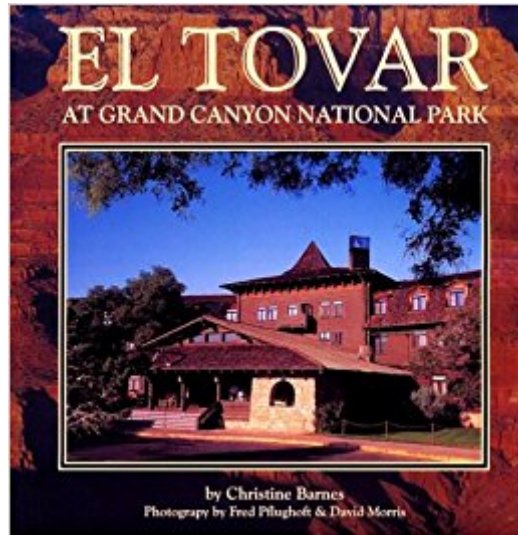


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# El Tovar



## Synopsis

There are hundreds of lodges, inns, and hotels in the U.S. and Canada, but only a handful of historic Great Lodges. Through stunning color photographs, historical pictures, and evocative text, learn the story of this architectural treasure and the men and women who built it.

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## Customer Reviews

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This historic hotel is described here and helps one prepare for a trip to the Grand Canyon. I never like to stay anywhere else. There were so many secrets about the construction of the hotel, and some of them are described in this book.

This book is a must for anyone that is in love with the Grand Canyon as my husband and I are. I

have been to the Grand Canyon six times in the last 15 years and the last three visits I/we have stayed at the Historic El Tovar. This book gives a great history of the Grand Canyon/El Tovar dating back over a 100 years. Reading the stories was fascinating and looking at the photos makes you feel like you are going back in time. This is a great keepsake for all the marvelous trips and wonderful memories we have made in the Grand Canyon.

So want to stay here , happy to find the book

This is like a souvenir book of a trip to the Grand Canyon. There is information on the history of El Tovar but I was hoping for more pictures of the inside of the hotel.

The Grand Canyon was first seen by a European in 1540. The El Tovar Hotel opened 1/14/1905 - then the Santa Fe railroad's flagship hotel. The Santa Fe hoped to emulate the Northern Pacific with its Old Faithful Inn at Yellowstone. The El Tovar cost \$250,000 vs. \$140,000 for old Faithful Inn, and was known as "the most expensively constructed and appointed loghouse in America" (steam heat, electric lights, indoor plumbing). The hotel also had its own bakery, butcher shop, and bulk storage refrigerators. In 1989, after 21 years without train service, the new Grand Canyon Railway brought tourists in again.

This is the perfect book for anyone who loves the Grand Canyon. Not only do you get gorgeous photos and historic shots of the 1905 El Tovar hotel, but there's more on Mary Jane Colter's Grand Canyon work and a chapter on the park. This is a perfect stocking stuffer or very reasonable little gift for someone heading to the canyon for a honeymoon or anniversary!

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