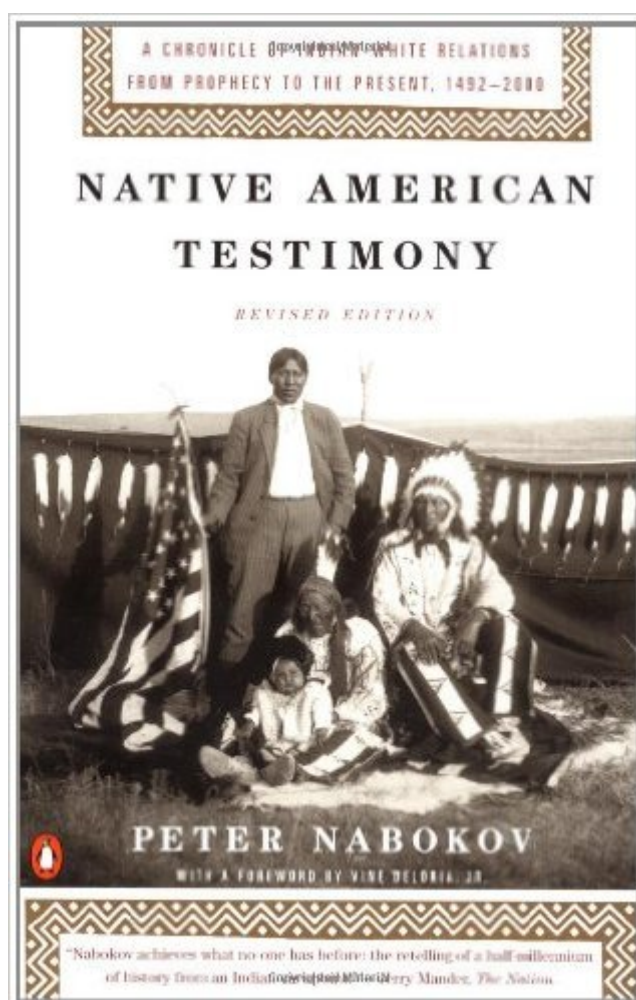


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# Native American Testimony: A Chronicle Of Indian-White Relations From Prophecy To The Present, 1492-2000, Revised Edition



## Synopsis

From the author of *How the World Moves*--the classic collection of more than 500 years of Native American History. In a series of powerful and moving documents, anthropologist Peter Nabokov presents a history of Native American and white relations as seen through Indian eyes and told through Indian voices. Beginning with the Indians' first encounters with European explorers, traders, missionaries, settlers, and soldiers to the challenges confronting Native American culture today, *Native American Testimony* spans five hundred years of interchange between the two peoples. Drawing from a wide range of sources--traditional narratives, Indian autobiographies, government transcripts, firsthand interviews, and more--Nabokov has assembled a remarkably rich and vivid collection, representing nothing less than an alternate history of North America.

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## Customer Reviews

Simply an outstanding book. Peter Nabokov has collected an impressive array of first-hand testimonials of Native people in one readable and very important volume. Chapters range from prophecies of various Peoples stretching thousands of years before European contact to responses and testimonies of Native people today. Many books in this vein focus on historical 'quotable quotes,' whereas this book is far greater in both depth and breadth. Highly recommended for anyone interested in Native Peoples, Native histories and Native issues.

*Native American Testimony* is one of the best books I have ever read regarding the real history of

the native peoples. It tells of the first meeting of the white man through the present. This is all from the Native American perspective. All tribes are represented throughout this book showing the different experiences they each had with the white man. And the white man's need to change a beautiful culture. This book should be read by everyone at some point in their life, it should be mandatory within the school system as well. It shows the strength these people had to survive and how they fought for their rights. I enjoyed this book because for the first time in my life I felt I was being told the truth about the relationship of the US government and the Native Americans. Past to Present.

Native Americans have been fighting for ages to tell their side of the story, but they haven't been able to get through to the mainstream. In this book, Nabokov presents us the Native American perspective from prophecy to present. By reading the testimony of Native Americans themselves, we get a clear picture of their plight. This book doesn't give a detailed history of Native Americans, but rather gives us a finger on the pulse of the Native spirit. Native Americans have lost a great deal. When Europeans first arrived in North America, they did what they could to help these new brothers, and were happy to share what they had. However, the Europeans kept on coming and they started taking what didn't belong to them. The Europeans started fencing off the native lands. They destroyed the land and the animals with their greed. The Native Americans were continually pushed off their ancestral lands and were driven to less desirable lands. They suffered the loss of their lands, traditions, and way of life. It's important for us as Americans to examine this sad episode of our history. We should take this lesson and apply it to our lives, and think about how we treat others who are different from us. I really recommend this book to those who are interested in reading the other side of the history of our nation.

Using eye-witness, first-hand accounts, Nabokov provides a chronicle of Native American history. Authentic, moving, and vivid are the words that come to my mind. The photographs used also stir the heart.

I bought this book to help me learn about my family's history as a Native American Indian. I was always concerned that the Native American Indians had an unfair portrayal in American History. This book I think is a valuable literary piece. It breaks events down in historical order. They are easy to read. Once I finished with it I felt I had read the Native Indian's perspective which is amiss in the Northeast school teachings of history. There were some interesting stories that were accounted as

well.

Nabokov's book is a fantastic compilation of Native American history as remembered and documented by the First People of America. I bought this book for a class that I am taking and will definitely keep this in my library as a valued treasure. It's easy to read and is in somewhat of a chronological order

Testimonies from all different tribes of Native Americans which are grouped by subject in part and chronically in part. Very informative primary sources. Wonderful for research.

This book is a great collection of primary source documents about the Native American experience in America through the development of the country. Very useful for American literature and American history courses and anyone interested in the Native American voice in US History.

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