

American Indian Traditions And Ceremonies

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American Indian Traditions and Ceremonies

This book celebrates the varied traditions and ceremonies of the American Indian, from the potlatch of the Northwest Coast tribes to the Rain Dance of the Southwestern tribes.

Native American Dance

This premier publication of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian documents Native American dance with stunning photographs and essays by noted contributors.

Native American Traditions

Looks at the rites and ceremonies of the Native American peoples. Includes information on spirits and ancestors, shamanism and medicine, totems, sacred sites and symbols, and mythology and the visionary world.

Native America

Celebrates the traditions of the American Indians in 400 photographs of pottery, jewelry, blankets, baskets, masks, totem poles, dances and powwows.

Native American Ceremonies and Celebrations: From Potlatches to Powwows

Native American celebrations are packed with symbolic gestures and intriguing details. A kind of party called a potlatch, staged by native peoples of the Pacific Northwest, was marked by guests receiving gifts, not giving them, and were sometimes put on to get back at an enemy. This appealing volume about a high-interest aspect of native cultures highlights several celebrations and ceremonies

important to Native Americans across North America. Thought-provoking fact boxes, historical images, and modern-day customs will engage readers of all levels.

Yuchi Ceremonial Life

The Yuchis are one of the least known yet most distinctive of the Native groups in the American southeast. Located in late prehistoric times in eastern Tennessee, they played an important historical role at various times during the last five centuries and in many ways served as a bridge between their southeastern neighbors and Native communities in the northeast. First noted by the de Soto expedition in the sixteenth century, the Yuchis moved several times and made many alliances over the next few centuries. The famous naturalist William Bartram visited a Yuchi town in 1775, at a time when the Yuchis had moved near and become allied with Creek communities in Georgia. This alliance had long-lasting repercussions: when the United States government forced most southeastern groups to move to Oklahoma in the early nineteenth century, the Yuchis were classified as Creeks and placed under the jurisdiction of the Creek Nation. Today, despite the existence of a separate language and their distinct history, culture, and religious traditions, the Yuchis are not recognized as a sovereign people by the Creek Nation or the United States. ø Jason Baird Jackson examines the significance of community ceremonies for the Yuchis today. For many Yuchis, traditional rituals remain important to their identity, and they feel an obligation to perform and renew them each year at one of three ceremonial grounds, called ?Big Houses.? The Big House acts as a periodic gathering place for the Yuchis, their Creator, and their ancestors. Drawing on a decade of collaborative study with tribal elders and using insights gained from ethnopoetics, Jackson captures in vivid detail the performance, impact, and motivations behind such rituals as the Stomp Dance, the Green Corn Ceremony, and the Soup Dance and discusses their continuing importance to the community.

North American Indian Life

DIV27 fictionalized essays by noted anthropologists examine religion, customs, government, additional facets of life among the Winnebago, Crow, Zuni, Eskimo, other tribes. /div

Giving Voice to Bear

In this new edition of a classic, David Rockwell describes the captivating and awe-inspiring presence of the bear in Native American rituals. The bear played a central role in shamanic rights, initiation, healing and hunting ceremonies, and new year celebrations. Considered together, these traditions are another way of looking at the world, one in which the mysteries of the universe are revealed through animals.

American Indian Religious Traditions

Publisher Description

Ceremony, Spirituality, and Ritual in Native American Performance

Drama. Native American Studies. Performing Arts. Approaching Native American theater as ceremonial performance comprised of centuries-old tribal traditions and aesthetic concepts, Hanay Geiogamah combines his thirty-five years of creative and experimental work and research in Native theater to illuminate the elements of myth, spirituality, and ceremony and their integration into dramatic performances. Specific observations on how ritual is constructed and activated are presented along with selected examples of the process from recent native theater works. Other topics include spirituality as the basis for dramatic text, the techniques of the shaman as director, and the creative process of integration.

Giving Voice to Bear

This highly readable anthropological study includes Indian folktales and rare photographs and illustrations.

The Book of Ceremonies

Within these pages, celebrated Native American writer Gabriel Horn weaves a hauntingly beautiful tapestry of traditional stories, songs, and prayers that highlight the sacred Native way of life. Interwoven throughout this visionary work are detailed ceremonies and rituals for: Marriage, Pregnancy, Birth,

Greeting the Day, Death Divorce, Presenting an Infant to the Sun, Dreams and Visions Solstice and Equinox, Healing, and more... The Book of Ceremonies is filled with the heartfelt words of a powerful writer and the original illustrations of Carises Horn, a talented young artist. All of us who live on this sacred land will enjoy and treasure this beautiful book. Celebrated Native American writer Gabriel Horn weaves a beautiful tapestry of stories and short pieces that show us the sacred Native way of life. The writing is beautiful and emotional throughout. It is the work of a talented writer who has walked the native path for years, and is able to show us the native way in all aspects of life. The Book of Ceremonies offers clear explanations of a wide variety of ceremonies.

