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> The same Moon rises everywhere, but, for me, the Moon is part of the US West. It rose over my first house near Logan, Utah; three houses in Tucson, Arizona; a canyon cabin in Utah; a brief home in Salt Lake City, Utah; and now, a retirement house in Logan, a place that, years ago, I thought I'd never leave. Moonlight—and the satellite's wild surface as revealed by my telescope—reshaped my relationships to the Sonoran Desert and to the Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah, to which one science writer compared a lunar crater. (From the article)

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