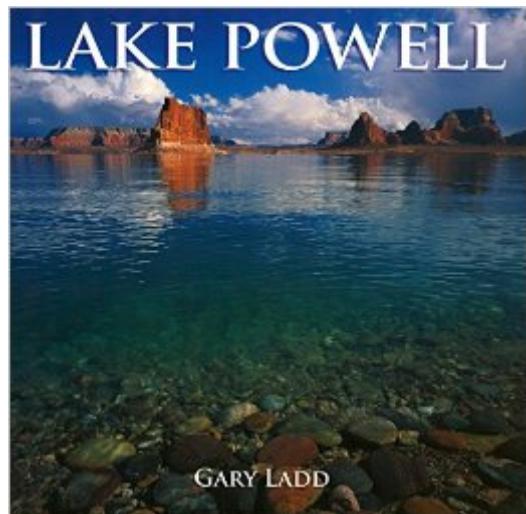


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# Lake Powell: A Photographic Essay Of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (Companion Press Series)



## **Synopsis**

Lake Powell's sapphire waters sparkle amid canyons of red rock, its myriad patterns of water and stone made vibrant by hard desert light. In *Lake Powell: A Photographic Essay of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area*, photographer Gary Ladd explores the area's beauty, including the lake's ninety-six trickling side canyons. Interpretive text by Southwest writer Anne Markward details the history of the area, Glen Canyon Dam's completion in 1963, and the environmental challenges Lake Powell continues to present.

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For many people, the name Lake Powell conjures up images of a blue lake among red rock--of boating over a sprawling, azure sheen of unbroken water, beneath high, vermillion sandstone walls. It calls to mind shorelines lined with tamarisks and cottonwoods, bays mottled with preening mergansers and watchful egrets, water caves full of reflected light, and sunsets mirrored by a shining, landlocked ocean. For others, the name alone is enough to make them start shaking in anger and sadness. For those, Lake Powell is not a lake at all. It's a misbegotten reservoir. It's a crime. It's all that lies between them and the legendary, long lost Glen Canyon--a stretch of the Colorado River so inviting, so overwhelming, and so full of secrets, it's often been called the Grand Canyon's lovelier sibling. Unlike Cataract Canyon upstream, and the Grand Canyon downstream, Glen Canyon was a tranquil place with currents friendly enough for even the most boyish of Boy

Scouts and the oldest of old ladies. Edward Abbey considered it the heart of the canyon lands. The residents of White Canyon, Utah--a town since submerged by Lake Powell--considered it home. The Bureau of Reclamation just considered it a good place to build a dam. That dam, Glen Canyon Dam, was built in the early-1960s, to create a reservoir in which to store the water of the Colorado River for the states that needed it, to use the river's water to turn turbines and generate lucrative electricity, to control the Colorado River's seasonal flooding, to bring visiting boaters and their money in from all around the world, and to stop water-borne silt and sediment from clogging Lake Mead, an even larger reservoir downstream.

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