



The Wonders

of

The Colorado Desert

(Southern California)

Its Rivers and its Mountains, its Canyons and its Springs, its Life and its History, Pictured and Described

Including an Account of a Recent Journey made down the Overflow of the Colorado River to the Mysterious Salton Sea

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IN THE DESERT

Silent Voices have spoken, Peace has come, Joy has flowed, Courage has grown, Health been regained.

To the SOURCE, the Maker of Deserts, with a thankful heart, I dedicate this book.

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