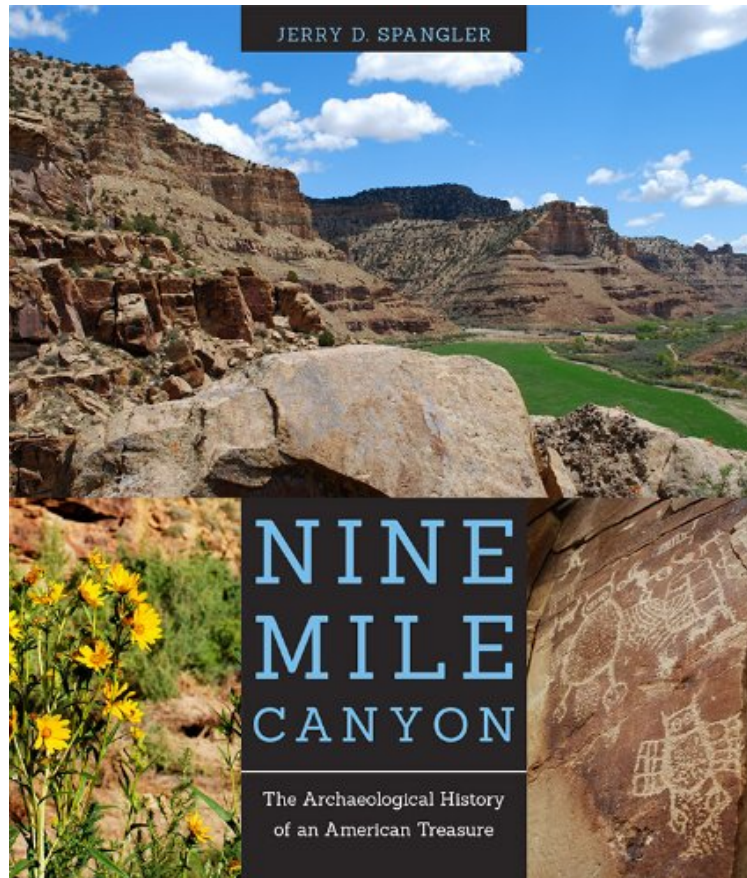


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Jerry Spangler has clearly established himself over many years as the expert on Nine Mile Canyon cultural history. The research here is superb and the writing clear and engaging. James M. Aton, author of *John Wesley Powell: His Life and Legacy* (The University of Utah Press, 2010)