

About Stephen Trimble

Stephen Trimble was born in Denver, his family's base for roaming the West with his geologist father. After a liberal arts education at Colorado College, he worked as a park ranger in Colorado and Utah, earned a master's degree in ecology at the University of Arizona, served as director of the Museum of Northern Arizona Press, and for five years lived in Indian Country near Santa Fe, New Mexico. He has been a full-time free-lance writer and photographer since 1981, based in Salt Lake City for more than twenty years.

Trimble has received significant awards for his photography, his non-fiction, and his fiction—and the breadth of those awards mirrors the wide embrace of his work: The Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award for photography and conservation; The National Cowboy Museum's Western Heritage "Wrangler" Award; and a Doctor of Humane Letters from his alma mater, Colorado College, honoring his efforts to increase our understanding of Western landscapes and peoples and his choice to remain a stubborn generalist. As a Wallace Stegner Centennial Fellow at the University of Utah's Tanner Humanities Center in 2008-2009, he taught in the Honors College and led a statewide conversation about Stegner: www.stegner100.com.

As writer, editor, and photographer Trimble has published twenty-two books. His bedrock focus is the land—western wildlands and natural history—including: *Bargaining for Eden: The Fight for the Last Open Spaces in America*, *Lasting Light: 125 Years of Grand Canyon Photography*, *The Geography of Childhood: Why Children Need Wild Places* (with Gary Paul Nabhan), *The Sagebrush Ocean: A Natural History of the Great Basin*, *Earthtones: A Nevada Album* (with Ann Ronald), *Blessed By Light: Visions of the Colorado Plateau*, and *Words From the Land: Encounters with Natural History Writing*. Trimble spent ten years listening to Southwest Indian people, and their stories fill his books: *The People: Indians of the American Southwest*, *Talking With the Clay: the Art of Pueblo Pottery in the 21st Century*, and *Our Voices, Our Land*. He has also appeared on local and national NPR shows, including "Talk of the Nation" and "The Savvy Traveler."

With his family, Trimble makes his home in Salt Lake City and in the redrock country of Torrey, Utah. From his attic studio in the city, he looks out on the Wasatch Mountains and Great Basin Desert, ponders his next word, and manages his photography business. Trimble's website is www.stephentrimble.net.