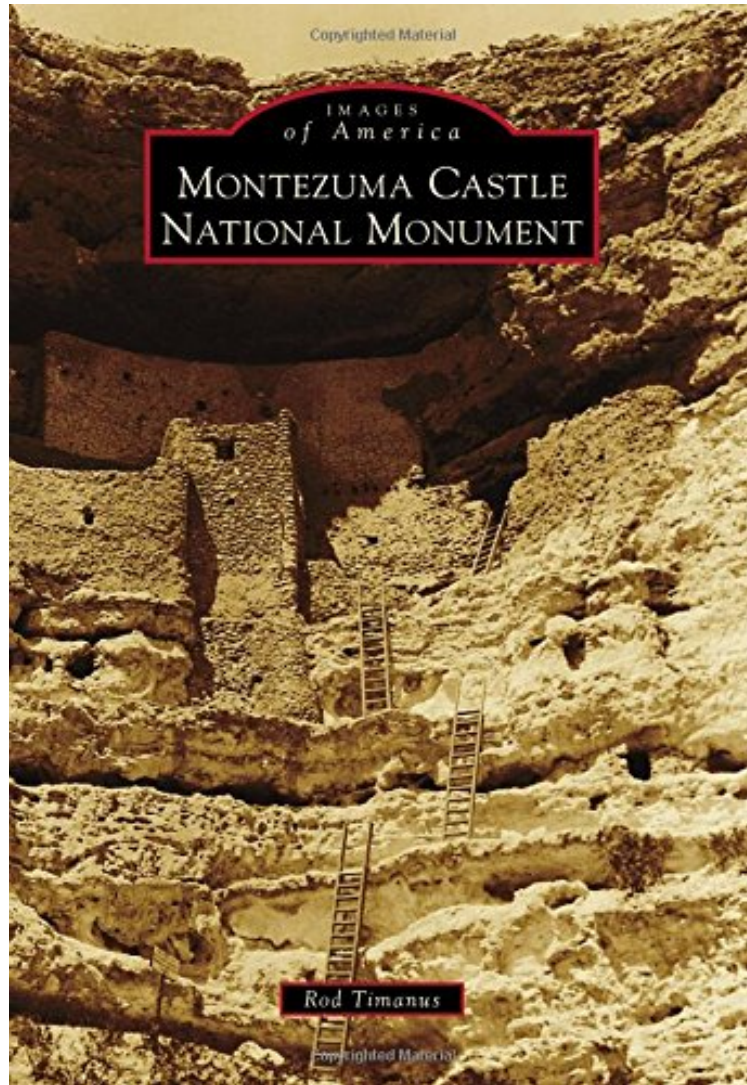


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vanished people named the Singagua. This book opened with a few pages of text for the introduction of who were the Singagua people and the rest are in pictures and photos. Readers are guided by this book in a time machine to Montezuma Castle. The builders were Pueblo Indians similar to the modern Hopis-dwelling. The authors give the history in pictures the construction, abandonment, discovery and preservation of this national monument. This is a good orientation for arm-chair reader and tourist to field visit.

The mysterious cliff dwelling known as Montezuma Castle has overlooked Arizonas Verde Valley for over 900 years. Originally thought to have been built by the ancient Aztecs, later research proved it to be the handiwork of a long-vanished people named the Sinagua. They inhabited the site for over three centuries and then simply walked away to be lost in the mists of time. In this volume, the author traces the history of Montezuma Castle through its construction, abandonment, later discovery, and the diligent efforts of many individuals and organizations to restore and preserve it for future generations. In 1906, Montezuma Castle was designated one of the countrys first national monuments by Pres. Theodore Roosevelt. Arizona was still a territory at that time, six years away from becoming the 48th state in the Union.

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