The metropolis has always been the seat of the money economy. Here the multiplicity and concentration of economic exchange gives an importance to the means of exchange (7) which the scantiness of rural commerce would not have allowed. Money economy and the dominance of the intellect are intrinsically connected. They share a matter-of-fact attitude in dealing with men and with things; and, in this attitude, a formal justice (8) is often coupled with an inconsiderate hardness. The intellectually sophisticated person is indifferent to all genuine individuality, because relationships and reactions. Review of David Foster, Glimpses of Phoenix: The Desert Metropolis in Written and Visual Media (Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland & Company, 2013). In nuanced and beautiful Glimpses of Phoenix, Regents Professor David Foster offers us vivid reminders of the dominant narratives of our city, and the alternative voices struggling to be heard over the din of endless construction and the bustle of snowbird tourism. In this grand tour of the literary legends of our city he presents far more than a list of required reading for those who wish to venture into the dark and even dangerous places of... Read "Glimpses of Phoenix: The Desert Metropolis in Written and Visual Media" by David William Foster available from Rakuten Kobo. Part of the self-image of Phoenix is that the city has no history and that anything of importance happened yesterday. Also that Phoenix, the Arizona state capital, is a "clean" city (despite a past of police corruption and social oppression). The "real" Phoenix, easygoing, sun-drenched, a place of ever-expanding development and economic growth, guarantees, it is said, an enviable lifestyle, low taxes, and unfettered personal freedom and opportunity. Little of this is true.