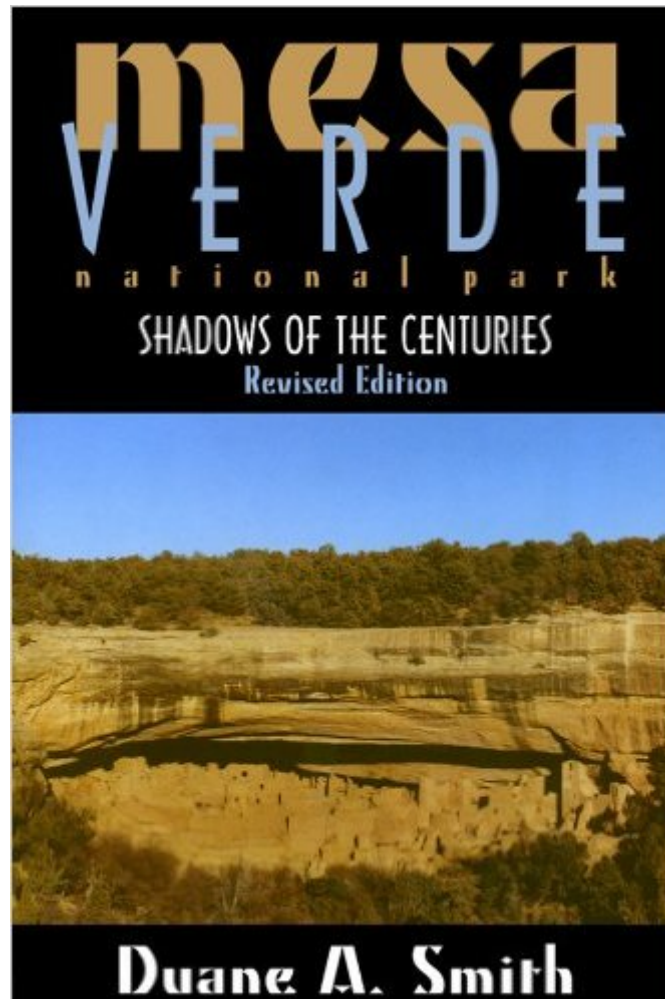


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# Mesa Verde National Park: Shadows Of The Centuries



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