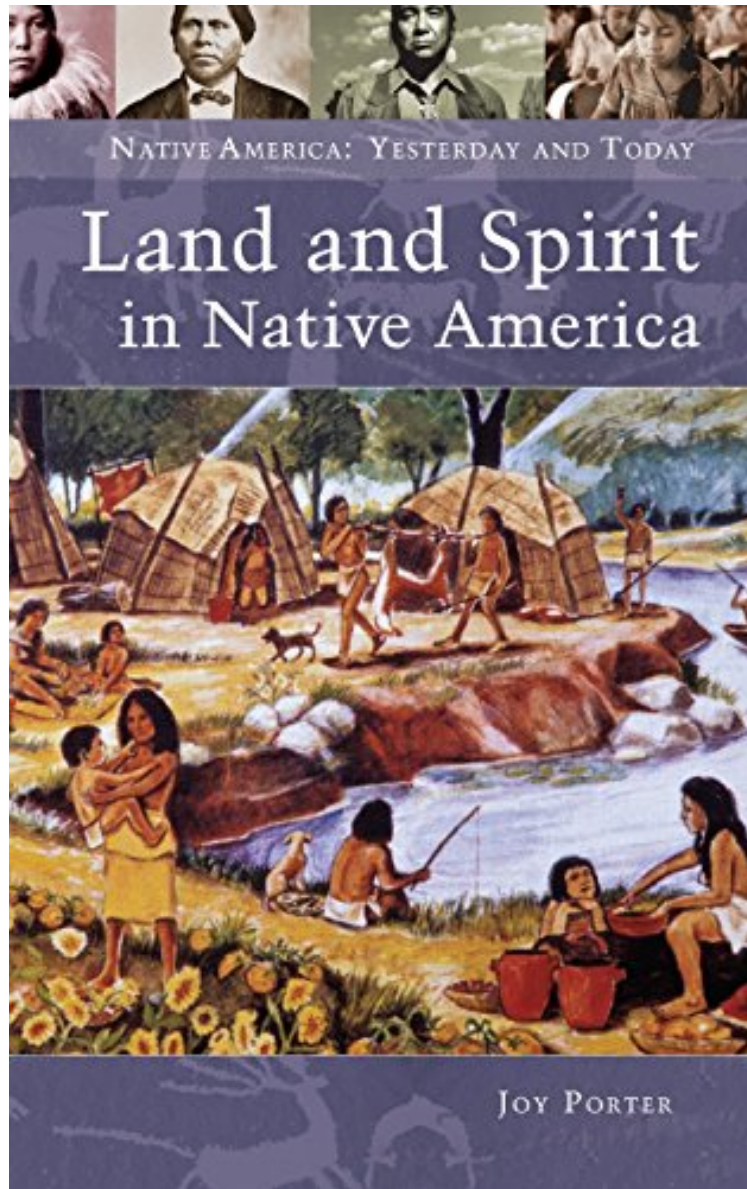


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Joy Porter : Land and Spirit in Native America (Native America: Yesterday and Today (Hardcover)) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Land and Spirit in Native America (Native America: Yesterday and Today (Hardcover)):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. VERY helpful for Euro-Americans
By Dr. Bob Hieronimus, 21st Century Radio
Native American approaches to land and spirituality are hard to grasp for outsiders. But comprehending them now may be the only answer to our current pressing environmental concerns. Joy Porter's background in this subject makes her writing authoritative, while remaining accessible to the reader new to these themes. After generations of brainwashing with the American historical myth taught in schools and perpetrated in the media, it is a decided mental challenge to understand the Native Americans' concepts of land, property, and how these are integral to spirit and sustainability. I believe all Americans need to make this mental shift, not only to appreciate better the perspectives of the Native Americans, but also to maintain a sustainable environment for our children and our 7th generations to live with and on this land with spirit. Highly recommended.

This book accurately depicts Native American approaches to land and spirituality through an interdisciplinary examination of Indian philosophy, history, and literature. Includes illustrations by the Iroquois artist John Fadden that complement the text

"Porter lays some of the crucial foundation for a fundamental rethinking of the vital interrelationships between religion and nature for the sake of creating a far more sustainable, just, peaceful, and spiritual society. Summing up: recommended." - Choice
"This volume offers a unique study of environmentalism and the author shows great respect for Native Americans and their beliefs and proclaims that they have much to teach wider society. Notes are at the end of the book along with a valuable bibliography. . . . College students as well as high schoolers in AP or IB classes might utilize this reference, as will teachers searching for new ideas to enrich lessons and lectures." - Library Journal
"Land and spirit are land and spirit, and, yes, it is all a complex matter,' I wrote to Joy Porter when I responded to her inquiry about writing an endorsement for *Land Spirit in Native America*. Haah-uh, yes, it is a complex matter, I have to repeat quietly and contemplatively. As an Indigenous person of the Americas, I have lived within this complexity all my life and within the complexity and perplexity--of all preceding generations before me! So twenty or so years ago, I began to use the phrase 'land, culture, and community' more or less as a mantra or part of a mantra that expresses continuity essential for land, culture, and community to be sustainable. Our Indigenous grandmothers and grandfathers insisted upon a way of life founded upon a philosophy that was not simply a means of connecting the dots or going with the flow. Land-culture-community is the foundation we live upon and within, the grandmothers and grandfathers say even when it is a complex matter. I'm glad Joy Porter has written masterfully about this matter of continuity in *Land Spirit in Native America*." (Simon J. Ortiz, Author of *Woven Stone*, *From Sand Creek*, *Out There Somewhere* and Regent's Professor, Department of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University.)
"Joy Porter's *Land and Spirit in Native America* effectively challenges the empty rhetoric and wishful thinking about pan-Indian holism, spirituality and place. In its place Porter offers a nuanced, grounded, and insightful investigation of the role of spirit and land in a range of tribal localities and uses an equally wide range of modalities to remind us the ways in which American Indian tribes have experienced and expressed the relationship of place and person in the last two hundred years. Excellent, insightful, and considered a valuable addition to the field." (David Treuer, Professor of English, University of Minnesota, Leech Lake Reservation)
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