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First Peoples is the only book of its kind: a complete text with readings for the undergraduate survey course in Native American history. Written by a noted scholar and experienced textbook author, First Peoples combines documentary evidence with narrative that can anchor a course whether assigned alone or with a variety of supplements. Each chapter includes a brief narrative; primary-source documents, with headnotes and questions; and a topical picture essay.

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Crystal says

Textbook for my Native American Studies course in college. Very dense and informative; an interesting read, but sometimes dry.

Sue says

I picked this book up just for the information on Choctaws. There are only 9 mentions of my tribe but that is more than other Native American history books.

Laura Clark says

heartbreaking, informative

Anja says

Perhaps the most comprehensive overview I have found on this topic. I appreciate that it cites a lot of original sources and explains different academic thoughts and ideas.

Jason Lowe says

This was the text book for my American Indian History class. It is one of the best history books I have read, as far as information provided and as non-biased as you can be.

Jason says

This book was good even though I had to read it for class. The information was very well put together.

Kwesi Kurtz-weathers says

12/23/2010 - found website, I need this book for a class. This is the test as to whether or not I continue to return here.

Abigail says

Very interesting book. I loved learning about the topic and it was very well written. This was my textbook for Anthropology and was very helpful. I even read some of it just for fun and will most likely read it more often.

Karen says

The absolutely essential guide to studying Native American history as it puts into context the historical precedents for modern day problems. One of Calloway's finest contributions to the field as it makes the issues accessible to a general student population.

Aidan Hane says

A good look into post-columbus Native American history, without any attempts to make it look any prettier than it is. That being said, it'd be nice to read more about how things were before Columbus, as I'd like to read about peoples, and not just the tragedies inflicted upon them.

Lia says

This great book covers a lot of history in good detail, with plenty of documents, illustrations, comparisons, and thoughtful questions to ponder as you read. I really enjoyed it, and I think I'd like to read Calloway's other books, especially *White People, Indians, and Highlanders: Tribal People and Colonial Encounters in Scotland and America*

I read this for my Native American Voices class (HIST 2600) and it was effectively paired with *American Indian History: A Documentary Reader* for even more documents to widen the understanding of certain periods or topics (the boarding schools were especially fascinating - and horrifying.)

Aaron says

A fascinating book, but then I love Indian history. I would give it 5 stars except I reserve that for my absolute favorites. It's a textbook, so don't expect it to read like a novel. But, given that, it's very readable.

Bonnie says

This was a pretty hard read (historical texts always are for me) but I liked the perspective of this textbook. It's different from others mostly because the other texts gloss over the gory details of our country and it's beginning. Honestly, it made me think completely differently about the United States and its greed and willingness to strip someone completely of rights or debt them until they starve or getting someone hooked

on alcohol to trade them rum for all of their land so they have nothing left.

The victor writes the history though, right? So if you ask anyone whose only ever read a public school issued textbook, well, they'd say that "those Injuns were savages and they got what they deserved, those devil worshippers!"
