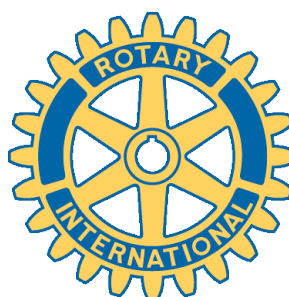


# HONOURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

## Annotated Bibliography



One of the objects of HIP is to increase awareness amongst Canadians of issues about culture and history of Indigenous people.

To this end, we have compiled a list of recommended reading for those wishing to learn and understand more about the Indigenous world.

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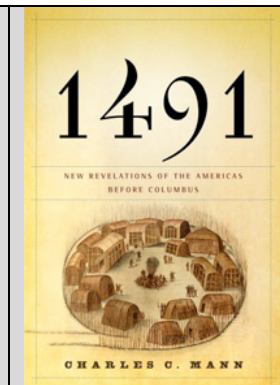
### 1491-New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus

By: Charles C. Mann

Paperback, 538 pp.

Published in Canada by Random House, October 2006

ISBN-13: 978-1-4000-3205-1



As new evidence has accumulated, longstanding views about the pre-Columbian world have been challenged and reexamined. Although there is no consensus, and Mann acknowledges controversies, he asserts that the general trend among scientists is to acknowledge:

1. (a) population levels in the Native Americans were probably higher than traditionally believed among scientists and closer to the number estimated by "high counters";  
(b) humans probably arrived in the Americas earlier than thought, over the course of multiple waves of [migration to the New World](#) (not solely by the [Bering land bridge](#) over a relatively short period of time);
2. The level of cultural advancement and the settlement range of humans was higher and broader than previously imagined; and
3. The [New World](#) was not a wilderness at the time of European contact, but an environment which the indigenous peoples had altered for thousands of years for their benefit, mostly with [fire](#).

These three main foci (origins/population, culture, and environment) form the basis for three parts of the book.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1491:\\_New\\_Revelations\\_of\\_the\\_Americas\\_Before\\_Columbus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1491:_New_Revelations_of_the_Americas_Before_Columbus)

## **Aboriginal People in Canada, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition**

**By: James Frideres & René R. Gadacz**

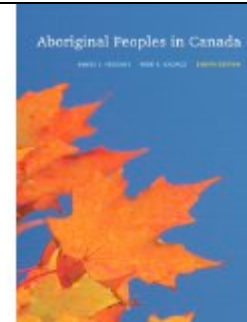
**Paperback: 464 pages**

**Publisher: Pearson Education Canada; 8 edition (Nov. 1 2007)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0132051877**

**ISBN-13: 978-0132051873**



*Aboriginal Peoples in Canada*, eighth edition, provides a current, comprehensive introduction to Native Studies. Using both the majority and minority perspectives, it chronicles the changes that have taken place over the past century and how they have impacted upon Canadian and Aboriginal Peoples. The goal of the authors is to provide a critical interpretation of the events that have shaped Aboriginal-Euro-Canadian relations and that thus have formed the structure of Canadian society. With updated statistical material, recent research in Native studies, and expanded sections on the most relevant contemporary topics, this text offers a good balance between social and cultural issues, as well as historical, legal, and theoretical material for students in the field of Aboriginal, First Nations, and Native Studies.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Aboriginal-Peoples-Canada-8th-Edition/dp/0132051877>

## **A Basic Call to Consciousness, Akwesasne Notes**

**Paperback: 160 pages**

**Publisher: Native Voices; Revised edition (June 20 2005)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 1570671591**

**ISBN-13: 978-1570671593**



This is a collection of position papers originally delivered at the conference on "Discrimination Against the Indigenous Populations of the Americas" hosted by the Non-Governmental Organizations of the United Nations in Geneva in 1977. These papers present a compelling critique of Western Culture and an eloquent text on the rights of Indigenous nations. New material by John Mohawk, Chief Oren Lyons, and José Barreiro give background information on the events leading up to this meeting, a historical perspective on the struggle for self-determination by Indigenous peoples, and a look to a new era of possibility for Native nations. Not many books portray the heart and courage of so many people in one volume.

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## **All the Way: My Life on Ice**

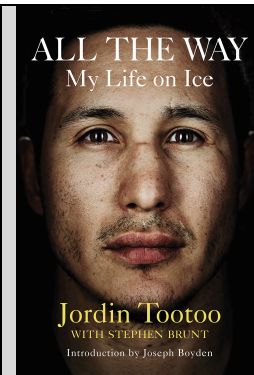
**By Jordin Tootoo, with Stephen Brunt**

**Hardcover, 240 pp.**

**Published by Viking Canada (October 21, 2014)**

**ISBN-10: 0670067628**

**ISBN-13: 978-0670067626**



It seemed as though nothing could stop Jordin Tootoo on the ice. The captain of Canada's Under-18, a fan favourite on the World Junior squad, and a WHL top prospect who could intimidate both goalies and enforcers, he was always a leader. And when Tootoo was drafted by Nashville in 2000 and made the Predators out of camp in 2003, he became a leader in another way: the first player of Inuk descent to suit up in the NHL.

The stress of competition in the world's top hockey league, the travel, the media, the homesickness—and the added pressure to hold one's head high as a role model not only for the young people of his hometown of Rankin Inlet but for the culture that had given him the strength and the opportunities to succeed—would have been more than enough to challenge any rookie. But Tootoo faced something far more difficult: the loss of his brother in the year between his draft and his first shift for the Predators. Though he played through it, the tragedy took its inevitable toll. In 2010, Tootoo checked himself into rehab for alcohol addiction. It seemed a promising career had ended too soon.

But that's not the way Tootoo saw it and not the way it would end. As heir to a cultural legacy that included alcohol, despair, and suicide, Tootoo could also draw on a heritage that could help sustain him even thousands of miles away from Nunavut. And in a community haunted by the same hopelessness and substance abuse that so affected Tootoo's life, it is not just his skill and fearlessness on the ice that have made him a hero, but the courage of his honesty to himself and to the world around him that he needed to rely on others to sustain him through his toughest challenge.

*All the Way* tells the story of someone who has travelled far from home to realize a dream, someone who has known glory and cheering crowds, but also the demons of despair. It is the searing, honest tale of a young man who has risen to every challenge and nearly fallen short in the toughest game of all, while finding a way to draw strength from his community and heritage, and giving back to it as well.

## Canada's First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from the Earliest Times

By: Dr. Olive Patricia Dickason & David T. McNab

Paperback, 608 pp. 105 photos; 25 maps, 7" x 9"

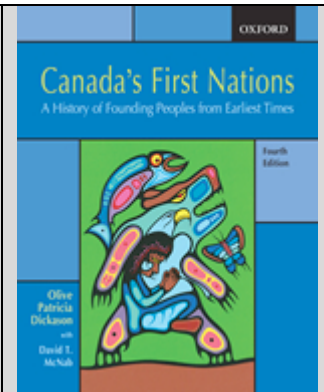
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ISBN-13: 9780195428926

Copyright Year: 2009

Imprint: OUP Canada



*Canada's First Nations* is a comprehensive history of Canada's original inhabitants. Using an interdisciplinary approach that combines techniques from history, anthropology, archaeology, biology, sociology, and political science, the story of the more than 50 First Nations of Canada is carefully woven together. A central argument in the text is that Amerindians and Inuit have responded to persistent colonial pressures through attempts at co-operation, episodes of resistance, and politically sophisticated efforts to preserve their territory and culture. The fourth edition has been fully updated to include current topics such as the effects of global warming on the Innu, the Ipperwash Inquiry, and the Caledonia land claims dispute. This is a text that transcends the familiar and narrow focus on Native-White relations to identify the history of the First Nations as a separate and proud tradition.

**Readership** : 2nd, and 3rd year courses on Native Studies, Native Peoples, Indigenous Studies and Ethnohistory.

<http://www.oupcanada.com/catalog/9780195428926.html>

## Dances With Dependency-Out of Poverty Through Self-Reliance

By: Calvin Helin

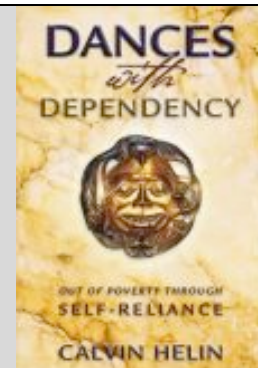
Hardcover

Publisher: Cubbie Blue Publishing, Inc.; 1st Edition edition (2008)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1932824073

ISBN-13: 978-1932824070



Helin doesn't argue that we need to forget the injustices of the past, but the focus of the book is on the future. How do we make the future better for our aboriginal population? This is a truly important question, because the average standard of living for aboriginals, especially on-reserve, is simply terrible. We cannot accept this as a fact of life going forward; we must work to change it. How we might go about creating that change is the true subject of the book.

Obviously, given the present state of affairs, our current efforts to improve life for aboriginal people are not working. Yet Hanlin notes the government spends in the neighbourhood of 18 billion dollars each year on services for aboriginals and transfers

to the reserves. He makes the reasonable argument that if money alone were capable of fixing the problem, we would have seen some success by now. Throwing more money at this issue will not make it go away.

