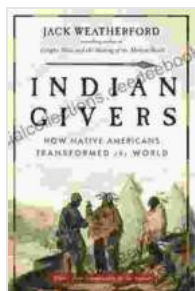


Indian Givers: How Native Americans Transformed the World

When Christopher Columbus first arrived in the Americas in 1492, he encountered a vast and diverse continent inhabited by millions of people. These people, whom Columbus mistakenly called "Indians," had developed complex cultures and civilizations over thousands of years. They had their own languages, religions, governments, and economies. They were also skilled farmers, hunters, and fishermen.



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In the centuries that followed Columbus's arrival, Native Americans played a major role in shaping the history of the Americas. They taught European settlers how to grow corn, beans, and squash. They showed them how to hunt and fish. They also helped them to navigate the vast continent. In return, Native Americans received European goods such as guns, knives, and blankets. However, these exchanges were often unequal, and Native Americans were often exploited by European settlers.

Despite the challenges they faced, Native Americans continued to make significant contributions to the world. They developed new technologies, such as the canoe and the snowshoe. They also created beautiful works of art, including pottery, baskets, and jewelry. Native Americans also had a deep understanding of the natural world, and they developed a wealth of knowledge about plants and animals. This knowledge was essential for their survival, and it has also been valuable to scientists and researchers.

In recent years, there has been a growing awareness of the contributions that Native Americans have made to the world. This awareness has led to a new appreciation for Native American culture and traditions. Today, Native Americans are working to preserve their languages, cultures, and traditions. They are also working to improve their economic and social conditions.

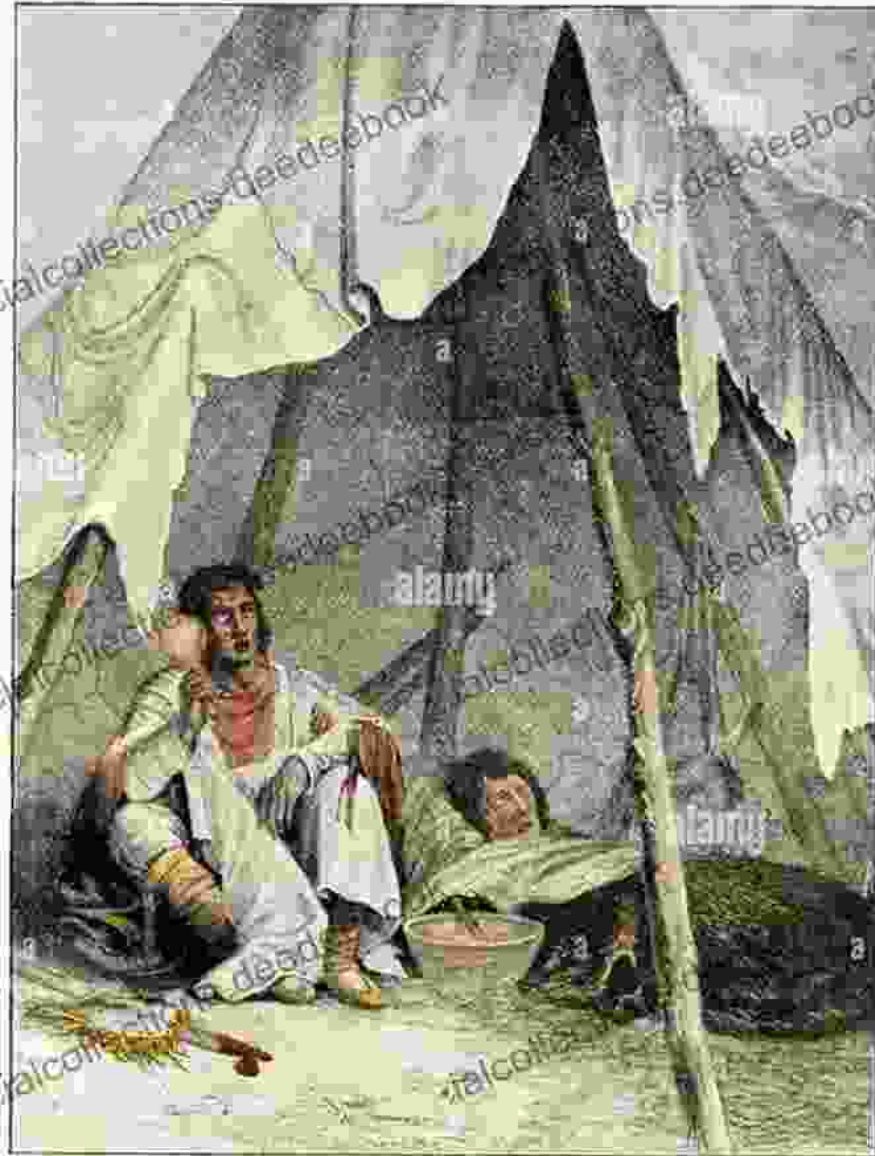
Agriculture

Native Americans were skilled farmers, and they developed a variety of crops that are now grown all over the world. These crops include corn, beans, squash, potatoes, tomatoes, and tobacco. Native Americans also developed new farming techniques, such as irrigation and crop rotation. These techniques helped to increase crop yields and make farming more efficient.



Medicine

Native Americans had a deep understanding of the natural world, and they used this knowledge to develop a variety of medicines. These medicines were used to treat a wide range of illnesses, including wounds, infections, and diseases. Native Americans also developed new surgical techniques, such as trephination. This technique was used to treat head injuries and relieve pressure on the brain.



A MEDICINE MAN ADMINISTERING TO A PATIENT.

