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Where the Earth and Sky are Sewn Together: Sobaipuri-O’odham Contexts of Contact and Colonialism

By Deni J. Seymour, University of Utah Press, 327 pp. Index. $60.00.

If we had a category for top archaeological book, Deni Seymour would take my vote this year. Where Earth and Sky Are Sewn Together is a seminal, ground-breaking analysis of those O’odham who once lived in the vicinity of Tucson and were a major community when the first Spaniards arrived. The Sobaipuri O’odham may be the most interesting and important Arizona tribe you’ve never heard of. Their identity and history have long puzzled archaeologists and historians, and from her life-long research, Seymour offers many answers in this well-reasoned, strongly documented book that even avid non-professionals can enjoy. [Bill Broyles]