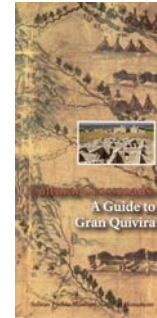
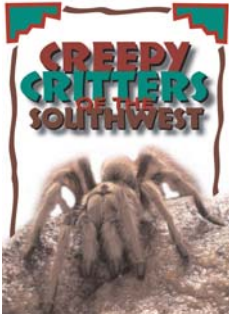


WNPA Honored with 3 National Publishing Awards



Western National Parks Association is pleased to announce that three of its publications received notice in the 2005 Media and Partnership Awards, sponsored by the Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL).

The award-winning titles are *Creepy Critters*, which won a top honor in the category of Children's Media, and *Keeping Promises: What is Sovereignty and Other Questions about Indian Country* and *Cultural Crossroads: A Guide to Gran Quivira at Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument*, both honorable mention winners in their respective categories.

Creepy Critters, which the judges commended as a "nice size for children" and "excellent overall," introduces young readers to thirteen of our deserts' creepiest critters. The descriptions may send shivers up kids' spines or leave them giggling with glee, but they'll come away with new respect for tarantulas, scorpions, vultures and others.

Standing between two worlds, American Indians are both U.S. citizens and sovereigns of their own tribal lands. *Keeping Promises*, which was honored in the short book category, explores the issues Native people face in maintaining their cultural identity while living in our modern society.

In the Maps and Guides category, the judging panel honored our new trail guide for Salina Pueblo Missions National Monument in New Mexico. This guide integrates wayside exhibits with additional text to maximize visitors' experiences at that park.

A panel of sixteen retired national park service personnel and publishing industry experts judged this year's competition.

"We congratulate all of our award recipients for the excellent work they do to achieve their goal of communicating what is special about our nations' public lands," says Donna Asbury, APPL executive director.

To learn more about these publications, please contact the WNPA warehouse at (888) 569-7762 or visit www.wnpa.org/pressroom.asp.

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