Contrary to the content of some of the reviews here, Helin in fact praises aboriginal ingenuity and ability. He rightly says that long before the Europeans arrived, aboriginals had a thriving economy and culture, and they were able to achieve those civic successes through hard work and ingenuity: qualities he believes aboriginals still possess.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Dances-Dependency-Poverty-through-Self-Reliance/dp/1932824073>

## **The Inconvenient Indian: *A Curious Account of Native People in North America***

**By: Thomas King**

**Hardcover, 288 pages**

**Published 2012 by Doubleday Canada**

**ISBN: 978-0-385-66421-9**



Have you ever really looked at history and the stories behind them? Do you question if these stories are fact or myth or accept them as the absolute truth? You would like to think that what you are reading in your history books is truth, but... In "The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America," author Thomas King looks at the stories behind such events as the 1861 Alamo massacre by the Shoshone-Bannock, the meeting of Pocahontas and Captain John Smith, the Rebellion of 1885 with Louis Riel, the 1876 Battle of the Little Bighorn with George Armstrong Custer, and many other stories and he points out the inconsistencies in each

<http://www.ammsa.com/content/2013-review-inconvenient-indian>

## **Indian Givers - How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World**

**By: Jack Weatherford**

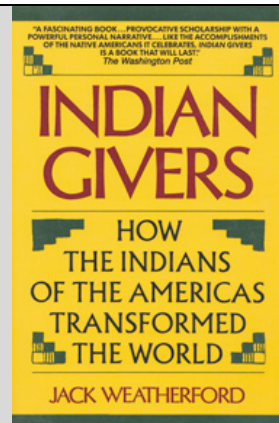
**Paperback: 288 pages**

**Publisher: Ballantine Books; 1 edition (Nov. 29 1989)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0449904962**

**ISBN-13: 978-0449904961**



Beginning with a clever title and continuing throughout the book, Weatherford lists the tremendous contributions which have been made by the Indian civilizations of the Americas to world culture. He shows the impact of gold and silver, agricultural techniques, medicine, and government on European history. The book makes for



fascinating, thought-provoking reading, showing that Locke and Rousseau were both influenced by the concepts of power and government held by the people of the Americas before they produced their great documents of the Enlightenment. Weatherford also shows how the spread of the potato to Europe saved many lives from the malnutrition which had haunted them when grain crops had previously failed. He has a far-reaching scope and even suggests a fascinating theory on the purpose of Machu Picchu. By showing how the world was changed through these contributions, the author gives a greater appreciation of the Indians of America to readers. A fine synthesis book for global studies programs as well as American history.

- Barbara Weathers, Duchesne Academy, Houston, School Library Journal

<http://www.amazon.ca/Indian-Givers-Indians-Americas-Transformed/dp/0449904962>

## **Nation to Nation: A resource on treaties in Ontario**

**By: Switzer, Maurice**

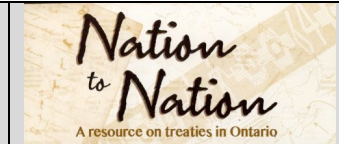
**Paperback: 68 pp**

**Publisher: Union of Ontario Indians (2013)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN – 13: 978-0-9868211-1-0**

**Price: \$40.00**



Nation to Nation: A Resource on Treaties in Ontario is a 68-page book from the Union of Ontario Indians designed to inform readers and students about First Nations treaties in Ontario. Edited by Maurice Switzer the book has a definition section and background about treaties in general, treaties between First Nations, the Royal Proclamation of 1763, Indian treaties in Canada, and a timeline showing Indian treaties in Ontario. Specific treaties such as Treaty of Niagara 1764, Chippewa Treaties, Manitoulin Treaties, Robinson Superior Treaty, Robinson Huron Treaty, and Williams Treaties are described. A brief overview of the significance of the War of 1812 is explored. News articles about treaties and the contemporary reality of these nation to nation relationships add to the understanding of their importance today. The final essay is Patrick Madahbee's call to action for instituting a process to mend the relationship between Canada and Ontario First Nations. This important collection clarifies the often confusing picture about treaties by focusing on treaties covering Ontario from their origin to the present day. Background data was provided by the Canadian Encyclopedia, and historians Maurice Switzer, Alan Corbiere, and David Shanahan. An excellent resource for secondary level students as well as college, university, and the general reader.

## **Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, Volume 1**

**Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People (1996)**

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The Commission of Inquiry should investigate the evolution of the relationship among aboriginal peoples (Indian, Inuit and Métis), the Canadian government, and Canadian society as a whole. It should propose specific solutions, rooted in domestic and

international experience, to the problems which have plagued those relationships and which confront aboriginal peoples today. The Commission should examine all issues which it deems to be relevant to any or all of the aboriginal peoples of Canada...4  
In four years of consultations, research and reflection we have come to see clearly that the problems that plague the relationship cannot be addressed exclusively or primarily as Aboriginal issues. The questions we probed during our inquiry and the solutions that emerged from our deliberations led us back insistently to examine the premises on which Canadian law and government institutions are founded and the human values that Canadians see as the core of their identity.

## **Stolen Continents: Conquest & Resistance in the Americas**

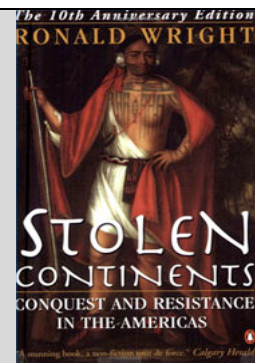
**By: Ronald Wright**

**Format: Paperback, 430 pages**

**Publisher: Penguin Canada**

**ISBN 10: 0-143-01500-1**

**ISBN 13: 978-0-143-01500-0**



An international bestseller, *Stolen Continents* is a history of the Americas unlike any other. This fascinating volume chronicles the conquest and survival of five great American cultures—in their own words. Ronald Wright give voice to the Aztec, Maya, Inca, Cherokee, and Iroquois, quoting their authentic speech and writing and illuminating their strange, tragic experience—including, in a new afterword, incidents that bring us into the twenty-first century. Covering the more than five hundred years since Europeans first set foot in the New World, Wright weaves contemporary accounts with his own incisive historical narrative to created an indispensable record, one that is powerful, vivid, and accurate.

<http://ronaldwright.com/books/stolen-continents/>

## **Thinking in Indian: A John Mohawk Reader**

**Edited By: Jose Barriero**

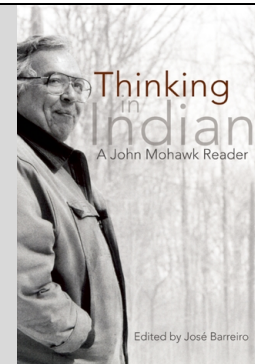
**Paperback: 320 pages**

**Publisher: Fulcrum Publishing (October 19, 2010)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 1555917380**

**ISBN-13: 978-1555917388**



*Thinking in Indian: A John Mohawk Reader* presents the Native perception of philosopher-thinker-activist John Mohawk (Sotsisowah). An elder of the Seneca Nation and deeply rooted Haudenosaune (Iroquois) traditionalist, Mohawk's intellectual approach is keenly universal while founded in the practice of his ancient longhouse culture. A participant and leader in the Native traditional movement, John Mohawk's gifted oratory and clear thinking became the basis of a substantial current of Native activism. These essays, produced and published over thirty years, are prescient in the



prophetic tradition yet thoroughly current. They reflect consistent engagement in Native events and issues and deliver a profoundly indigenous analysis of modern existence. Native sovereignty, cultural roots and world view, land and treaty rights, globalization impacts and mitigation, spiritual formulations, and fundamental human wisdom coalesce to provide a genuinely indigenous perspective on current events.

<http://www.amazon.com/Thinking-Indian-John-Mohawk-Reader/dp/1555917380>

## **Wawahte – The Story of the Residential Schools**

**By: Robert Wells**

**Paperback: 177 pp.**

**Published by Trafford Publishing @ [www.trafford.com](http://www.trafford.com)**

**Available From:**

[http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/6592613.Robert\\_P\\_Wells](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/6592613.Robert_P_Wells)

**Soft Cover: ISBN/SKU: 9781466917170**

**Hard Cover: ISBN/SKU: 9781466917194**

**E-Book: ISBN/SKU: 9781466917187**



Wawahte tells the experiences of Indian Residential School survivors who trusted me to write their stories. Their childhood was much the same as those of more than 150,000 Aboriginal children who, between 1883 and 1996, were forced to attend one of 130 residential schools and equally degrading day schooling in Canada. Written in two parts, Wawahte also mines the history of how the opinion of a handful of people became widely accepted by a nation, giving rise to official programs that were publicly touted as beneficial, but which actually discriminated against entire ethnic groups. By writing Wawahte, I hope to create a dialogue for people to realize the impact of forced integration/residential school.

