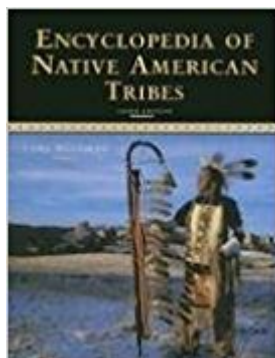


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They say this book is designed for older teens or young adults. So how come an old guy like me read it enraptured and learned a lot! This is a very strong and well written book that will give you all the basics about tribal, ethnic and cultural differences, customs and habits. If you are interested in native Americans, but are not yet an expert, this is your book.

I am a fifty seven year old retired elementary teacher...but my lifelong interest has been the Plains Indian Culture. I just asked my hubby to get me this book for Christmas after spending about ten minutes looking at it in Barnes and Noble yesterday. Good sized print, the info is arranged as user friendly. I saw tribes mentioned in there that have been omitted from other books about North American Tribes. A comprehensive guide. Many drawings....colored illustrations. My only negative -----I wanted to see a few more maps ...regional maps of the tribes. Also...at the store ...I was looking at a SOFTCOVER edition....not a hardcover one. (I would not pay 75 dollars for hardcover when it is available in softcover.)

Now in a newly updated and expanded third edition, "Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes" is a compilation of facts for more than two hundred Native American tribes in North America, including prehistoric peoples on the North American continent as well as all of the identifiable Native American civilizations on the continent. Organized alphabetically by tribe or group, there is at least one representative Native American tribe from each language family or language isolate for each culture area covered. From locations, migrations, contact with non-Indians, wars, customs, housing, tools, clothing, art, rituals, diet, and cultural contributions, "Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes" has special relevance for contemporary tribal issues and concerns. "Encyclopedia of Native American Tribes" is a critically important, superbly presented, essential and core addition to professional, academic, and community library Native American Studies reference collections.

I wanted something thorough and informative about Native American Tribes. I also wanted something clear and concise, but not so bogged down with detail that it was a chore to weed through. This encyclopedia gave me what I wanted and more. I'm writing a fictional novel with a Native American character and needed help in knowing him and his background. I was impressed with how easy it was to look up information by tribe and get interesting tidbits, that if I so desired, I could research further. This is definitely a writer's dream. I feel confident writing about a character from any tribe with this book in my collection.

I had read about most of these tribes in the past in web searches and other references. That is why I fault the illustrations (the stone tools look nothing like their actual pictures) and that there isn't a better coverage of tool, housing and food sources. The language groups are well covered and their relationship are made pretty clear. I was looking for my local California Indians that are in San Diego County. They are noticeably absent in this coverage or disguised pretty well. Since most of this information is in my old 1950's World Book encyclopedia under different sections, I was hoping for a little more information here. I have to admit that it is a good reference source.

A good standard reference for the major North American Native tribes (just like the title says). There's no bells and whistles, no color, no neat graphs or cool graphics. But it's packed cover to cover with reliable information. It is what it is, and does what it seeks to do well.

Excellent. As a Englishman, in my middle 60s, interested in native American history since I was a child, this book is very informative.

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