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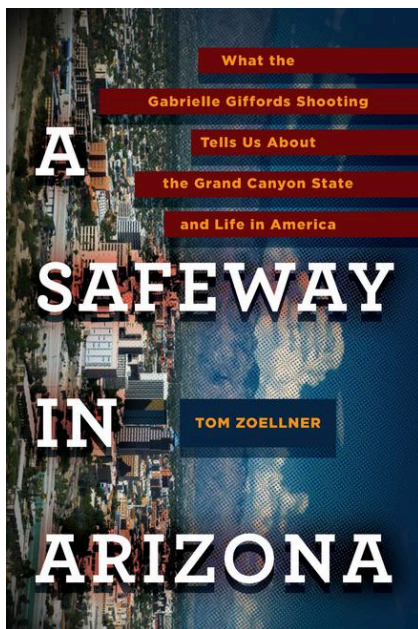
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An Arizona native, journalist, and former field organizer on Gabrielle Giffords's campaign for Congress, takes an in-depth look at the underlying fault lines in Arizona's state culture and government



A SAFEWAY IN ARIZONA:

*What the Gabrielle Giffords
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The terrible events that took place on January 8, 2011 have exposed many of the problems in Arizona: the under-the-surface hysteria, the boom and bust of the housing market, the lack of established communities, the inept local government, unsustainable neighborhoods of strangers, and a shameful ignorance of the lives of Mexican people. The predominant problems of America are on vivid display in this state, which has assumed a place in the union much like the Kansas Territory in the 1850s, an edgy frontier archipelago where the most fraught issues of the day are not really discussed but rather repressed, and then eventually screamed about.

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ABOUT TOM ZOELLNER

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