<http://ca.linkedin.com/pub/robert-wells/5a/824/795>

## **The Way Finders**

**By: Wade Davis**

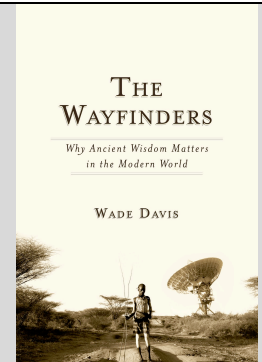
**Paperback: 272 pages**

**Publisher: House of Anansi Press (Oct. 1 2009)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0887848427**

**ISBN-13: 978-0887848421**



For many years and over many continents, anthropologist Wade Davis has chronicled the lives, languages, and customs of the globe's last remaining aboriginal peoples. The outlook is bleak on all counts. Of the approximately 7,000 languages presently spoken, 3,500 face extinction in our lifetime. When the last speaker of a given language vanishes, so will the last vestiges of a culture. In *The Wayfinders*, 2009's installment of CBC's Massey Lectures, Davis describes several groups he has come to know, peoples who live so closely with the natural world that they can hardly discern a border between the human and the non-human, animate and inanimate. Their art and myths afford outsiders a glimpse of an alternative to the dominant social paradigm that began with

Cartesian thought in Europe and eventually spread around the globe. Today, this way of seeing the world is so pervasive that most people probably aren't aware alternatives exist at all. Such ignorance could prove damaging to the future of life on this planet. If biodiversity and the peoples best equipped to understand it disappear, alternative sustainable lifestyles may vanish along with them. The earth's ongoing viability requires a spectrum of wildlife and a wide range of human perception. Or, as Davis puts it, "The ethnosphere is humanity's greatest legacy." Quill & Quire

<http://www.amazon.ca/The-Wayfinders-Wade-Davis/dp/0887848427>

## **We Are All Treaty People**

**By: Switzer, Maurice**

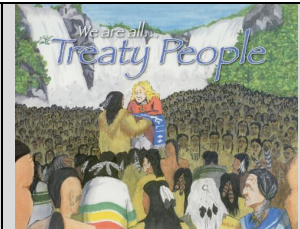
**Paperback: 34 pp**

**Publisher: Union of Ontario Indians (2011)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN – 13: 978-0-9868211-0-3**

**Price: \$25.00**



We Are All Treaty People is the 34-page illustrated history produced by the Union of Ontario Indians to promote the understanding of treaties among all people in Ontario. Written by Maurice Switzer with coloured drawings by Charley Herbert the book offers students a brief look at history from the Anishinabek perspective. The Anishinabek Nation includes the Algonquin, Delaware, Mississauga, Ojibwe, and Potawatomi. The book begins with a brief overview of Anishinabek cultural history and worldview. A prediction about the newcomers comes to pass as the people assist these newcomers with food, medicines, and survival techniques. The story continues as the period of peaceful co-existence comes to an end when competition between the French and English is decided during the Seven Year's War. As the chronological history is explained, readers are introduced to Pontiac, the Royal Proclamation, the Treaty of Niagara, the significance of treaty wampum belts such as the Covenant Chain and the Twenty-four Nations Belts, Tecumseh, the American Revolution, Indian Territory, the Treaty of Grenville, the War of 1812, and the Robinson Huron and Robinson Superior Treaties. Interspersed throughout these sections are maps, reproductions of treaties, and illustrations of wampum belts. The text moves on to the creation of reserves, land rights issues, the spirit and intent of treaties, the development of legislation called the Indian Act, the creation of residential schools, the 1969 White Paper, the growth of First Nations leadership, and the creation of the Assembly of First Nations. The final pages discuss the three crucial events in the 1990s: Oka, Gustafsen Lake, and Ipperwash. The result of these events was the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples and the Ipperwash Inquiry. Their recommendations reference the importance of the treaty relationship that includes First Nations and all Canadian citizens. This book's concise retelling of First Nations history makes it an excellent resource for all schools and libraries.

# The White Roots of Peace

**By: Paul A.W. Wallace**

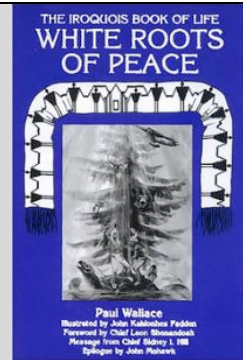
**Paperback: 160 pages**

**Publisher: Clear Light Publishing (March 31 1990)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0940666367**

**ISBN-13: 978-0940666368**



The epic of Deganawidah, the Peacemaker is an extraordinary story of a charismatic spiritual master whose vision and practical political genius brought order and peace in a time of chaos. It was through the efforts of the Peacemaker that the warring tribes of the Northeast joined together to form the Iroquois Confederacy over 500 years ago. The Peacemaker's work is preserved in the legend and history retold here and in the Confederacy's traditional constitution, which now influences many Native American governing systems throughout the United States. It also has had a major -- and rarely acknowledged -- impact in shaping the American Bill of Rights and the U. S. Constitution. The Iroquois Confederacy itself remains united under Deganawidah's unbroken spiritual lineage -- today represented by Chief Sidney I Hill, the Tadodaho, who is the temporal and spiritual leader of the Six Nations. Chief Hill has provided a message for this edition. The late Chief Leon Shenandoah, former Tadodaho, wrote the foreword. In an epilogue, historian John Mohawk takes up the story where Paul Wallace left off, chronicling the Confederacy's struggles to preserve its lands and sovereign dignity since the eighteenth century. The teachings of the Peacemaker remain vital today, offering an inspired model for consensus-building among nations and peoples throughout the world.

<http://www.amazon.ca/White-Roots-Peace-Iroquois-Book/dp/0940666367>

# 3. Fiction

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(Alphabetical by Title)

## As Long As the River Flows

**By:** James Bartleman

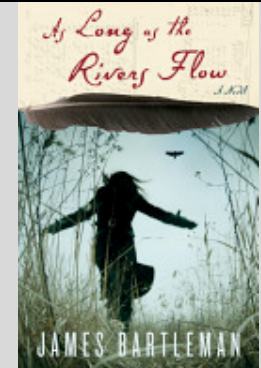
**Paperback:** 272 pages

**Publisher:** Vintage Canada (Nov. 1 2011)

**Language:** English

**ISBN-10:** 0307398757

**ISBN-13:** 978-0307398758



Although the book is a novel and uses fictional characters and setting, James Bartleman has succeeded in presenting the truth of the aftermath of residential school abuse by portraying a girl-victim of abuse, Martha, as she leaves her village to attend school away from her family and her people. When she returns from the school and tells her family of the abuse, her mother refuses to listen to her and Martha is sent back to school as the family receives much-needed money for each year she attends school.

When Martha grows up, the effects of abuse in her life and in the lives of other Native people who were abused are depicted in a moving way by Bartleman. The sense of hopelessness and the economic abuse of the entire Native community by civil and ecclesiastical authorities strikes deeply into the heart of the reader. In spite of the stark reality of oppression, Martha's family and people continued to love each other and sought to keep together as a family and as a people. They wouldn't ever be meeting the standards of success of the happy white middle-class families of the South... they had something deeper - a longing for and pursuit of achieving who God created them to be - and not what another culture thought they should be. A lesson in authenticity from which all can benefit. Reviewed by: Lea K. Kivi

<http://www.amazon.ca/As-Long-as-Rivers-Flow/dp/0307398757>

## Charlie Muskrat

**By:** Harold Johnson

**Paperback,** 208 pages

**Published April 2nd 2008 by Thistledown Press**

**ISBN:** 1897235445 (ISBN13: 978-1-897235-44-7)



Charlie Muskrat, out of moose meat for the winter and committed to getting some, finds himself in Prince Albert with a 30/30 Winchester under the seat of his truck, Thunder, half a tank of gas, half a thermos of coffee, lots of Cheezies and a desire to drive south.

Accompanied during the trip by phantom hitchhikers from history and myth — the Trickster, Wesakicak, Greek gods, writers, philosophers and politicians — Charlie

motors along to the backdrop of Johnny Cash gospel songs and his own foggy memories of his purpose. Through Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Trenton, Sudbury, Ottawa and Toronto and all along the way are those moments of laughter that Johnson does so well — the US border guards who turn Charlie away on gun issues, the Indian Affairs people with their bags of money, the bar conversations on literature in Toronto. *Charlie Muskrat* is socially insightful, politically incorrect, funny, and dangerous in his own naivety, and his road trip unfolds as an unforgettable journey in Canadian culture.  
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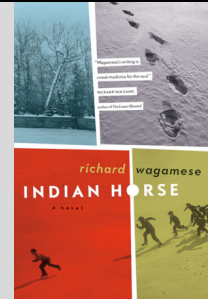
## Indian Horse

by Richard Wagamese

Paperback, 221 pages

Published February 1st 2012 by Douglas & McIntyre (first published January 27th 2012)

ISBN: 1553654021 (ISBN13: 978-1-553654-02-5)



In the early 1930s, Oscar Wolf, a 13-year-old Native from the Chippewas of Rama Indian Reserve, sets fire to the business section of his village north of Toronto in a fit of misguided rage against white society, inadvertently killing his grandfather and a young maid. Tortured by guilt and fearful of divine retribution, Oscar sets out on a lifetime quest for redemption.

His journey takes him to California where he works as a fruit picker and prizefighter during the Great Depression, to the Second World War where he becomes a decorated soldier, to university where he excels as a student and athlete, and to the diplomatic service in the postwar era where he causes a stir at the United Nations in New York and in Colombia and Australia.

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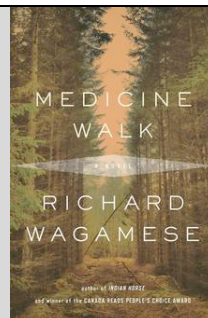
## Medicine Walk

by Richard Wagamese

Hardcover, 256 pages

Published April 1, 2012 by Mclellan & Stewart

ISBN10: 077108918X (ISBN13: 9780771089183)



Franklin Starlight is called to visit his father, Eldon. He's sixteen years old and has had the most fleeting of relationships with the man. The rare moments they've shared haunt and trouble Frank, but he answers the call, a son's duty to a father. He finds Eldon decimated after years of drinking, dying of liver failure in a small town flophouse. Eldon asks his son to take him into the mountains, so he may be buried in the traditional



Ojibway manner.

