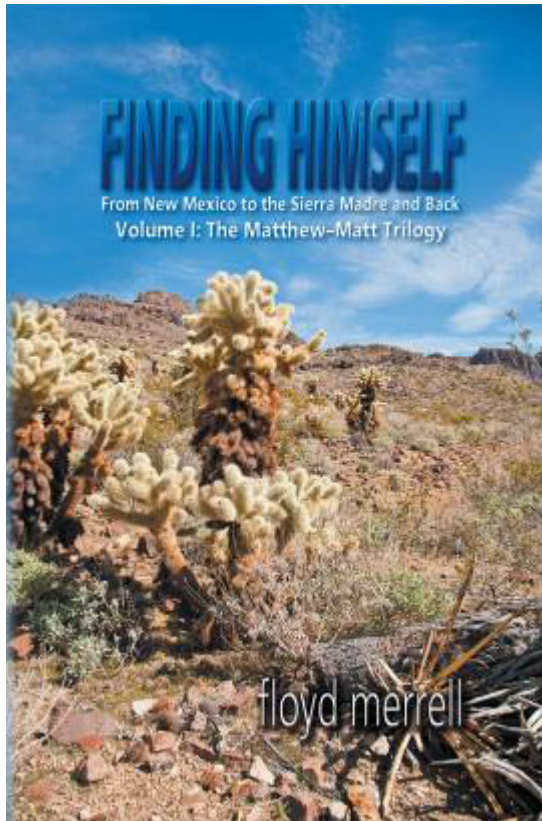


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A Spiritual Journey Takes Some Unusual Turns

A young man searching for the meaning of life takes an unforgettable cultural and spiritual journey in the Great Southwest in the novel *Finding Himself: From New Mexico to the Sierra Madre and Back*.

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On the return trip home, Matthew has several traumatic experiences that compel him to do things that would have been unthinkable before this journey. Has he learned anything meaningful and will the changes in him be for the better?

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