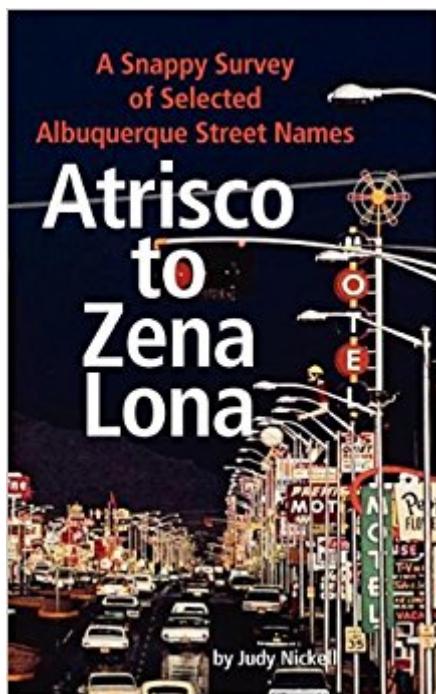


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# Atrisco To Zena Lona: A Snappy Survey Of Selected Albuquerque Street Names



## **Synopsis**

Want to know something about the story behind Albuquerque's street names- Who are they named for and why? How do you pronounce the names? What do they mean? What's the largest street name in Albuquerque's history? Many people were interviewed for this book; research began when the author was a columnist for a local newspaper. People would call to ask for the origin of one street name or another. This provided the germ for this book. Research continued with further interviews of developers and others responsible for naming streets. In addition to stories of street names, the book lists certain categories of street names, such as animals, birds and flowers. There is a concise explanation and pronunciation of Spanish names. This "snappy survey of selected Albuquerque street names" is not a doctoral dissertation, but rather fun reading for anyone living in or visiting New Mexico's biggest city.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR** Judy Nickell, a professional writer, began her career as a reporter for the Albuquerque Tribune. There she covered a variety of beats. She wrote the Q&A column from the 1970s through the 1980s, where this book originated. She also wrote a garden column. She is a Master Gardener and a Certified Arborist. Her book, *Enchanted Gardening*, is out of print. Bilingual from childhood, Judy is often bothered by improper use of Spanish on street names.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Great service. Love the book.

I've only known Albuquerque in the 21st century, so this book opens up vast seams of information

for me. It is written with perspective and a wonderful love for Albuquerque. If only I could go back and watch some of these streets actually being laid out, or witness the politicians wrangle about what to call them! The story of how so many streets were named and re-named is eye-opening. The treatment of Spanish-language nomenclature and its frequent mangling by anglophones is written with both erudition and a patient sense of humor. This is a beginning-to-end read, rather than an alphabetical look-it-up reference. The character of the city shines through it all. Excellent. You'll curl up with this book as I did.

I've lived in Albuquerque for a long time. OK over fifty years, shhh don't tell, like Jack Benny I am still only 39. Anyway this snappy little guide has lots of information I didn't know and was happy to discover. I still don't know how and why my street got here. Maybe in the next edition? At any rate it is a great read for Albuquerque residents ex-residents or anybody interested in how streets are named in the southwest. Well Albuquerque at least.

This is a fun book. I love the origins of street names in my beloved Albuquerque.

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