What ensues is a journey through the rugged and beautiful backcountry, and a journey into the past, as the two men push forward to Eldon's end. From a poverty-stricken childhood, to the Korean War, and later the derelict houses of mill towns, Eldon relates both the desolate moments of his life and a time of redemption and love and in doing so offers Frank a history he has never known, the father he has never had, and a connection to himself he never expected.

A novel about love, friendship, courage, and the idea that the land has within it powers of healing, *Medicine Walk* reveals the ultimate goodness of its characters and offers a deeply moving and redemptive conclusion.

## **The Orenda**

**By: Joseph Boyden**

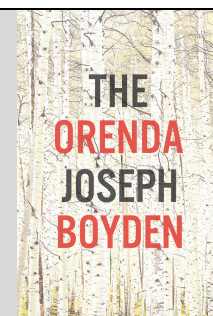
**Hardcover: 496 pages**

**Publisher: HAMISH HAMILTON CA (Sept. 10 2013)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0670064181**

**ISBN-13: 978-0670064182**



A visceral portrait of life at a crossroads, *The Orenda* opens with a brutal massacre and the kidnapping of the young Iroquois Snow Falls, a spirited girl with a special gift. Her captor, Bird, is an elder and one of the Huron Nation's great warriors and statesmen. It has been years since the murder of his family, and yet they are never far from his mind. In Snow Falls, Bird recognizes the ghost of his lost daughter and sees that the girl possesses powerful magic that will be useful to him on the troubled road ahead. Bird's people have battled the Iroquois for as long as he can remember, but both tribes now face a new, more dangerous threat from afar.

Christophe, a charismatic Jesuit missionary, has found his calling among the Huron, and devotes himself to learning and understanding their customs and language in order to lead them to Christ. An emissary from distant lands, he brings much more than his faith to the new world.

As these three souls dance with each other through intricately woven acts of duplicity, small battles erupt into bigger wars and a nation emerges from worlds in flux.

<http://www.amazon.ca/The-Orenda-Joseph-Boyden/dp/0670064181>

## **The Redemption of Oscar Wolfe**

**By: James Bartleman**

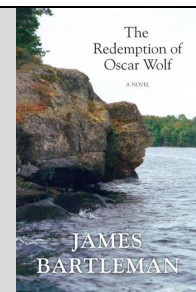
**Hardcover: 272 pages**

**Publisher: A J. Patrick Boyer Book (June 15 2013)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 1459709829**

**ISBN-13: 978-1459709829**



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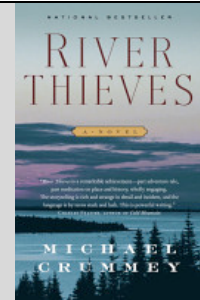
## **River Thieves**

**by Michael Crummey**

**Paperback, 372 pages**

**Published July 24th 2003 by Canongate Books (first published September 11th 2001)**

**ISBN: 1841954179 (ISBN13: 9781841954172)**



Excerpt of Review by Lawrence Mathews

*River Thieves* is set in early nineteenth-century Newfoundland, in the Bay of Exploits region of the island's northeast coast—a backwoods whose few white inhabitants make their living from fishing and trapping, occasionally coming into uneasy contact with the last survivors of the inscrutable, secretive Beothuks or "Red Indians" as they are known to the settlers, to distinguish them from the more sociable Mi'kmaq. The two main sections feature violent white-aboriginal confrontations. In 1811 two British servicemen are killed by Beothuks; in 1819 two Beothuks are killed by whites.

But the novel is not really "about" racial conflict. The narrative focuses on the lives of four white characters: the settlers John Peyton and his father, their housekeeper Cassandra Jure, and David Buchan of the Royal Navy, who leads the ill-fated expedition of 1811 and investigates the events of 1819.

<http://www.amazon.ca/River-Thieves-Michael-Crummey/dp/0385658176>

## **Three Day Road**

**By: Joseph Boyden**

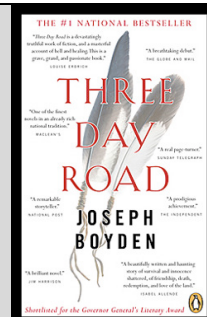
**Paperback: 408 pages**

**Publisher: Penguin Canada (May 6 2008)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0143056956**

**ISBN-13: 978-0143056959**



When Cree Indians Xavier Bird and Elijah Whiskeyjack join the Canadian Army in 1915, they expect to go to France, become warriors and kill Germans. What they don't expect is that the war will drive one of them mad and make the other a morphine-addicted cripple. This is Boyden's first novel (after the story collection *Born with a Tooth*), a

powerful tale of two young men numbed by the horrors and brutality of trench warfare. Boyden vividly portrays the chaos, fear, cowardice and courage of infantrymen condemned to wallow in the mud and blood of the Western Front. Best friends Xavier and Elijah are both expert sharpshooters and, using the field craft they learned hunting in the forests of Hudson Bay, quickly become accomplished snipers. Elijah is outgoing and boastful, while Xavier is quiet and reserved, but both are deadly efficient soldiers. A parallel story line tells of Niska, Xavier's aunt, a Cree Indian prophet and healer, as she tells of the sad decline of Cree culture and waits for her nephew to come home. As the war drags on, one of the men's addiction to drugs and killing causes him to take extreme risks; when he finally commits murder to hide the ugly truth, his friend sees only one solution to save his own soul. Friendship is riven with resentment and war is stripped of glory in this remarkable, wrenching novel, the work of a gifted storyteller.

*Agent, Nicole Winstanley at Westwood Creative Artists (Toronto). 6-city author tour. (May 9)*

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## Through Black Spruce

**By: Joseph Boyden**

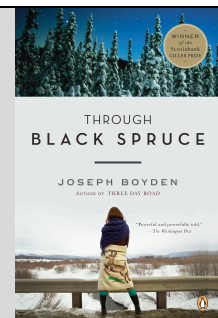
**Paperback: 432 pages**

**Publisher: Penguin Canada (Sept. 15 2009)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 014301787X**

**ISBN-13: 978-0143017875**



'Joseph Boyden's novel is, simply, beautiful: you will lose yourself in the richness of its prose and the ever-deepening puzzles it inveigles you into. THROUGH BLACK SPRUCE is fluent, involving fiction, and as good an advertisement as any for unforgiving wilderness living.' -- Tim Teeman THE TIMES 'This complex and interesting novel is all about strong family bonds.' HOT STARS 'a remarkable view into a lost world dismantled so brutally by the white 'wemestikushu'... Boyden guides us through customs, mythologies and rituals that attend life in the bush.' TLS 'mesmerising. In the wild, dreams are prophetic and spiritual truths revealed... his characters are most moving when revelations occur in small, quite moments.' -- Julie Wheelwright THE INDEPENDENT 'It is a powerful novel of place and the ties that bind families... A fine achievement, Through Black Spruce is extraordinary.' IRISH EXAMINER 'love, betrayal and loss in the wild and frozen Canadian wilderness. A strangely haunting read.' CHOICE 'Alternating between life at its most elemental and most decadent, Boyden's tale skilfully reflects the Indians' struggle to embrace modern society.' -- Anthony Gardner MAIL ON SUNDAY --*This text refers to the **Hardcover** edition.*

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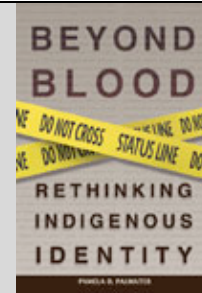
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### **Beyond Blood: Rethinking Aboriginal Identity and Belonging**

**By: Pam Palmeter**

**Paperback, 280 pages**

**Published by Purich Publishing Ltd, spring 2011    ISBN  
978189583060-6 / 1895830605**



Author Pamela Palmeter argues that the Indian Act's registration provisions will lead to the extinguishment of First Nations as legal and constitutional entities. The current status criteria contain descent-based rules akin to blood quantum that are particularly discriminatory against women and their descendants.

Beginning with an historic overview of legislative enactments defining Indian status and their impact on First Nations, the author examines contemporary court rulings dealing with Aboriginal rights and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms in relation to Indigenous identity. She also examines various band membership codes to determine how they affect Indigenous identity, and how their reliance on status criteria perpetuates discrimination. She offers suggestions for a better way of determining Indigenous identity and citizenship and argues that First Nations themselves must determine their citizenship based on ties to the community, not blood or status.

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### **Canada's Indigenous Constitution**

**By John Burrows**

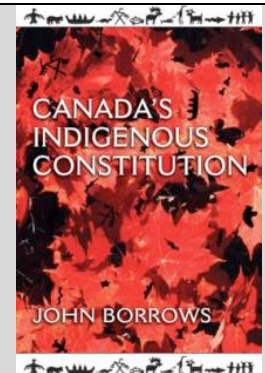
**Paperback: 416 pages**

**Publisher: University of Toronto Press, Scholarly Publishing  
Division (March 6 2010)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 1442610387**

**ISBN-13: 978-1442610385**



*Canada's Indigenous Constitution* reflects on the nature and sources of law in Canada, beginning with the conviction that the Canadian legal system has helped to engender the high level of wealth and security enjoyed by people across the country. However, longstanding disputes about the origins, legitimacy, and applicability of certain aspects of the legal system have led John Borrows to argue that Canada's constitution is incomplete without a broader acceptance of Indigenous legal traditions.

With characteristic richness and eloquence, John Borrows explores legal traditions, the role of governments and courts, and the prospect of a multi-juridical legal culture, all with a view to understanding and improving legal processes in Canada. He discusses

the place of individuals, families, and communities in recovering and extending the role of Indigenous law within both Indigenous communities and Canadian society more broadly.

