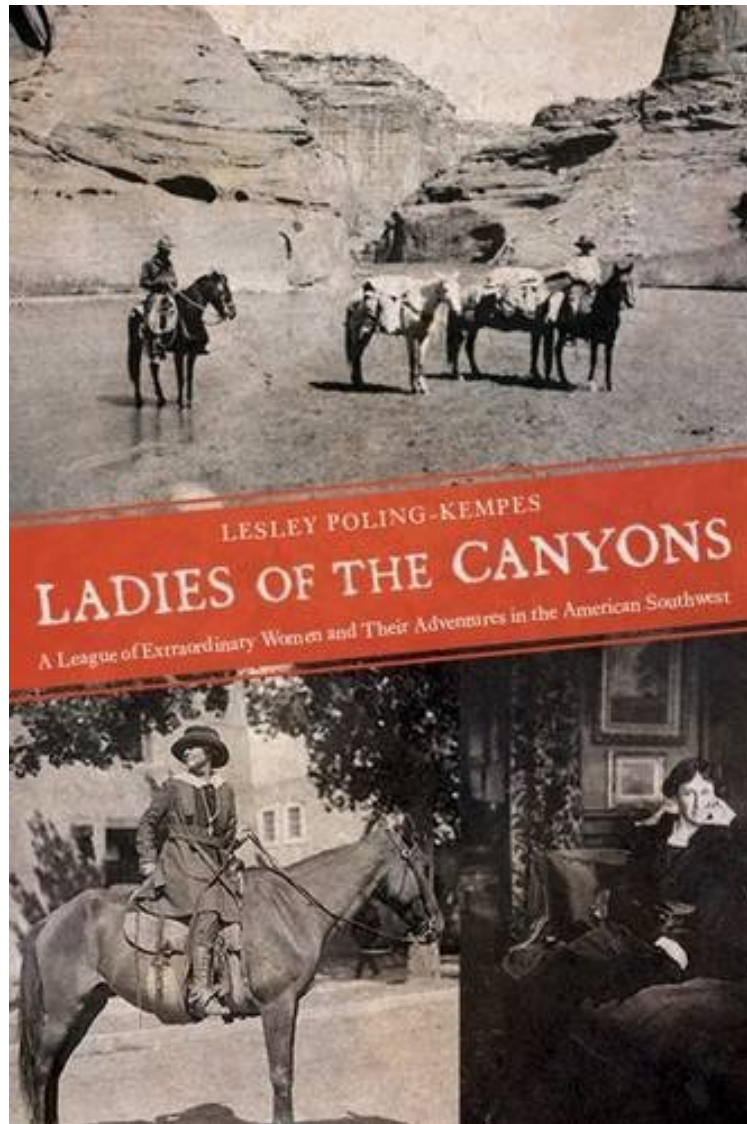


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Contemporary Fiction and the Tony Hillerman Award for Best Fiction. Her nonfiction books include *Ghost Ranch*, *Valley of Shining Stone: The Story of Abiquiu*, and *The Harvey Girls: Women Who Opened the West*. She lives in Abiquiu, New Mexico.