Empowerment of North American Indian Girls

Empowerment of North American Indian Girls is an examination of coming-of-age-ceremonies for American Indian girls past and present, featuring an in-depth look at Native ideas about human development and puberty. Many North American Indian cultures regard the transition from childhood to adulthood as a pivotal and potentially vulnerable phase of life and have accordingly devised coming-of-age rituals to affirm traditional values and community support for its members. Such rituals are a positive and enabling social force in many modern Native communities whose younger generations are wrestling with substance abuse, mental health problems, suicide, and school dropout. Developmental psychologist Carol A. Markstrom reviews indigenous, historical, and anthropological literatures and conveys the results of her fieldwork to provide descriptive accounts of North American Indian coming-of-age rituals. She gives special attention to the female puberty rituals in four communities: Apache, Navajo, Lakota, and Ojibwa. Of particular interest is the distinctive Apache Sunrise Dance, which is described and analyzed in detail. Also included are American Indian feminist interpretations of menstruation and menstrual taboos, the feminine in cosmology, and the significance of puberty customs and rites for the development of young women.

Manners, Customs, and Conditions of the North American Indians

Volume 1 of the classic account of life among Plains Indians includes fascinating information on ceremonies, rituals, the hunt, warfare, and much more. Total in set: 312 plates.

Sharing a Heritage

This collection of essays grew out of a 1982 conference organized around the theme of "sharing" in historical (or traditional) and contemporary arts. Contributors include scholars and practicing American Indian artists. The essays in this book address the issue of cultural development for individual and community growth, as well as the role of the Indian arts and humanities professional in the academy and in the tribal community.

O-kee-pa

"No other Indians of the American West held such a fascination for early explorers and fur traders as did the Mandans of the Upper Missouri in the years before they were decimated by a tragic plague of smallpox in 1837. And no other white man did so much to interpret primitive Mandan life and culture to the civilized world as did that pioneer American artist and amateur ethnologist of the Upper Missouri-George Catlin. Five summers before the destructive smallpox epidemic, Catlin visited the Mandans in their picturesque earth-lodge villages near the trading post of Fort Clark, at the mouth of the Knife River in present North Dakota. He painted numerous portraits of their prominent chiefs and women folk and pictured their village life, their amusements, dances, religious ceremonies, and burial ground. In his exceedingly popular two-volume work, Letters and Notes on the Manners, Customs and Condition of the North American Indians, published at his own expense in London in 1841, Catlin vividly described and extravagantly praised the Mandans as the most remarkable of the more than forty Indian tribes he had met in his wide travels beyond the frontiers of white settlement."-- Taken from introduction.

The Cherokee Full Circle

A comprehensive overview of Native American spiritual principles and their application for personal spirit-healing. • Includes traditional sacred exercises, teaching tales, case studies, and suggested rituals for individual and group healing. • Outlines the core principals of Native American traditional values and teaches how to apply them to the contemporary path of wellness and healing. • Publication to coincide with annual Full Circle gathering in September 2002 The Four Directions, the four seasons,

and the four elements that make up the sacred hoop of the full circle must be in right relationship with one another or disharmony will result. Native American ritual has always emphasized the restoration of balance through ceremonies that provide a forum for learning, transition, and expressions of personal growth. Now Cherokee authors J. T. and Michael Garrett share Native American traditions to explore interrelationships as a tool for growth and transformation. The Cherokee Full Circle gathers techniques representing Native American cultures from across America--stories, exercises, and individual and group rituals--to teach the inherent dynamics of right relationship and apply them to the healing path. The authors provide a comprehensive overview of Native American spiritual principles and traditions and demonstrate how these ideas and methods can be applied universally to deal with life's situations--from depression and grieving to finding purpose and establishing positive relationships.

Native American Medicine

Native Americans have an incredibly rich store of knowledge when it comes to using herbs and plants to heal illness, treat injuries, and cure disease. In fact, some of their traditions have found a place in the modern medicines we use today. This book discusses the nature-based approach Native Americans took towards healing. It also examines important figures, such as shamans and medicine men, and explains some of the remedies and rituals that were conducted.