This is a major work by one of Canada's leading legal scholars, and an essential companion to *Drawing Out Law: A Spirit's Guide*.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Canadas-Indigenous-Constitution-John-Borrows/dp/1442610387>

## **Clearing the Plains - Disease, Politics of Starvation, and the Loss of Aboriginal Life**

**By: James Daschuk**

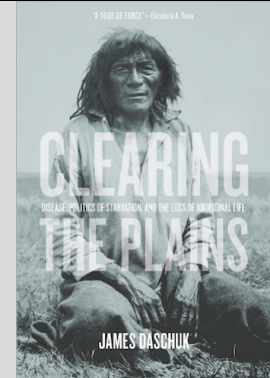
**Hardcover: 354 pages**

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**Language: English**

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In arresting, but harrowing, prose, James Daschuk examines the roles that Old World diseases, climate, and, most disturbingly, Canadian politics - the politics of ethnocide - played in the deaths and subjugation of thousands of aboriginal people in the realization of Sir John A. Macdonald's "National Dream." It was a dream that came at great expense: the present disparity in health and economic well-being between First Nations and non-Native populations, and the lingering racism and misunderstanding that permeates the national consciousness to this day. "Clearing the Plains is a tour de force that dismantles and destroys the view that Canada has a special claim to humanity in its treatment of indigenous peoples. Daschuk shows how infectious disease and state-supported starvation combined to create a creeping, relentless catastrophe that persists to the present day. The prose is gripping, the analysis is incisive, and the narrative is so chilling that it leaves its reader stunned and disturbed. For days after reading it, I was unable to shake a profound sense of sorrow. This is fearless, evidence-driven history at its finest." Elizabeth A. Fenn, author of *Pox Americana* "Required reading for all Canadians." Candace Savage, author of *A Geography of Blood* "[Clearly written, deeply researched, and properly contextualized history ... Essential reading for everyone interested in the history of indigenous North America." J. R. McNeill, author of *Mosquito Empires*

<http://www.amazon.ca/Clearing-Plains-Politics-Starvation-Aboriginal/dp/0889772967>

## The Comeback

By: John Ralston Saul

Hardcover, 304 pp

Publisher: Viking Canada (Oct. 28 2014)

Language: English

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ISBN-13: 978-0670068739

FOR THE LAST HUNDRED YEARS, ABORIGINAL PEOPLES  
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OF CIVILIZATIONAL STABILITY.  
A COMEBACK TO A POSITION  
OF POWER, INFLUENCE  
AND CIVILIZATIONAL  
CREATIVITY...  
**THE COMEBACK**  
JOHN RALSTON SAUL

Once again, John Ralston Saul presents the story of Canada's past so that we may better understand its present – and imagine a better future.

Historic moments are always uncomfortable, Saul writes in this impassioned argument, calling on all of us to embrace and support the comeback of Aboriginal peoples. This, he says, is the great issue of our time – the most important missing piece in the building of Canada. The events that began late in 2012 with the Idle No More movement were not just a rough patch in Aboriginal relations with the rest of Canada. What is happening today between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals is not about guilt or sympathy or failure or romanticization of the past. It is about citizens' rights. It is about rebuilding relationships that were central to the creation of Canada. These relationships are just as important to its continued existence. The centrality of Aboriginal issues and peoples has the potential to open up a more creative way of imagining ourselves and a more honest narrative for Canada.

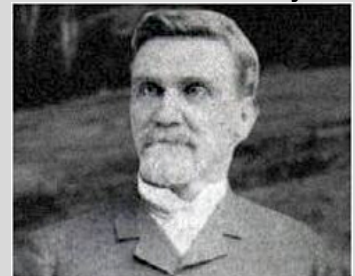
Wide in scope but piercing in detail, *The Comeback* presents a powerful portrait of modern Aboriginal life in Canada, in contrast with the perceived failings so often portrayed in politics and in media. Saul illustrates his arguments by compiling a remarkable selection of letters, speeches and writings by Aboriginal leaders and thinkers, showcasing the extraordinarily rich, moving and stable indigenous point of view across the centuries.

<http://www.amazon.ca/The-Comeback-John-Ralston-Saul/dp/067006873X>

## Crusading for the Forgotten: Dr. Peter Bryce, Public Health & Prairie Native Residential Schools

Sproule-Jones M. [Can Bull Med Hist](#). 1996;13(2):199-24.

Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce



This article examines the rise of the public health movement and its impact on native affairs in Canada at the turn of the century. It focuses on the efforts of Peter Bryce, Chief Medical Officer for the Departments of the Interior and Indian Affairs, to improve conditions in native schools and on reserves. In 1907 Bryce released his controversial Report on the Indian Schools of Manitoba and the North West Territories, revealing that 24 percent of all native residential school students had died of tuberculosis. Believing

firmly that the state was responsible for promoting the health and welfare of its people, Bryce insisted that the federal government address this high death rate. His tireless crusade on behalf of the native population demonstrated the extent to which native affairs were influenced by the broader social, political, and economic agendas of the day, and anticipated the federal government's changing role in social services following World War I.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/11620073>

## **Dancing with a Ghost, Exploring Indian Reality**

**By: Rupert Ross**

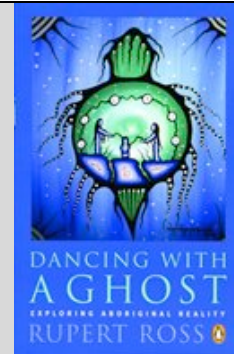
**Paperback: 248 pages**

**Publisher: Penguin Canada; 1 edition (Jan. 27 2006)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0143054260**

**ISBN-13: 978-0143054269**



As a Crown Attorney working with First Nations in remote northwestern Ontario, Rupert Ross learned that he was routinely misinterpreting the behaviour of Aboriginal victims, witnesses, and offenders, both in and out of court. He discovered that he regularly drew wrong conclusions when he encountered witnesses who wouldn't make eye contact, victims who wouldn't testify in the presence of the accused, and parents who showed great reluctance to interfere in their children's offending behaviour. With the assistance of Aboriginal teachers, he began to see that behind such behaviour lay a complex web of coherent cultural commandments that he had never suspected, much less understood.

As his awareness of traditional Native teachings grew, he found that the areas of miscommunication extended well beyond the courtroom, causing cross-cultural misunderstanding—and ill-informed condemnation.

*Dancing with a Ghost* is Ross's attempt to give some definition to the cultural gap that bedevils the relationships and distorts the communications between Native peoples and the dominant white Canadian society—and to encourage others to begin their own respectful cross-cultural explorations. As Ross discovered, traditional perspectives have a great deal to offer modern-day Canada, not only in the context of justice but also in terms of the broader concepts of peaceful social organization and personal fulfillment.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Dancing-Ghost-Exploring-Indian-Reality/dp/0143054260>

## **Decolonizing Methodologies**

**By: Linda Tuhiwai Smith**

**Paperback**

**Publisher: Zed Books Ltd (May 15 2012)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 1848139500**

**ISBN-13: 978-1848139503**



Linda Tuhiwai Smith is absolutely right in describing the fact that as many indigenous persons have themselves become the "researcher", or become "educated" "scholar", they seem to be even farther from their cultures and their peoples. They learned to be "qualified" scholars in their disciplines, for example. being neutral and objective in doing research, without realizing these kinds of methodologies are themselves value-added. This book offers an insight that indigenous researches should be done (either by indigenous or non-indigenous people) with a political project, aiming at the decolonization and self-determination of indigenous peoples. And to do so, we need to deliberately review and examine the essence and the politics of the so claimed "scientific" methodologies. This work is inspiring for both researchers and activists.  
Review by: shunling chen

<http://www.amazon.ca/Decolonizing-Methodologies-Research-Indigenous-Peoples/dp/1848139500>

## **Elders Understand our Rights: Evolving International Law Regarding Indigenous Peoples**

**By: Sharon H. Venne**

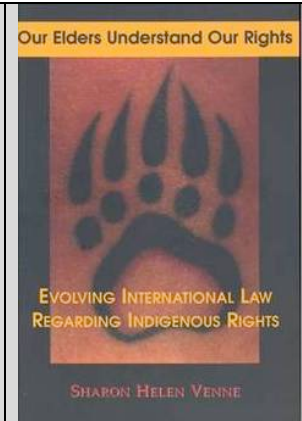
**Paperback: 228 pages**

**Publisher: Theytus Books; First Edition edition (Sept. 16 1998)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0919441661**

**ISBN-13: 978-0919441668**



Beginning in Europe's Middle Ages with "the doctrine of discovery," this book traces the development of international law as it affected Indigenous peoples. Viewing various issues, events and legislation from an Indigenous perspective, the book goes on to examine work undertaken in the twentieth century by international organizations in the study and clarification of the legal status and rights of Indigenous peoples.

<http://www.theytus.com/Book-List/Our-Elders-Understand-Our-Rights-Evolving-International-Law-Regarding-Indigenous-Peoples>

## **Exemplar of Liberty: Native America and the Evolution of Democracy**

**By: Bruce Johansen and Donald Grinde**

**Series: Native American Politics Series ; No. 3**

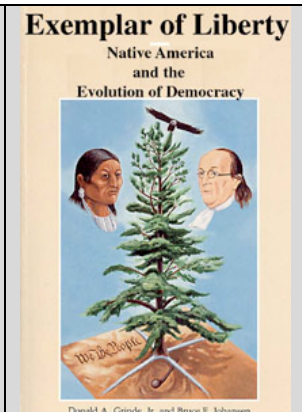
**Paperback: 320 pages**

**Publisher: American Indian Studies Center, UCLA (January 1, 1991)**

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Nonfiction. Native American Studies. A definitive study of how the founders of the

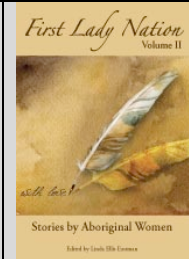
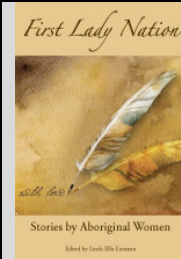


United states combined European, American and Indian ideas into a new political system.

