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Author David Salge has been serving the San Tan Historical Society as president since 2002. He got involved in local history purely by accident while looking for information about a stone foundation in his neighborhood that, based on folklore, was a stage stop from the late 1880s through the early 1900s. Several of the images in this volume were provided by the San Tan Historical Society, although many of these precious memories are from the private collections of the families that have made this area so special.

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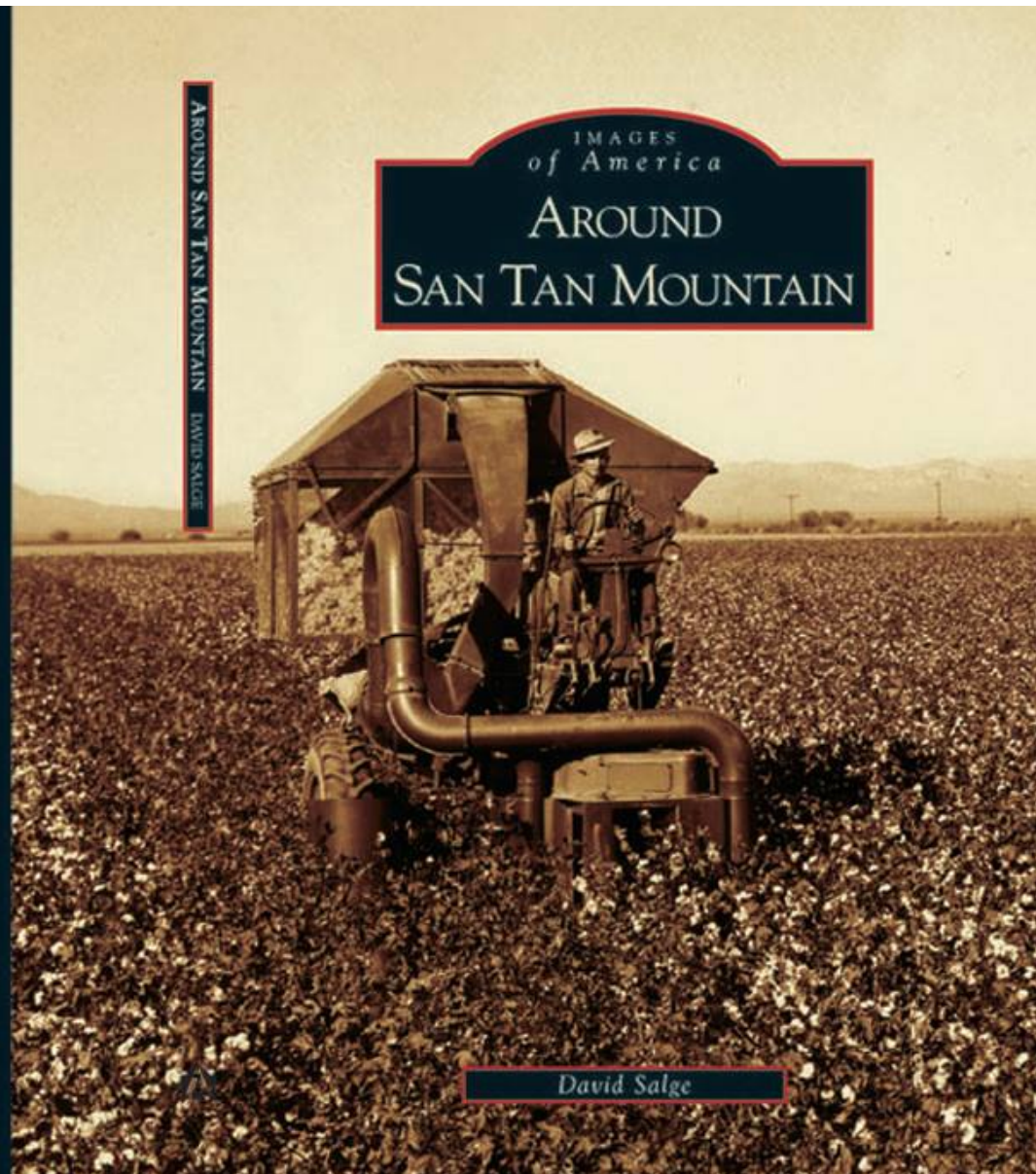
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