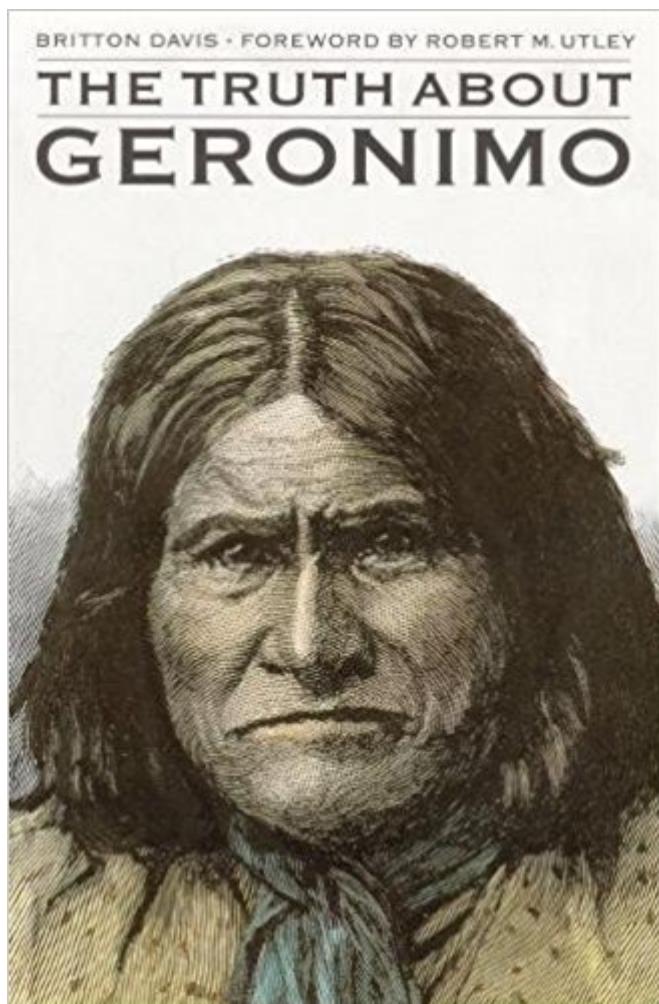


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The Truth About Geronimo



Synopsis

Britton Davis's account of the controversial "Geronimo Campaign" of 1885-86 offers an important firsthand picture of the famous Chiricahua warrior and the men who finally forced his surrender. Davis knew most of the people involved in the campaign and was himself in charge of Indian scouts, some of whom helped hunt down the small band of fugitives Robert M. Utley's foreword reevaluates the account for the modern reader and establishes its historical background.

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"Although Geronimo is the main character in this book, the reader also is given a valuable insight into the lives of the Apache nation as a whole. The descriptive writing style allows the reader to project himself into each event and feel as if 'he were there.'" "Military Review (Military Review)" A valuable contribution to our knowledge of the Apaches, [the book] throws light upon many incidents in the career of Geronimo which have hitherto been obscure." "American Historical Review (American Historical Review)" Much more interesting than any fiction ever written about Indians . . . a book that no one who is making a study of American Indians can afford to miss." "Saturday Review (Saturday Review)

Geronimo dictated the story of his life in his own words through his interpreter many years ago. In reading the edited version of that autobiography, I found references to this book and several others which the editor believed would add clarity. I was eager to see how others perceived this man. As a dyed-in-the-wool skeptic, I rarely accept opinions offered as absolute truth...and I didn't with this one

either. However, Britton Davis was of special interest in that he dealt face-to-face with Geronimo. While Davis is sympathetic to the Apache, I was surprised to find that his opinion of Geronimo as an individual was completely and vehemently negative. While I do not concur with his opinion, I did find that this book valuable as it reveals some information not included in the narratives of others. It's worth the reading.

For any one interested in the real facts of the Apache campaigns this is for you. It may take a little patience to get through the early reading, Davis is very detailed in names and dates but he has real first hand accounts of things that actually occurred. This is a man I think saw and admired the native people and did his duty in a fair and just manner. Davis is an admirable person and does a great justice to the Indian and the atrocities they endured but at the same time points out that just like in every culture a few bad apples can spoil the lot. He also points out that the government did far more deceiving to the Indian they ever did to the government. I always respected the Native Americans and even more so after this book.

Yes, Britton Davis account was his and quite informative.

well written

Britton Davis' humorous and detailed telling of his time with the Apaches is riveting. The plight of the Apache is described with clarity and feeling. It's hard to rationalize Washington's treatment of a great nation although Britton didn't editorialize it, just reported it.

It was like having a front row seat to history

Straight forward rendition of the final stages of the Apache Wars and the author's part in it.

Britton Davis was present when Geronimo jumped the reservation for the last time. He offers valuable insight into this crucial event. Also liked his comments on military politics.

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