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## **First Lady Nation: Stories by Aboriginal Women Vol. 1 & 2**

Only available online from the Professional Women Publishing Co. at:  
<http://www.pwnbooks.com/order.htm>



No Description or review available.

## **The Fourth World, An Indian Reality**

**By: George Manuel & Michael Posluns**

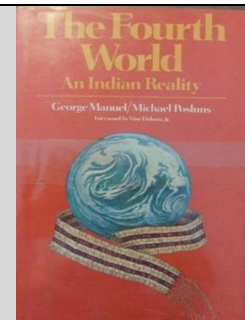
**Hardcover: 278 pages**

**Publisher: Collier-Macmillan Canada (1974)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0029756200**

**ISBN-13: 978-0029756201**



The Fourth World is a moving narrative of the Canadian Indian, of all aboriginal peoples everywhere, told with wisdom and compassion, not with the harsh clamour of militant rhetoric. Its view of the world of tomorrow is of a nation state that would contain within itself many different cultures and life ways, some highly tribal and traditional, some highly urban and individual. George Manuel, a leader in the North American Indian movement, along with co-author Michael Posluns, presents an informative and important historical document which traces the struggle for Indian survival as a nation, culture, and as a reality. This struggle, as seen through the eyes and experiences of a leader in that battle, sheds new light on alternatives for co-existence. The Fourth World is an alternative to the new world, the old world and, of late, the Third World. The authors contrast the lives and cultures that presently exist on the North American continent. On the one hand, the native Indians - a culture of sharing, with an economy which is one with the land. On the other hand, the Europeans - coming to the new world with technology, manifest destiny, and the need to accumulate. These two cultures have NOT co-existed. The Europeans, according to the authors, have dominated and exploited, trying to assimilate and thus destroy the native culture. In order for that native way of life to survive and for European culture to continue and prosper, a new order must be developed. The authors call for a re-evaluation by "conquerors" of their European basis, structures, goals, and moral imperatives. The Fourth World is a nation state in which natives and Europeans can live together, one state within the other, without domination, but with respect for different ways of life. The thoughts in The Fourth World are as provocative as they are historically informative. They are thoughts not of one man, but of a culture which lives with the earth, not simply on it.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-fourth-world-Indian-reality/dp/0029756200>

## Ghost Dancing with Colonialism

**By: Grace Woo**

**Paperback**

**Published by: UBC Press**

**Release Date: 2/24/2012**

**ISBN: 9780774818889**



Some assume that Canada earned a place among postcolonial states in 1982 when it took charge of its Constitution. Yet despite the formal recognition accorded to Aboriginal and treaty rights at that time, Indigenous peoples continue to argue that they are still being colonized.

Grace Woo assesses this allegation using a binary model that distinguishes colonial from postcolonial legality. She argues that two legal paradigms governed the expansion of the British Empire, one based on popular consent, the other on conquest and the power to command. During the twentieth century, international law formally rejected the conquest model. However, despite the best intentions of lawyers and judges, the beliefs and practices of the colonial age continue to haunt Supreme Court of Canada rulings concerning Indigenous rights.

The binary analysis applied in *Ghost Dancing with Colonialism* casts explanatory light on ongoing tensions between Canada and Indigenous peoples, suggesting new ways to bridge the cultural divide and arrive at a truly postcolonial justice system.

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## Indigenous Healing

**By: Rupert Ross**

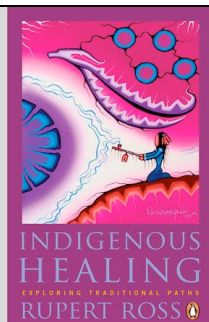
**Paperback: 344 Pages**

**Publisher: Penguin Canada (May 20, 2014)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0143191101**

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Imagine a world in which people see themselves as embedded in the natural order, with ethical responsibilities not only toward each other, but also toward rocks, trees, water and all nature. Imagine seeing yourself not as a master of Creation, but as the most humble, dependent and vulnerable part.

Rupert Ross explores this indigenous world view and the determination of indigenous thinkers to restore it to full prominence today. He comes to understand that an appreciation of this perspective is vital to understanding the destructive forces of colonization. As a former Crown attorney in northern Ontario, Ross witnessed many of these forces. He examines them here with a special focus on residential schools and their power to destabilize entire communities long after the last school has closed. With help from many indigenous authors, he explores their emerging conviction that healing is now better described as “decolonization therapy.” And the key to healing, they assert,

is a return to the traditional indigenous world view.

The author of two previous bestsellers on indigenous themes, *Dancing with a Ghost* and *Returning to the Teachings*, Ross shares his continuing personal journey into traditional understanding with all of the confusion, delight and exhilaration of learning to see the world in a different way.

Ross sees the beginning of a vibrant future for indigenous people across Canada as they begin to restore their own definition of a “healthy person” and start their own processes to bring that indigenous wellness into being once again. *Indigenous Healing* is a hopeful book, not only for indigenous people, but for all others open to accepting some of their ancient lessons about who we might choose to be.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Indigenous-Healing-Exploring-Traditional-Paths/dp/0143191101>

## **Peace, Power and Righteousness**

**By: Taiaiake Alfred**

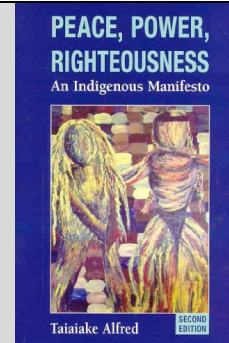
**Paperback: 208 pages**

**Publisher: Oxford University Press; Second Edition edition  
(Aug. 22 2008)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0195430514**

**ISBN-13: 978-0195430516**



This visionary manifesto, first published in 1999, has significantly improved our understanding of First Nations' issues. Taiaiake Alfred calls for the indigenous peoples of North America to move beyond their 500-year history of pain, loss, and colonization, and move forward to the reality of self-determination. A leading Kanien'kehaka scholar and activist with intimate knowledge of both Native and Western traditions of thought, Alfred is uniquely placed to write this inspiring book. His account of the history and future of the indigenous peoples of North America is at once a bold and forceful critique of Indigenous leaders and politics, and a sensitive reflection on the traumas of colonization that shape our existence. This new edition of Alfred's important manifesto is thoroughly updated in the context of current issues related to government policy and First Nations politics today. In addition to new examples of indigenous-state relations, it includes the latest court cases and updated evaluations of key negotiations over land and self-government. A new preface incorporates an original, previously unpublished dialogue with the influential Dakota author, historian, and activist Vine Deloria Jr, recorded shortly before his death in 2005.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Peace-Power-Righteousness-Indigenous-Manifesto/dp/0195430514>



## Red Earth, White Lies

By: Vine Deloria Jr.

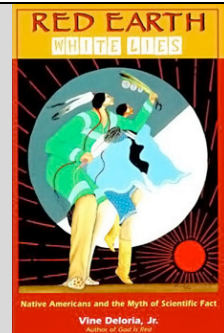
Paperback: 288 pages

Publisher: Fulcrum Publishing (August 19, 1997)

Language: English

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Vine Deloria, Jr., leading Native American scholar and author of the best-selling *God Is Red*, addresses the conflict between mainstream scientific theory about our world and the ancestral worldview of Native Americans. Claiming that science has created a largely fictional scenario for American Indians in prehistoric North America, Deloria offers an alternative view of the continent's history as seen through the eyes and memories of Native Americans. Further, he warns future generations of scientists not to repeat the ethnocentric omissions and fallacies of the past by dismissing Native oral tradition as mere legends.

<http://www.amazon.com/Red-Earth-White-Lies-Scientific/dp/1555913881>

## Returning to the Teachings

By: Rupert Ross

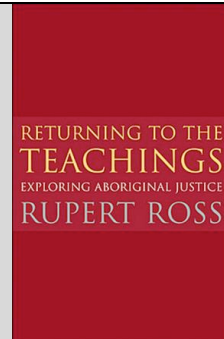
Paperback: 320 pages

Publisher: Penguin Canada; 1 edition (Feb. 24 2006)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0143055593

ISBN-13: 978-0143055594



In his bestselling book *Dancing with a Ghost*, Rupert Ross began his exploration of Aboriginal approaches to justice and the visions of life that shape them. *Returning to the Teachings* takes this exploration further still.

During a three-year secondment with Justice Canada, Ross travelled from the Yukon to Cape Breton Island, examining—and experiencing—the widespread Aboriginal preference for “peacemaker justice.” In this remarkable book, he invites us to accompany him as he moves past the pain and suffering that grip so many communities and into the exceptional promise of individual, family and community healing that traditional teachings are now restoring to Aboriginal Canada. He shares his confusion, frustrations and delights as Elders and other teachers guide him, in their unique and often puzzling ways, into ancient visions of Creation and our role with it.

