

The Critics Agree it's The **HOT SPRINGS** Gazette

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The Good Book
Hot Springs Gazette

There are hundreds of bathable hot springs in the American West, many, maybe most, of them utterly untamed. I'm not about to tell you where my favorites are, though I could thrill you for three evenings straight with hot springs adventures. These books tell. The Good Book is a facsimile copy of the U.S. part of the famed (and out of print) Thermal Springs of the United States and other Countries of the World by the U.S. government. Good data on each spring — name, location, temperature, flow — and very general maps. Still the definitive text. It is published by The Hot Springs Gazette, an overly chatty but informative source, sort of periodical, somewhat on different regions each issue (3 so far).



DESERT SKINNYDIPPER

ERIC IRVING TYPICIS AGAIN!

New Mexico resident wara water wonder, the owner of that fluorescent green '63 Dodge (the Spirit of Thermopolis) you may have noticed parked upstream from your favorite hot springs, has penned forth another great work. Hot Springs Gazette #3 is titled the "Four corners issue" (No that's not Jimmy C's foreign policy statement.) #3 is a wealth of info on Hot Springs in Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico (wherever that is). There's info on other western springs and a complete listing of the Hot Springs of Bulgaria... No Shit Rang, for real! Travelers take note.

READER

Seekers after hot thrills are advised to turn to issue four of The Hot Springs Gazette, Eric Irving's semiquarterly guide to warm, wet oases in the wilderness. This particular issue contains the locations and temperatures of more than 750 hot springs on the West Coast, a third of them in California, with maps and specific directions to many of the best. Irving's labor of lassitude is profusely illustrated by his mother and with graphics stolen from the 1948 Boy Scout manual, and in addition to his own rambling disquisitions it includes chatty commentary by other aficionados on their own favorite haunts. Basically, the guide is by and for those happily obsessed with hot springs, but it also provides some amusing gonzo reading for the merely curious.

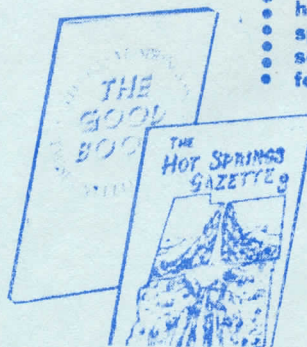
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THE HOT SPRINGS GAZETTE is a delightful little booklet containing a lighthearted but well-documented look at geothermal skinnydip sites in the West. Published quarterly. With two issues out and a third in the mill, HSG already shows signs of becoming a future collector's item. Well written and profusely illustrated with great etchings. Get the early issues while they last for \$2 each, postpaid, and send \$3 to reserve your copy of issue #3 to author

supplied reports of sightings and sittings in Wild Hot Springs. There is plenty of the usual questing lore, along with legends of encounters with the Ultimate Bath and poolside yarns about the Difficulties and Dangers Associated with Certain Springs. The chief mission of the Gazette is to inform potential hot springers of the whereabouts of good hot springs, how to get there by car, what the temperature is, how's the bottom, is anybody around, and which ranchers are shooting to keep people out.



Rocky
Mountain
MAGAZINE

HOT STUFF

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN region is dotted with hot springs, but before you drop, sighing, into a natural hot tub, you'll need to know how to get there, whether it's public or private, whether an old man with a shotgun guards the access and if you

need to bring a swimsuit. Eric Irving, editor of the Hot Springs Gazette, has all these answers and more in his comprehensive guide to thermal springs in the West, published "spasmodically" in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Irving also published The Good Book: A Guide to Thermal Springs in the United States.

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Stalking the Wild Hot Spring

spring this way. A master balneologist like Eric Irving still only bats 35 percent success in finding unblazed hot waters. You lack one thing. You lack directions. And yes, friends, we have directories of directions that will direct you to hot springs. The most outstanding ones are two volumes of the Hot Springs Gazette edited by—guess who—Mr. Eric Irving. Volume 3 1/2 covers the Rocky Mountain area, volume 4 the West Coast (\$4.95 each, postpaid from Nomadic Books). After a long soak Eric dashed off a hilarious account of his discoveries, typesetting them himself with disgustingly pruned-like fingers, while his mother (!) drew the accompanying romantic sketches. Various other aguacaliente freaks have

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• 90048. Happy bathing.