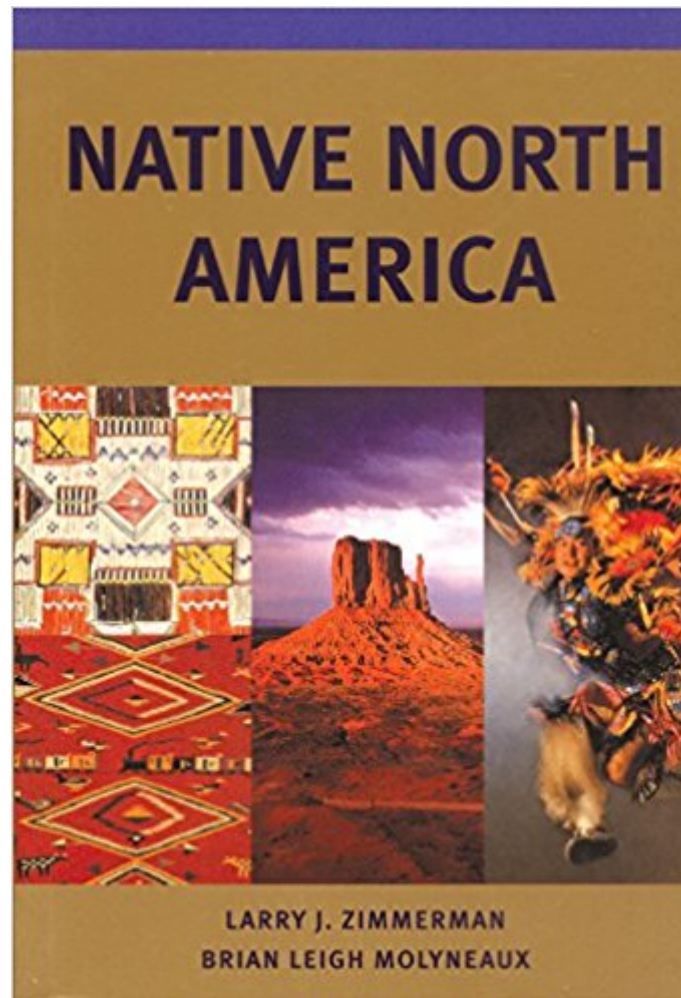


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Zimmerman, chair of the American Indian and Native Studies Program at the University of Iowa and author of *Peoples of Prehistoric South Dakota*, and Molyneaux, director of the University of South Dakota Archaeology Laboratory and author of *The Sacred Earth*, have written a thorough introduction to the Indians of North America. Similar to Sherman's *The First Americans* (Smithmark, 1996. o.p.), this title covers the history of the Native Americans and their spiritual traditions and rituals, but it doesn't overlook the importance of current issues. Heavily illustrated with 165 color plates and containing high-quality maps and a glossary, this inexpensive volume provides an excellent overview of a topic that is covered in much greater detail in the Smithsonian Institution's

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Larry J. Zimmerman is Chair of the American Indian and Native Studies Program at the University of Iowa. He is author of *Peoples of Prehistoric South Dakota* and coeditor of *Indians and Anthropologists: Vine Deloria, Jr. and the Critique of Anthropology* and *South Dakota Leaders*.

Many books about Native Americans tend to present Indians as if they no longer exist. When I wrote this trade volume for general audiences, I insisted that the coverage treat Indian cultures in both the past AND present. The publisher was very supportive and willing to print many full color photographs, all at a decent price. In its various formats the book is now in at least 14 languages and is used in several university courses. For what it's worth, I make no royalties on the volume. I do hope you enjoy it, but especially that you will learn something. About the 5 stars, what else could I say? :)

Great resource book. reasonable price.

This is an assigned book for my Native American Religions class. It is in full color and has many maps and pictures. It's a very interesting read, and I recommend it to anyone interested in Native Americans.

Lots of information, great pictures. (This is not a coffee-table book, it is small but very nicely done.) Definitely recommend to someone wanting to learn more about Native North Americans.

Larry Zimmerman and Brian Molyneaux successfully collaborate in *Native North America* to illustrate tribal life, sacred arenas, spiritual traditions, and artifacts of the indigenous peoples of North America, from the Inuit of the Canadian north to the Navajo of the American southwest. After a brief introductory history of Native Americans, individual aboriginal cultures are explored, region by region. The informative surveys include Native American spiritual observances, personal and communal rituals, initiation rites, and curing ceremonies. The reader is provided informative descriptions of the powwow, rites of passage, planting rituals, oral storytelling, dreams, the ghost dance, and the drum. Of special note is an examination of issues facing Native Americans today. A very highly recommended title for students of Native American studies and history, *Native North*

America is vividly illustrated with more than 160 color photographs.

I bought this book on sale at B&N, and gave me a chance to look through it before buying it. Although I mainly was going to buy The Shaman book, since I study shamanism for anything that could help evolve to spiritual as a clairsentient, I was also interested in Native American Spirituality and history. This book is awesome! It covers all that one would need to know without having to buy so many books just to get little information. It covers different tribes, areas, beliefs and practice, history of first people and conflict caused by whites, awesome photos, quality book, well up to date of present conflicts and progresses. This book is the only book for me, it covers all that I was seeking to know.

Great overall introduction to the indigeneous peoples of North America. Author succintly covers the basics. Have used this book in American Indian World Views class for a number of years as a required text. Highly reccommended as an introductory overview of topics fom identity through creation stories to current issues, etc. Gerri Parker, Chair American Indian Studies De Anza College

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