*Returning to the Teachings* is about Aboriginal justice and much more, speaking not only to our minds, but also to our hearts and spirits. Above all, it stands as a search for the values and visions that give life its significance and that any justice system, Aboriginal or otherwise, must serve and respect.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Returning-Teachings-Exploring-Aboriginal-Justice/dp/0143055593>

## THE STORY OF A NATIONAL CRIME

BY P; H. BRYCE, M.A., M.D.

Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce

## BEING AN APPEAL FOR JUSTICE TO THE INDIANS OF CANADA

The Wards of the Nation :

Our Allies in the Revolutionary War :

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Thus we find a sum of only \$10,000 has been annually placed in the estimates to control tuberculosis amongst 105,000 Indians scattered over Canada in over 300 bands, while the City of Ottawa, with about the same population and having three general hospitals spent thereon \$342,860.54 in 1919 of which \$33,364.70 is devoted to tuberculous patients alone. The many difficulties of our problem amongst the Indians have been frequently pointed out, but the means to cope with these have also been made plain. It can only be said that any cruder or weaker arguments by a Prime Minister holding the position of responsibility to these treaty wards of Canada could hardly be conceived, and such recall the satirical jibe of Voltaire, regarding the Treaty of Shackmaxoii between Wm. Penn and the Indians, which he describes as " the only known treaty between savages and Christians that was never sworn to and never broken. "

## Up Ghost River: A Chief's Journey Through the Turbulent Waters of Native History

By: Edmund Metatawabin

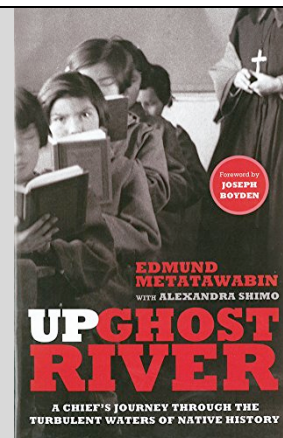
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In the 1950s, 7-year-old Edmund Metatawabin was separated from his family and placed in one of Canada's worst residential schools. St. Anne's, in northern Ontario, is an institution now notorious for the range of punishments that staff and teachers inflicted on students. Even as Metatawabin built the trappings of a successful life—wife, kids, career—he was tormented by horrific memories. Fuelled by alcohol, the trauma from his past caught up with him, and his family and work lives imploded.

In seeking healing, Metatawabin travelled to southern Alberta. There he learned from

elders, participated in native cultural training workshops that emphasize the holistic approach to personhood at the heart of Cree culture, and finally faced his alcoholism and PTSD. Metatawabin has since worked tirelessly to expose the wrongdoings of St. Anne's, culminating in a recent court case demanding that the school records be released to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Now Metatawabin's mission is to help the next generation of residential school survivors. His story is part of the indigenous resurgence that is happening across Canada and worldwide: after years of oppression, he and others are healing themselves by rediscovering their culture and sharing their knowledge.

Coming full circle, Metatawabin's haunting and brave narrative offers profound lessons on the importance of bearing witness, and the ability to become whole once again.

## 5. Other Readings:

(Alphabetical by Title)

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We have also compiled a partial list of other reading, which for the person serious about being involved should add to their understanding of community.

### **The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods**

By: John McKnight and Peter Block

Hardcover: 200 pages

Publisher: Berrett-Koehler Publishers (June 14, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1605095842

ISBN-13: 978-1605095844

### **The Abundant Community**

Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods



There is a growing movement of people with a different vision for their local communities. They know that real satisfaction and the good life are not provided by organizations, institutions, or systems. No number of great CEO's, central offices, or long range plans produce what a community can produce. People are discovering a new possibility for their lives. They have a calling. They are called. And together they call upon themselves. This possibility is idealistic, and yet it is an ideal within our grasp. It is a possibility that is both idealistic and realistic. Our culture leads us to believe that a satisfying life can be purchased. It tells us that in the place where we live, we don't have the resources to create a good life. This book reminds us that a neighborhood that can raise a child, provide security, sustain our health, secure our income, and care for our vulnerable people is within the power of our community. This book gives voice to our ideal of a beloved community. It reminds us of our power to create a hope-filled life. It assures us that when we join together with our neighbors we are the architects of the future where we want to live.

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### **American Indian Contributions to the World: 15,000 Years of Inventions and Innovations**

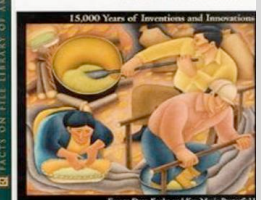
By: Emory Dean Keoke and Kay Marie Porterfield

Hardcover: 384 pages

Publisher: Fitzhenry & Whiteside (May 22 2002)

Language: English

### **ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN INDIAN CONTRIBUTIONS to the WORLD**



**ISBN-10: 0816040524**  
**ISBN-13: 978-0816040520**

More than 450 inventions and innovations that can be traced to indigenous peoples of North, Middle, and South America are described in this wonderful encyclopedia. Criteria for selection are that the item or concept must have originated in the Americas, it must have been used by the indigenous people, and it must have been adopted in some way by other cultures. Some of the innovations may have been independently developed in other parts of the world (geometry, for example, was developed in ancient China, Greece, and the Middle East as well as in the Americas) but still fit all three criteria. The period of time covered is 25,000 B.C. to the twentieth century. Among the entries are *Adobe, Agriculture, Appaloosa horse breed, Chocolate, Cigars, Diabetes medication, Freeze-drying, Hydraulics, Trousers, Urban planning, and Zoned biodiversity*. Readers will find much of the content revealing. The authors note that the Moche "invented the electrochemical production of electricity" although they used it only for electroplating, a process they developed "more than a thousand years" before the Europeans, who generally get the credit. The Aztec medical system was far more comprehensive than anything available in Europe at the time of contact.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Encyclopedia-American-Indian-Contributions-World/dp/0816040524>

## **The Art of Possibility: Transforming Professional and Personal Life**

**By: Rosamund Stone Zander and Benjamin Zander**

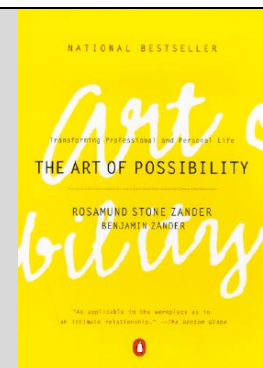
**Paperback: 210 pages**

**Publisher: Penguin Books (September 24, 2002)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0142001104**

**ISBN-13: 978-0142001103**



Presenting twelve breakthrough practices for bringing creativity into all human endeavors, *The Art of Possibility* is the dynamic product of an extraordinary partnership. *The Art of Possibility* combines Benjamin Zander's experience as conductor of the Boston Philharmonic and his talent as a teacher and communicator with psychotherapist Rosamund Stone Zander's genius for designing innovative paradigms for personal and professional fulfillment.

The authors' harmoniously interwoven perspectives provide a deep sense of the powerful role that the notion of possibility can play in every aspect of life. Through uplifting stories, parables, and personal anecdotes, the Zanders invite us to become passionate communicators, leaders, and performers whose lives radiate possibility into the world.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Art-Possibility-Transforming-Professional/dp/0142001104>

## **Community: The Structure of Belonging**

**By: Peter Block**

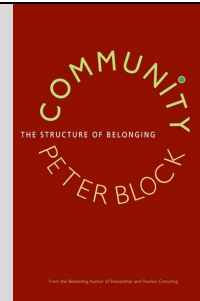
**Paperback: 264 pages**

**Publisher: Berrett-Koehler Publishers (Sept. 1 2009)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 1605092770**

**ISBN-13: 978-1605092775**



Modern society is plagued by fragmentation. The various sectors of our communities--businesses, schools, social service organizations, churches, government--do not work together. They exist in their own worlds. As do so many individual citizens, who long for connection but end up marginalized, their gifts overlooked, their potential contributions lost. This disconnection and detachment makes it hard if not impossible to envision a common future and work towards it together. We know what healthy communities look like--there are many success stories out there, and they've been described in detail. What Block provides in this inspiring new book is an exploration of the exact way community can emerge from fragmentation: How is community built? How does the transformation occur? What fundamental shifts are involved? He explores a way of thinking about our places that creates an opening for authentic communities to exist and details what each of us can do to make that happen.

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## **Indian Givers: A Legacy of North American Native Peoples**

**By: Warren Lowes**

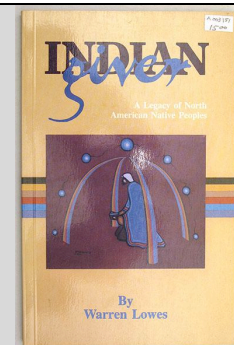
**Paperback: 114 pages**

**Publisher: Theytus Books (1986)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0919441254**

**ISBN-13: 978-0919441255**



"Indian Giver provides the reader with a host of interesting and surprising accounts of the significant contributions made by Native people to the modern world. This book is a major contribution toward understanding the evolution of North America. It will have an impact on society's perceptions of Native people. Indian Giver has an important message - Native people have every right to be proud of their history and culture."

<http://www.abebooks.co.uk/Indian-Giver-Legacy-North-American-Native/1409846738/bd>



## **Lies My Teacher Told Me**

**By: James Loewen**

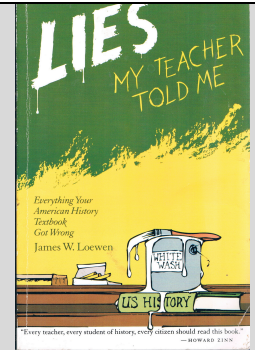
**Paperback: 464 pages**

**Publisher: Touchstone; Revised edition (Oct. 16 2007)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0743296281**

**ISBN-13: 978-0743296281**



Americans have lost touch with their history, and in *Lies My Teacher Told Me* Professor James Loewen shows why. After surveying eighteen leading high school American history texts, he has concluded that not one does a decent job of making history interesting or memorable. Marred by an embarrassing combination of blind patriotism, mindless optimism, sheer misinformation, and outright lies, these books omit almost all the ambiguity, passion, conflict, and drama from our past.

