

Native American Literature

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Alexie, Sherman
Bruchac, Joseph
Coel, Margaret
Erdrich, Louise
Leatherdale, Mary Beth
Lipsyte, Robert

Individual Titles to Try:

The Grass Dancer- Power, Susan
If I Ever Get Out of Here- Gansworth, Eric L.
My Name is Not Easy- Edwardson, Debby Dahl
Woods Runner- Paulsen, Gary
Look Both Ways- Mitchard, Jacquelyn
People of the Whale- Hogan, Linda
Thirteen Moons: A Novel- Frazier, Charles
Worlds Apart- Karr, Kathleen
Offsides: a novel- Esckilsen, Erik E.
The Place at the Edge of the Earth- Rice, Bebe Faas
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses- Goble, Paul
The Last Rattlesnake Throw and Other Stories- Salisbury, Ralph J.
Hotline Healers- Vizenor, Gerald Robert
Shifting Stars: a novel of the west- Lambert, Page
House Made of Dawn- Momaday, N. Scott
Legend Days- Highwater, Jamake
Island of the Blue Dolphins- O'Dell, Scott
Kokopelli's Flute- Hobbs, Will
The Night Birds- Maltman, Thomas
The Ghostway- Hillerman, Tony
The Bean Trees- Kingslover, Barbara

Nonfiction- Real Stories and Histories

Code Talkers and Warriors: Native Americans and World War II- Holm, Tom

The Inconvenient Indian: a curious account of native people in North America- King, Thomas

Coyote Speaks: wonders of the Native American world- Berk, Ari

Tecumseh: a life- Sugden, John

Saga of the Sioux: an adaption of Dee Brown's Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee- Brown, Dee Alexander

Where White Men Fear to Tread: the autobiography of Russell Means- Means, Russell

Crazy Horse: Sioux war chief- Guttmacher, Peter

Chief Joseph and the Nez Perces- Scott, Robert Allan

Counting Coup: becoming a Crow chief on the Reservation and beyond- Medicine Crow, Joseph

Sarah Winnemucca: northern Paiute writer and diplomat- Scordato, Ellen

Ouray, chief of the Utes- Smith, P. David

Exploring the Life, Myth and Art of Native Americans- Zimmerman, Larry J.

Painting the Wild Frontier: the art and adventures of George Catlin- Reich, Susanna

Lakota Woman- Brave Bird, Mary

Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the rise and fall of the Comanches, the most powerful

Indian tribe in American history- Gwynne, S. C.

American Indian Poetry: an anthology of songs and chants- Cronyn, George William

Life is a Fatal Disease: collected poems 1962-1995- Allen, Paula Gunn

The Woman Who Fell From the Sky: poems- Harjo, Joy

Sitting Bull: Chief of the Sioux- Bernotas, Bob

The Last Stand: Custer, Sitting Bull, and the Battle of Little Big Horn- Philbrick, Nathaniel

The Lance and the Shield: the life and time of Sitting Bull- Utley, Robert Marshall

The Way of My Grandmothers- Hungry Wolf, Beverly

Sacagawea: a biography- Summitt, April R.

Choteau Creek: a Sioux reminiscence- Dudley Joseph

Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee: the Indian history of the American west- Brown, Dee Alexander

In the Shadow of Wounded Knee: the untold final chapter of the Indian wars- DiSilvestro, Roger L.

Before the Great Spirit: the many face of Sioux spirituality- Rice, Julian

Broken: a love story: horses, humans, and redemption on the wind river Indian Reservation- Jones, Lisa

Indeh: a story of the Apache wars- Hawke, Ethan

Daughters of the Earth: the lives and legends of American Indian women- Niethammer, Carolyn J.

Killing Custer: the battle of Little Bighorn and the fate of the plains Indians- Welch, James

Imagine Ourselves Richly: mythic narratives of north American Indians- Vecsey, Christopher