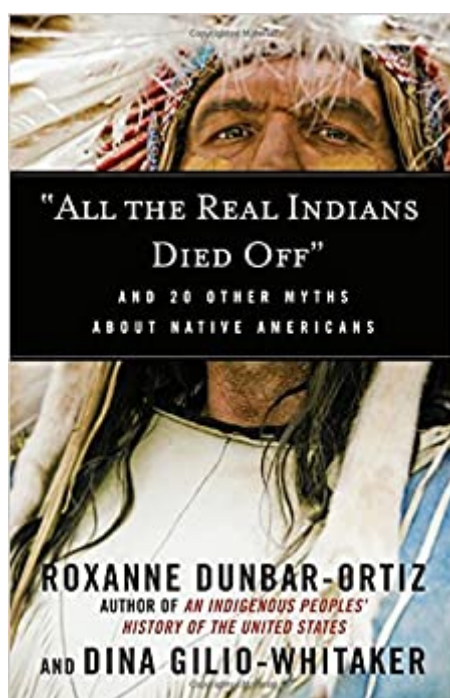


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# "All The Real Indians Died Off": And 20 Other Myths About Native Americans



## Synopsis

Unpacks the twenty-one most common myths and misconceptions about Native Americans. In this enlightening book, scholars and activists Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker tackle a wide range of myths about Native American culture and history that have misinformed generations. Tracing how these ideas evolved, and drawing from history, the authors disrupt long-held and enduring myths such as: "Columbus Discovered America," "Thanksgiving Proves the Indians Welcomed Pilgrims," "Indians Were Savage and Warlike," "Europeans Brought Civilization to Backward Indians," "The United States Did Not Have a Policy of Genocide," "Sports Mascots Honor Native Americans," "Most Indians Are on Government Welfare," "Indian Casinos Make Them All Rich," "Indians Are Naturally Predisposed to Alcohol." Each chapter deftly shows how these myths are rooted in the fears and prejudice of European settlers and in the larger political agendas of a settler state aimed at acquiring Indigenous land and tied to narratives of erasure and disappearance. Accessibly written and revelatory, "All the Real Indians Died Off" challenges readers to rethink what they have been taught about Native Americans and history.

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"Dunbar-Ortiz and Gilio-Whitaker admirably aim to explode popular, damaging, and inherently limiting myths about Native Americans, continuing the work begun in Dunbar-Ortiz's well-received *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*." Publishers Weekly "All the Real Indians Died Off" And 20 Other Myths about Native Americans offers a much-needed and excellent introduction to American Indian history and contemporary life for a

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Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz grew up in rural Oklahoma, the daughter of a tenant farmer and part-Indian mother, and has been active in the international Indigenous movement for more than four decades. She is the author or editor of eight other books, including *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*, which was a recipient of the 2015 American Book Award. Dunbar-Ortiz lives in San Francisco. Dina Gilio-Whitaker (Colville Confederated Tribes) is an award-winning journalist and columnist at Indian Country Today Media Network. A writer and researcher in Indigenous studies, she is currently a research associate and associate scholar at the Center for World Indigenous Studies. She lives in San Clemente, CA.

I have done a fair amount of reading on this subject, and the info seems accurate. Every USA citizen should read it. If you really look closely at our government, present and past, it is obvious we are a nation of the rich, by the rich, and for the rich white man.

Bravo to Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dino Gilio-Whitaker for an exceptionally well-written narrative! The book erases the lies we've been taught in our current education system and society and unveils the truth.

This is a fascinating account about historical events that continue to have relevance today. I learned a lot I think and of course cringed when I occasionally recognized myself among casual offenders. I live in a town where I would say that old prejudices and myths drive some of the anti settlement actions against local tribal people. I recommend this book especially for high school or college students

I had to purchase this book for a college course and ended up recommending for family and friends to read. There is a lot you can learn from, and it is a great read!

I believe this is a very informative book that every US Citizen should at least take a gander into. It's

an information-filled book about several different struggles the Native American community has to deal with. Very interesting read.

This book is full of important and compelling information about the survival of indigenous Americans despite centuries of injustice and brutality at the hands of European explorers and settlers. The writing style is interesting and matter-of-fact, and doesn't come off as pitying, sensationalist, or strident. A timeline of key events is especially helpful. I highly recommend this book.

Excellent read. Going to develop lesson plans from this text.

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