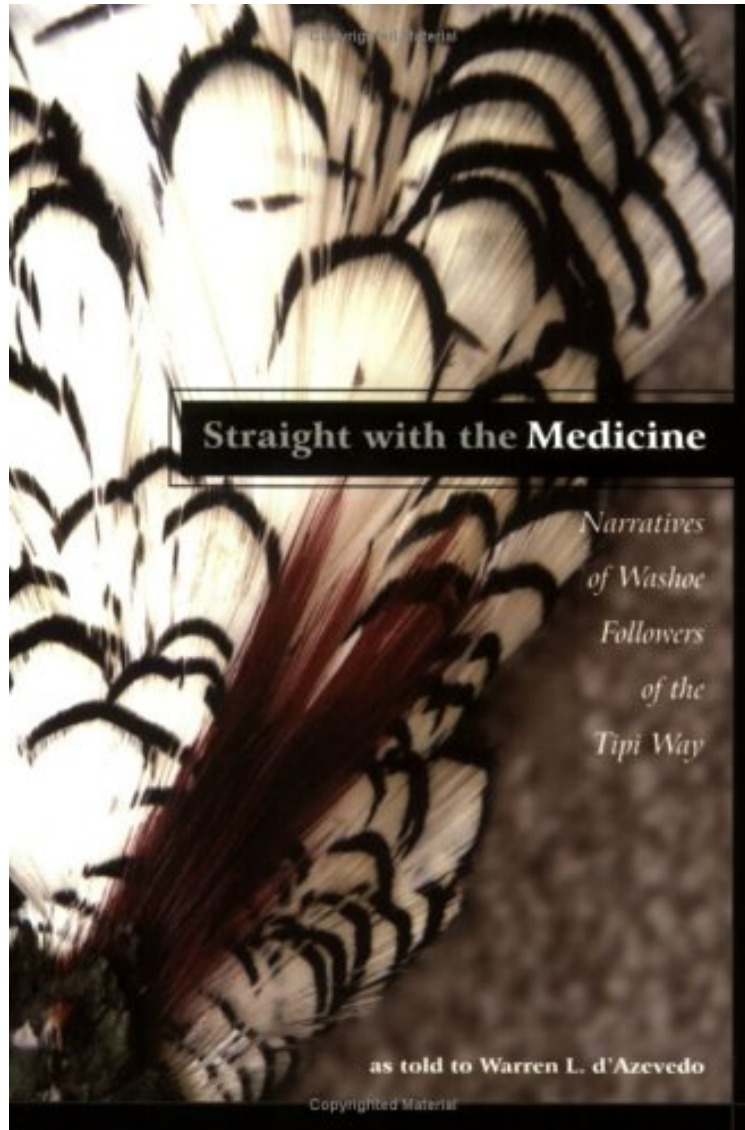


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The narratives here were collected in the 1950s from seven members of the Washoe Trive living on the eastern slopes of the Sierra in California and Nevada. They were followers of the Native American Church, whose sacrament was the peyote cactus and whose members referred to their religion as the Tipi Way. Synthesizing oral accounts into a first-person narrative, d'Azevedo ambles with unadorned directness, honesty, and humor through the Peyote Medicine culture.

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