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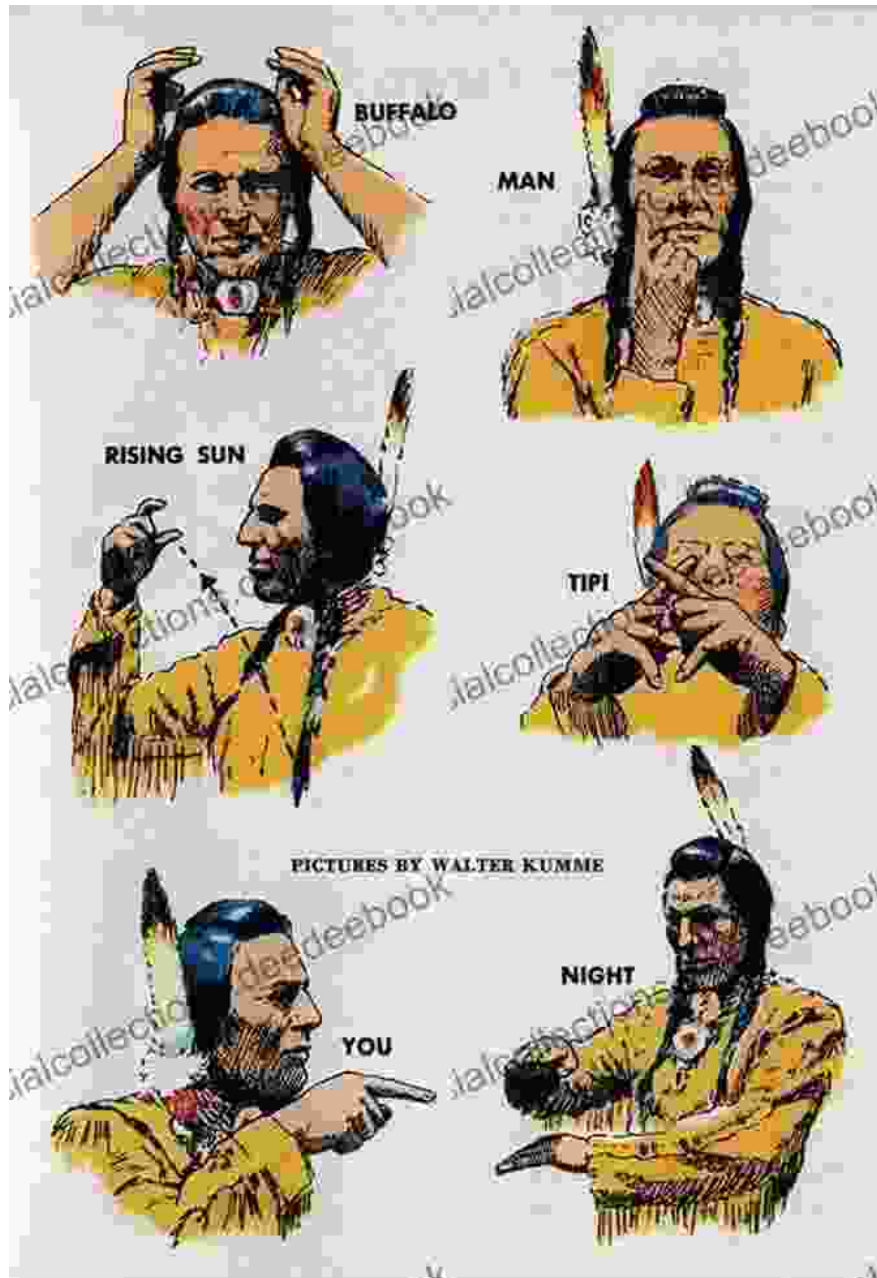
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Language

Native Americans spoke a variety of languages, and these languages had a significant impact on the development of English. In fact, many English

words are derived from Native American languages. These words include "canoe," "moccasin," and "tomahawk." Native Americans also developed new forms of communication, such as sign language. This language was used to communicate over long distances and in noisy environments.



Technology

Native Americans were skilled craftspeople, and they developed a variety of technologies that were essential for their survival. These technologies included the canoe, the snowshoe, and the bow and arrow. Native Americans also developed new ways to make clothing, shelter, and tools. These technologies helped them to adapt to the different environments of the Americas.



Native Americans developed a variety of technologies, including the canoe, which was essential for travel and transportation.

Culture

Native Americans had a rich and diverse culture, and they developed a variety of art forms, including pottery, basketry, and jewelry. They also had a strong oral tradition, and they passed down their stories and legends from generation to generation. Native Americans also developed a variety of

religious beliefs and practices. These beliefs and practices were often based on the natural world, and they played an important role in Native American life.



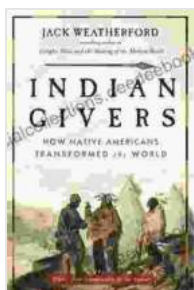
Legacy

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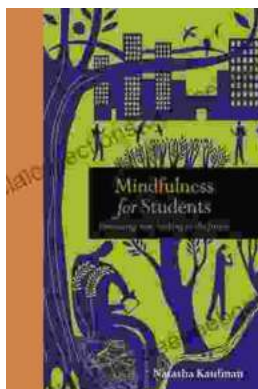
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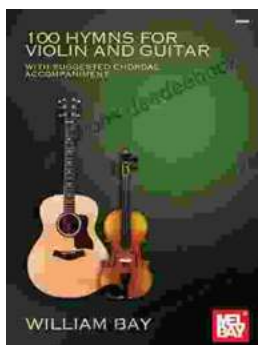
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