The Rattle and the Drum

An exploration of a colorful variety of Native American ceremonies and celebrations includes everyday rituals, initiation ceremonies, healing rituals, seasonal celebrations, and powwows that forge ties among groups, as well as instructions for games, crafts, recipes, and hands-on activities.

Tradition and Renewal in Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony

Essay from the year 2011 in the subject Didactics - English - Literature, Works, grade: 1,5, University of Stuttgart, language: English, abstract: Leslie Marmon Silko, a Native American writer, grew up at the edge of the Laguna Pueblo Reservation, New Mexico, USA. Because of her mixed origins and for the fact that she was not living directly in the reservation and thereby in the pueblo society, she was not allowed to attend several rituals. Silko's roots are Native American, Anglo American and Mexican American but she was raised and educated by her grandmother and aunts with the traditional Laguna stories. This led to a strong identification of her with the native part of her ancestry and to her writing, which always deals with Native American topics. Her writing includes autobiographical parts and lots of relations to tradition which only a member of this particular native tribe could describe as precisely as she does. In "Ceremony", her highly regarded 1977 novel, these traditional relations seem to play an important role. The following essay will show how the importance of tradition for the Native American communities is expressed in the novel, and how it is responsible for the healing of the main protagonists' illness.

An Archaeology of the Soul

The richness and the range of Native American spirituality has long been noted, but it has never been examined so thoroughly, nor with such an eye for the amazing interconnectedness of Indian tribal ceremonies and practices, as in *An Archaeology of the Soul*. In this monumental work, destined to become a classic in its field, Robert Hall traces the genetic and historical relationships of the tribes of the Midwest and Plains--including roots that extend back as far as 3,000 years. Looking beyond regional barriers, *An Archaeology of the Soul* offers new depths of insight into American Indian ethnography. Hall uncovers the lineage and kinship shared by Native North Americans through the perspectives of history, archaeology, archaeoastronomy, biological anthropology, linguistics, and mythology. The wholeness and panoramic complexity of American Indian belief has never been so fully explored--or more deeply understood.

Ceremonies of the Pawnee

Of all the American Indian tribes of the Plains, the Pawnee and the closely related Arikara developed their religious philosophy and ceremonialism to its fullest; in fact, they may have developed it more highly than any other group north of Mexico. *Ceremonies of the Pawnee* is the first and only systematic, comprehensive description of that rich and complex religious life. Written under the direction of the anthropologist Clark Wissler between 1914 and 1920, it is the culmination of the ethnographic studies

of James R. Murie, himself a Pawnee, who witnessed and participated in revivals of the ceremonialism just before it finally died out. Part I presents the annual ritualistic cycle of the Skiri band, giving detailed accounts of the major ceremonies and describing the role of priests, doctors, and bundles in Pawnee religion. Part II is devoted to three major doctors' ceremonies—the White Beaver Ceremony, the Bear Dance, and the Buffalo Dance—one of the three groups known collectively as the South Bands. The descriptions include, in both the original Pawnee and an English translation, several hundred songs as well as a number of ceremonial chants and speeches that are virtually unique in the literature on American Indian religion and provide invaluable material for linguistic study. Equally valuable is the collection of vision stories that underlie the songs. As a body they provide a new perspective on the vision and its cultural patterning, and allow for a deeper understanding of the cultural and psychological bases of Pawnee religion. Dr. Douglas R. Parks of the American Indian Studies Research Institute at Indiana University has provided an overview of Pawnee social organization and religion, along with explanatory notes and a biography of Murie.

Native Spirit

Thomas Yellowtail—one of the most admired American Indian spiritual leaders of the last century—reveals the mystical beauty of the ancient Sun Dance ceremony, which still remains at the center of the spiritual life of the Plains Indians.

The Circle of Life

This book is a compilation of legends and rituals about nature's ever-present signs. The author explains the significance of animal figures as manifestations of good or evil, and shows how we can develop our own powers of awareness and intuition.

