulderfields atop Pine Mountain, the many routes and boulder problems described in this book will appeal to a wide range of tastes and abilities. Written by one of the area's leading activists, Rock Climbing Santa Barbara and Ventura provides first-hand information to more than 50 scenic and uncrowded climbing areas not to be left off your tick-list.