In this revised edition, packed with updated material, Loewen explores how historical myths continue to be perpetuated in today's climate and adds an eye-opening chapter on the lies surrounding 9/11 and the Iraq War. From the truth about Columbus's historic voyages to an honest evaluation of our national leaders, Loewen revives our history, restoring the vitality and relevance it truly possesses.

Thought provoking, nonpartisan, and often shocking, Loewen unveils the real America in this iconoclastic classic beloved by high school teachers, history buffs, and enlightened citizens across the country.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Lies-My-Teacher-Told-Everything/dp/0743296281>

## **Ripples from the Zambezi - Passion, entrepreneurship and the rebirth of local economies**

**By: Ernesto Sirolli**

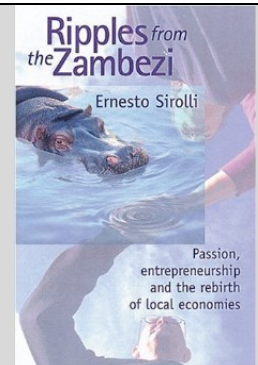
**Paperback: 176 pages**

**Publisher: New Society Publishers (April 15, 1999)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 0865713979**

**ISBN-13: 978-0865713970**



The strategy that Sirolli teaches to communities often involves a committed volunteer local board, who hires an "Enterprise Facilitator" who is then trained by Sirolli. The facilitator does not initiate projects or promote "good ideas." He or she responds to the interests and passions of self-motivated people. Because no one has equal passion for production, marketing, and financial management, all of which are necessary for business success, and because people only do well what they care about doing, the secret of success and survival for a business of any size is to find people who love to do what you hate. "The death of the entrepreneur is solitude." The facilitator and the board, with networking, help people form teams to advance their idea.

The message is that bottom-up, person-centered, responsive economic development works--and if well understood and led at the community level, it works better than anything else. When a community can help motivated people succeed, the motivation spreads. "The future of every community," Sirolli writes, "lies in capturing the energy, imagination, intelligence, and passion of its people."

<http://www.amazon.com/Ripples-Zambezi-Passion-Entrepreneurship-Economies/dp/0865713979>

## **Stewardship - Choosing Service Over Self-Interest**

**By: Peter Block**

**Series: BK Business**

**Paperback: 312 pages**

**Publisher: Berrett-Koehler Publishers; Second Edition edition (May 20, 2013)**

**Language: English**

**ISBN-10: 160994822X**

**ISBN-13: 978-1609948221**



Stewardship was provocative, even revolutionary, when it was first published in 1993, and it remains every bit as relevant and radical today. Most organizations still rely on patriarchy and hierarchy as their core form of governance, stifling initiative and spirit and alienating people from the work they do. Peter Block asserts that a fundamental shift in how we distribute power, privilege, and the control of money can transform every part of an organization for the better, and he examines the nitty-gritty of implementing these reforms.

This revised and expanded edition includes a new introduction by Block addressing what has and hasn't changed since the first edition and a new chapter on applying stewardship to the common good of the wider community. This visionary yet pragmatic book is sure to open your mind and change the way you do your job forever.

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# General Reading:

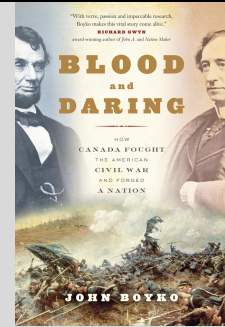
## Blood and Daring- How Canada Fought the American Civil War and Forged a Nation

By John Boyko

Hardcover. 368 pp

Published June 2013 by Random House Canada

ISBN: 978-0-30736-144-8.



The American Civil War of 1861 to 1865 haunts the United States to this day. Canadians also have an enduring fascination with the conflict that set state against state, community against community, family against family and killed around 750,000 Americans in the North and South. But Canadians at the time were more than mere spectators: The war threatened British North America, pushing the weak Canadian colonies together for protection to withstand the annexationist dreams of many in war-inflamed Washington.

Building on the research of other scholars, Boyko pegs the number at roughly 40,000 Canadians who fought in the war, although he is less clear on why some Canadians would have supported the South. In a foretaste of a more unpopular war a little over a hundred years later, there were also an estimated 12,000 American draft dodgers who came north to escape conscription after 1862.

<http://www.amazon.ca/Blood-Daring-Canada-Fought-American/dp/0307361446>

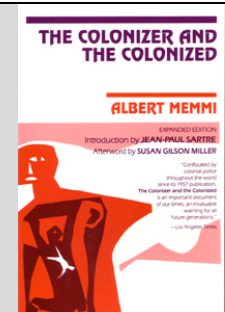
## The Colonizer & The Colonized

By Albert Memmi

published in French in 1957 and in English at first in 1965

Current edition published by Beacon Press; 1 edition (July 8 1991) 208 pages

ISBN-10: 0807003018 ISBN-13: 978-0807003015



In *The Colonizer and The Colonized*, Memmi's primary argument is that the collapse of colonialism is inevitable and that the only means for this eventual collapse will come through revolt. To substantiate the inevitability of this claim, Memmi invokes extensive use of psychoanalysis to paint generalized portraits of individuals falling into the categories of colonizer or colonized and to explain their relationship within the context of colonialism.

He pursues a largely deterministic approach in his argumentation, most succinctly depicted in his statement that 'man is a product of his objective situation'. (Memmi, xvi) His portraits of colonizer and colonized emerge from this paradigm, as he maps out the influences of the colonial context on the ultimate psychological make-up of colonizers

and colonized, and hence their reactions to colonialism. The colonizer assumes the behaviours inherent in his role (brutality, oppression, exploitation, bigotry, etc.) after he arrives in the colony and has his actions determined by the institutions and social rules that already exist there. Memmi asserts that economic gain is the fundamental driving force of colonialism, which in turn explains the situation of sustained exploitation carried out by the colonizers.

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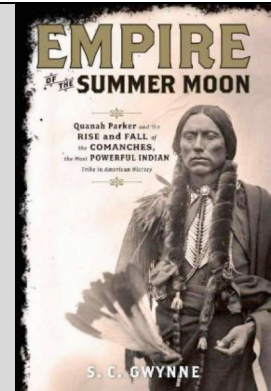
## **Empire of the summer Moon – Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History**

By: S.C. Gwynne

Hardcover, 384 pages

Published May 25th 2010 by Scribner (first published 2010)  
original title

ISBN 1416591052 (ISBN13: 9781416591054)



The historical account begins with an overview of the extent of Comancheria – which extended from East New Mexico, across Texas, into Northern Mexico, Oklahoma, and Southern Arkansas – and at the end of the story with Mackenzie and Custer's pursuit of Quanah Parker. The true beginning of the story begins after foreshadowing the climax: the raid of the Parker fort. The historical account encompasses the economic and social history of the Comanches during their rise in power as well as the political transformation of the Plains Indians after the deception caused by the national government.

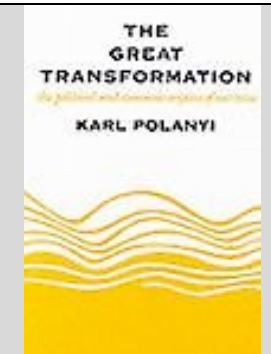
<http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7648269-empire-of-the-summer-moon>

## **The Great Transformation: The Political and Economic Origins of Our Time**

By Karl Polanyi

The book was originally published in the United States in 1944 and then in England in 1945 as *The Origins of Our Time*. It was reissued by [Beacon Press](#) as a paperback in 1957 and as a 2nd edition with a [foreword](#) by [Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz](#) in 2001.[\[12\]](#)

ISBN 080705643X



First published in 1944, this book deals with the social and political upheavals that took place in England during the rise of the market economy. Polanyi contends that the modern [market economy](#) and the modern [nation-state](#) should be understood not as discrete elements, but as the single human invention he calls the "Market Society". A distinguishing characteristic of the "Market Society" is that mankind's economic mentalities were changed. Prior to the great transformation, people based their

economies on reciprocity and redistribution and were not rational utility maximizers.[1] After the great transformation, people became more economically rational, behaving as neoclassical economic theory would predict.[2] The creation of capitalist institutions not only changed laws but also fundamentally altered mankind's economic mentalities such that prior to the great transformation, markets played a very minor role in human affairs and were not even capable of setting prices because of their diminutive size.[3] It was only after the creation of new market institutions and industrialization that the myth of mankind's propensity to barter and trade became widespread in an effort to mold human nature to fit the new market based economic institutions.[

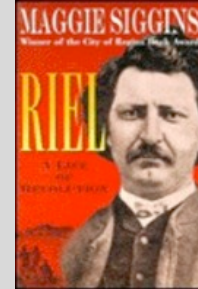
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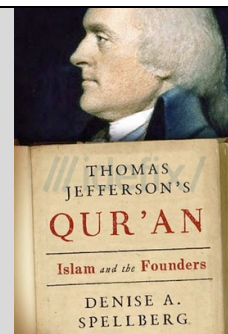
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