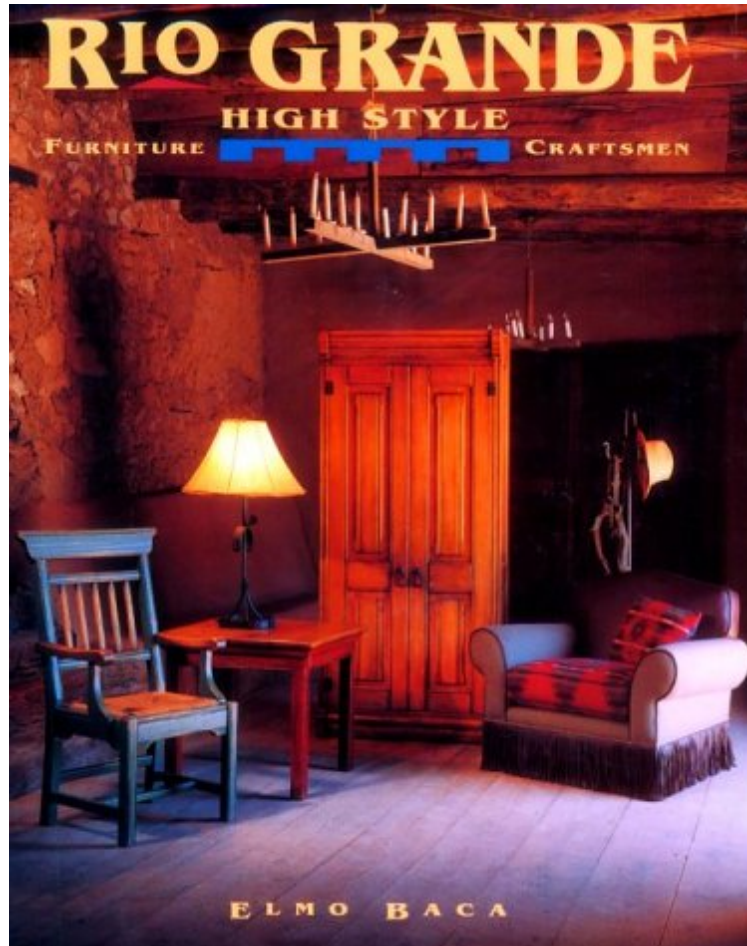


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Introduction The landscape of Rio Grande Country has inspired artists and designers for centuries, beginning with prehistoric Native American cultures. The natural splendor of the land and its great river continues to be an integral part of Rio Grande high style, as described by Mike Godwin, owner of Ernest Thompson Furniture of Albuquerque. "New Mexico is so visual; there's a lot of interesting colors and textures all around. I'll get ideas for new pieces just driving around and looking at the landscape."