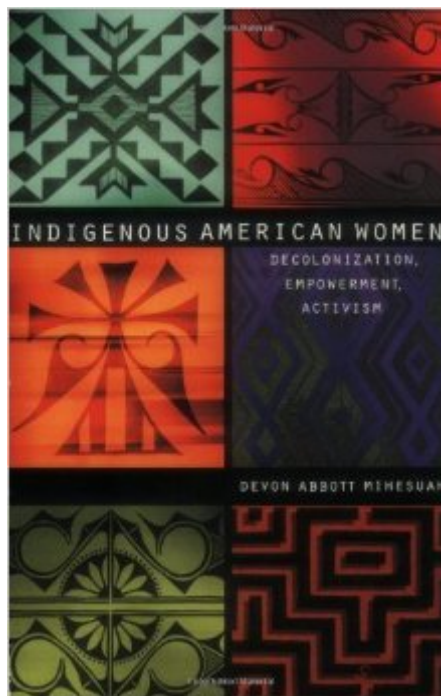


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# Indigenous American Women: Decolonization, Empowerment, Activism (Contemporary Indigenous Issues)



## Synopsis

Oklahoma Choctaw scholar Devon Abbott Mihesuah offers a frank and absorbing look at the complex, evolving identities of American Indigenous women today, their ongoing struggles against a centuries-old legacy of colonial disempowerment, and how they are seen and portrayed by themselves and others.Â Mihesuah first examines how American Indigenous women have been perceived and depicted by non-Natives, including scholars, and by themselves. She then illuminates the pervasive impact of colonialism and patriarchal thought on Native womenâ€™s traditional tribal roles and on their participation in academia. Mihesuah considers how relations between Indigenous women and men across North America continue to be altered by Christianity and Euro-American ideologies. Sexism and violence against Indigenous women has escalated; economic disparities and intratribal factionalism and âœculturalismâ• threaten connections among women and with men; and many women suffer from psychological stress because their economic, religious, political, and social positions are devalued.Â In the last section, Mihesuah explores how modern American Indigenous women have empowered themselves tribally, nationally, or academically. Additionally, she examines the overlooked role that Native women played in the Red Power movement as well as some key differences between Native women "feminists" and "activists."

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Indigenous American Women: Decolonization, Empowerment, Activism by Devon Abbott Mihesuah (Professor of Applied Indigenous Studies and History, North Arizona University) studies how Native American women have been perceived by non-Natives, scholars, and themselves. Professor Mihesuah sets forth guidelines as to how Native American women can empower themselves tribally, nationally, and academically, while emphasizing the importance of getting involved in all facets of the Native American community. Indigenous American Women is very highly recommended for Contemporary Native American Studies and Women's Studies collections and reading lists.

The author has put forth a fine compilation of subjects which will challenge both those outside of Native America and within it's ranks to open their eyes to some harsh realities and true strengths of American Indian women. Highly recommend.

Good book, has very good articles, and definitely talks about various tribes rather than focusing on Native women as a whole.

Excellent cross-pollination of feminism and womanism in an indigenous context.

This book was interesting at times and boring at times. I would overall rate it a good book though. :)

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