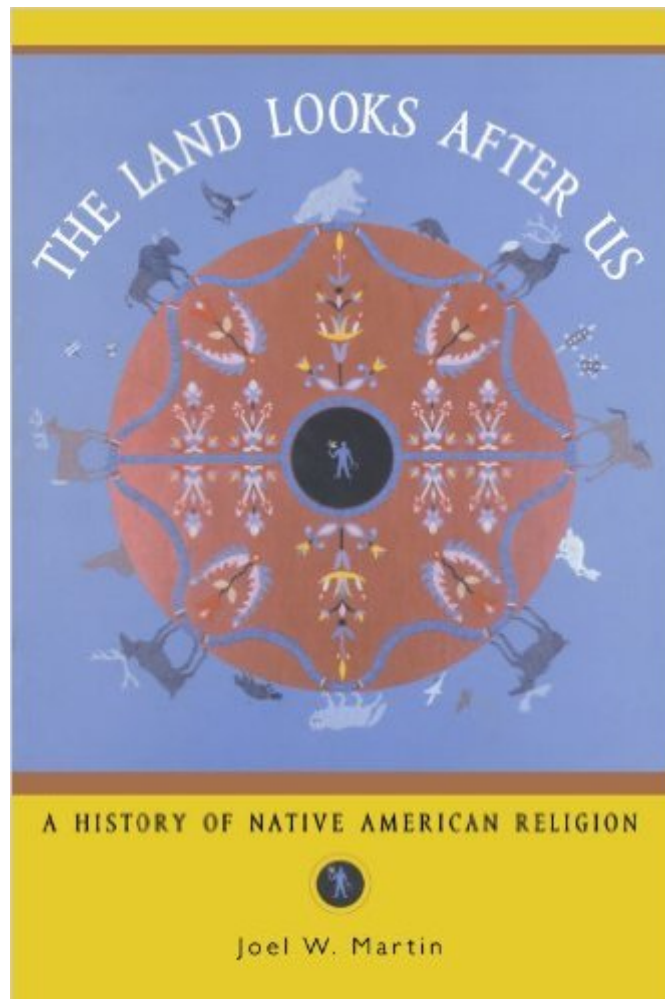


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# The Land Looks After Us: A History Of Native American Religion (Religion In American Life)



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Native Americans practice some of America's most spiritually profound, historically resilient, and ethically demanding religions. Joel Martin draws his narrative from folk stories, rituals, and even landscapes to trace the development of Native American religion from ancient burial mounds, through interactions with European conquerors and missionaries, and on to the modern-day rebirth of ancient rites and beliefs. The book depicts the major cornerstones of American Indian history and religion--the vast movements for pan-Indian renewal, the formation of the Native American Church in 1919, the passage of the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act of 1990, and key political actions involving sacred sites in the 1980s and '90s. Martin explores the close links between religion and Native American culture and history. Legendary chiefs like Osceola and Tecumseh led their tribes in resistance movements against the European invaders, inspired by prophets like the Shawnee Tenskwatawa and the Mohawk Coccochee. Catharine Brown, herself a convert, founded a school for Cherokee women and converted dozens of her people to Christianity. Their stories, along with those of dozens of other men and women--from noble warriors to celebrated authors--are masterfully woven into this vivid, wide-ranging survey of Native American history and religion.

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This was an awesome book, there is so much to learn from this book. Martin did a good job describing in simple terms some of the history of the Native American cultures and tribes of the a

United States, and some of their ceremonies, and religious traditions. It was really great a blessing to read this book for a college class I am taking Religion in America, really good book with a humble perspective. Thank you ! O:) was really educational, !

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Would be an apt title for this book. Interesting read but focused on the christian influences. Needed a more idigenous"

Poorly written, and did not deal with the subject topic. Rambled more about the plight of the native american in the 19th and 20th century. Expected to learn about the basis of native american religion...it was not there.

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