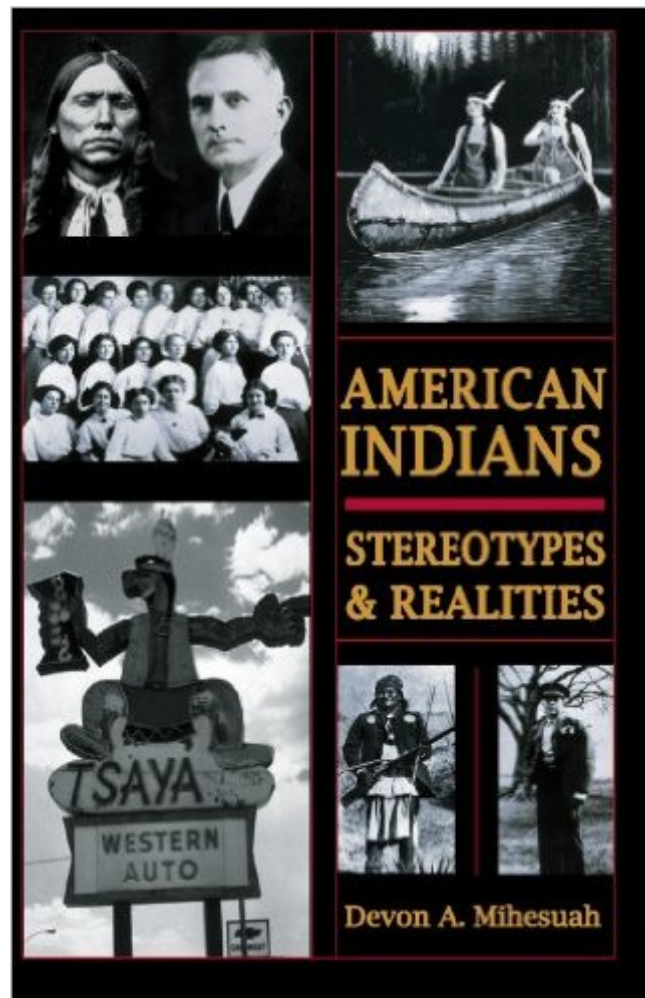


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a non-fiction classic! It teaches us, as European-Americans, about our stereotypes of American Indians. It conveys the realities. It's a must-read for anyone seeking a fresh start in relating to Native Americans.

I really liked that this book was a couple of bucks and cheap compared to my college. When I started reading it I'm so glad I bought this book rather than rent it. It's a book that everyone needs to read and it's a short book. This opens peoples eyes into stereotypes and realities.

This book should be required reading in ALL schools. It rectifies all the false portrayals and negative images of the American Indian in a short (135 page) book. So, there is no excuse to read it, in fact you owe it to the 2.1 million United States Indians. Movies and T.V. have had a field day exploiting the American Indian. They have manipulated the facts, so most Americans as well as the World have no idea of the truth. Don't you owe it to yourself to learn the truth?

This is a very informative book on the stereotypes of American Indians. The book clears up many of the stereotypes we were taught in elementary through high school. I would recommend this book to anyone willing to learn the real history of the American Indian population in the United States. It's far different from what traditional school books teach our children.

I first read this book as a library book for a thesis paper. I enjoyed the content, so much that I decided to purchase it. I am only disappointed with the markings, there are way more markings than I'd like to be. Other than the markings this book is a keeper and I think great for educating non Indians about historically inaccurate stereotypes, that somehow became truth, about Native American peoples.

This was a required book for one of my classes. Overall I thought the book was a worthwhile read. The book is short and is easily readable in two hours or so. The book is divided into many small (usually 1 or 2 pages) "chapters" that dispels an Indian "myth." However, the large majority of these "myths" were not new to me and I don't think would be for any well educated person, even if not familiar with Indian affairs (such as myself). For instance the myth that "Indians were war like and treacherous" was countered with the reality that "Indians fought to defend their lands, sovereignty, and way of life from invaders." There was also the myth that "Indians have no religion" countered with "Indians are deeply religious." Overall not a lot of new information and in turn nothing very

controversial. Finally, the book has more than a few editing errors. Missing words and awkwardly phrased sentences require the book to be double checked by a good editor.

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