Spirits of the Earth

Since the 1980's American Indian ceremonies have appeared that seem to draw on past forms of ritual while incorporating new forms of cultural practice. These ceremonies include prayer circles, seasonal ceremonies, and animal dances reminiscent of earlier forms practiced in the 1800's and before. Some of these ceremonies are promoted for the purpose of unifying tribes and nations while bringing back a form of culture and practice that existed prior to colonial contact. However, to some degree, the cultural practices deviate from what reservation-born Indians view as valid traditional forms. The ceremonies also reach out to non-Indians and individuals with distant Indian heritage without direct reservation ties, thus requiring event locations outside of reservation boundaries. The ceremonies have generated controversy from both sides of the reservation boundaries. Promoters and supporters champion the ceremonies as a constructive promotion of Indian culture, legitimized by a common Indian core value of sharing, as well as fulfillment of various native prophecies that foretell a time of unity among nations and a return to traditional values. However, others, especially reservation-born Indians with direct reservation and cultural ties, have developed concerns, which can lead to exclusionary tactics that impact the culture of sharing and agendas of unity. Some concerns are related to the sharing of culturally sensitive ceremonial practice with individuals who lack proper understanding of Indian ceremony. They believe that improper usage of sacred objects, or the performance of sacred ceremonies without proper knowledge, may subject attendees to spiritual and health related dangers. However, the greater concern about sharing ceremonial knowledge focuses on "sharing versus wearing," or when those with distant Indian heritage attempt to use ceremonial knowledge and practice as a qualification while building an "Indian cultural résumé to justify wearing the title "Indian." Enrolled Indians, especially those with direct ties to reservations, fear further dilution of tribal roles and government benefits by "Wannabee" groups seeking enrollment and tribal recognition. As a result, these new ceremonies exacerbate a racially and politically motivated conflict affecting the perceptions of the people who attend as well as the legitimacy of cultural practice. This thesis focuses on one new form of ceremony named the "Animal Spirit Dance"

The Animal Spirit Dance

Describes a variety of Indian tribal ceremonies and rituals, including those for war and peace, hunting and gathering, and healing.

North American Indian Ceremonies

"The information that is to be gathered ... respecting the mode of life of one of the great races of mankind, must be collected at once or the opportunity will be lost." In 1906, J. P. Morgan provided Edward Curtis with \$75,000 to produce a series on Native Americans and he recorded tribal lore and history, and he described traditional foods, housing, garments, recreation, ceremonies, and funeral customs. Curtis's goal was to photograph and to document as much of Native American traditional life as possible before that way of life disappears. Contents: The Apache Historical Sketch Homeland and Life Mythology - Creation Myth Medicine and Medicine-men The Messiah Craze Puberty Rite Dance of the Gods The Jicarillas Home and General Customs Mythology - Creation Myth Miracle Performers Origin of Fire The Navaho Home Life, Arts, and Beliefs History Mythology - Creation Myth Miracle Performers Legend of the Happiness Chant Legend of the Night Chant Ceremonies—the Night Chant Maturity Ceremony Marriage Southern Athapaskan Comparative Vocabulary

The North American Indian

Kolektivní monografie "Identity, Tradition and Revitalization of American Indian Culture" je v nována aktuální problematice revitalizace tradi ní kultury a um ní amerických indiáno. Zvláštní pozornost je zam Yena na pojetí nativní identity a otázce, jakým způsobem mohou povodní obyvatelé Ameriky svobodn rozvíjet tradi ní kulturu v moderní a stále více globalizované spole nosti. Mezi hlavní témata knihy patYí analýza vlivu moderní a postmoderní civilizace na indiánské kultury a postižení proceso a mechanismo, jimiž se v sou asnosti kulturní d dictví a etnická identita amerických indiáno uchovává anebo naopak ztrácí. Jednotlivé studie, které charakterizuje tematická pestrost a pluralita výzkumných perspektiv, usilují pYisp t k širší diskusi na aktuální téma tradice, modernita, etnicita a kulturní identita v perspektiv antropologie moderních sv to.

Identity, Tradition and Revitalisation of American Indian Culture

This book provides an introduction Native American religious traditions, placing them within their historical, social, and political contexts. The book focuses on three diverse indigenous traditions: the Lakota of the Northern Plains, the DinÉ (Navajo) of the Southwest, and Coast Salish of the Pacific Northwest. This book highlights their distinct oral traditions, ceremonial practices, the impact of colonialism on Native religious life, and the ways in which indigenous communities of North America have responded, and continue to respond, to colonialism and Euroamerican cultural hegemony. For people interested in the study of Native American Religious Traditions.

Native American Religious Traditions

This reference work covers major native North American religious systems, selected native American leaders and missionaries, ceremonies, legislation and court cases affecting native religions.

The Encyclopedia of Native American Religions

This Is A New Release Of The Original 1824 Edition.

Sketches of the History, Manners, and Customs of the North American Indians

The only published record available of the oral cultural traditions of the Osage people.

Osage Indian Customs and Myths

Answers questions about Native Americans, including those related to identity, origins and history, animals and land, language and education, love and marriage, and culture.

Do All Indians Live in Tipis?

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The North American Indian (Illustrated Edition)

An extraordinary compilation of legends and rituals about nature's ever-present signs. From the birds that soar above us to the insects beneath our feet, Native American healer Bobby Lake-Thom shows how the creatures of the earth can aid us in healing and self-knowledge. "There are ancient secrets and lessons hidden in nature. If you seek for guidance, you will discover truth."—Bobby Lake-Thom Much of the ancient knowledge that has been passed down from Native American medicine men, or shamans is in danger of being lost. Bobby Lake-Thom, a Native American healer known as Medicine Grizzly Bear, has sought to preserve this powerful heritage by sharing his wisdom and experience learning from the world around us. What does it mean if a hawk appears in a dream? What are the symbolic interpretations of a deer, a skunk, a raccoon? Lake-Thom, who has studied with the elders of many tribes, explains the significance of animal figures as manifestations of good or evil, and shows how we can develop our own powers of awareness and intuition. The first book of its kind, this practical and enlightening resource includes dozens of fascinating animal myths and legends, as well as exercises and activities that draw upon animal powers for guidance, healing, wisdom, and the expansion of spiritual influences in our lives. You'll discover here: • How animals, birds, and insects act as signs and omens • The significance of vision quests • How to make and use a medicine wheel • The role of spirit symbols—and how they affect the unconscious • Exercises for creative dreaming • The power of the earth-healing ceremony • How to increase your spiritual strength and create sacred spaces • And more....

Spirits of the Earth

Call them Native Americans, American Indians, indigenous peoples, or first nations — a vast and diverse array of nations, tribes, and cultures populated every corner of North America long before Columbus arrived. Native American History For Dummies reveals what is known about their pre-Columbian history and shows how their presence, customs, and beliefs influenced everything that was to follow. This straightforward guide breaks down their ten-thousand-plus year history and explores their influence on European settlement of the continent. You'll gain fresh insight into the major tribal nations, their cultures and traditions, warfare and famous battles; and the lives of such icons as Pocahontas, Sitting Bull and Sacagawea. You'll discover: How and when the Native American's ancestors reached the continent How tribes formed and where they migrated What North America was like before 1492 How Native peoples maximized their environment Pre-Columbian farmers, fishermen, hunters, and traders The impact of Spain and France on the New World Great Warriors from Tecumseh to Geronimo How Native American cultures differed across the continent Native American religions and religious practices The stunning impact of disease on American Indian populations Modern movements to reclaim Native identity Great museums, books, and films about Native Americans Packed with fascinating facts about functional and ceremonial clothing, homes and shelters, boatbuilding, hunting, agriculture, mythology, intertribal relations, and more, Native American History For Dummies provides a dazzling and informative introduction to North America's first inhabitants.

Native American History For Dummies

Indian culture and life consist of many traditions and customs. Readers will learn about some traditions, customs, and ways of surviving from various tribes around Early America, including the Northeast Indians, Southeast Indians, Plains Indians, Southwest Indians, Northwest Indians, Woodland Indians, and Pueblo Indians. Detailed images engage readers with pictures and examples of totem poles, long houses, chickees, and pueblos while the supportive text and helpful glossary aid in developing a better understanding of the content.

Early American Indian Tribes

The Sun Dance is still performed by some Plains Indians in America, even though it was outlawed by the government in 1904. This bibliography provides a listing of sources on the Sun Dance. The purpose of the annotated bibliography is to serve researchers, including American Indians, in learning more about the Sun Dance religion and ceremony of the Plains Indians. It is intended that this guide will be

useful to tribal researchers, college and high school students doing library research for term papers, and to advanced researchers seeking in-depth materials for scholarly publications and field work. It is hoped that this compilation will lead to increased knowledge and appreciation of the Sun Dance -- from Pref.

The Native American Sun Dance Religion and Ceremony

This book offers fascinating insights into the world of the pre-reservation Indians. It is a collection of classic essays that examines the universal characteristics of American Indian culture and tradition. This new edition also offers a personal view of Dr. Brown's life and research through his private correspondence from his time on the reservation and sheds insights into his relationship with old time Indian leaders including the legendary Sioux Medicine Man Black Elk.

The Spiritual Legacy of the American Indian