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In Native Science, Gregory Cajete "tells the story" of Indigenous science as a way of understanding, experiencing, and feeling the natural world. He points to parallels and differences between the Indigenous science and Western science paradigms, with special emphasis on environmental/ecological studies. After discussing philosophical foundations, Cajete addresses such topics as history and myth, primal elements, social ecology, animals in myth and reality, plants and human health, and cosmology and astronomy. In the Indigenous view, we human observers are in no way separate from the world and its creatures and forces. Because all creatures and forces are related and thus bear responsibility to and for one another, all are co-creators. Five centuries ago Europeans arrived on the American continent, but they did not listen to the people who had lived for millennia in spiritual and physical harmony with this land. In a time of global environmental degradation, the science and worldview of the continent's First Peoples offer perspectives that can help us work toward solutions.

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Jason says

This book is fascinating. Cajete does a great job helping us (Westerners) see science from a different perspective.

Alex says

Good argument against Western rationalism as the only legitimate science. Sometimes goes a little overboard to discredit critics.

Mark Valentine says

Use this book as an encyclopedia of Native thinking and ways. Each chapter has a wealth of research and explanation concerning the Native mind as it relates to Nature. I found the chapters on Natural Democracy, on the importance of storytelling (Myth and Reality), Place, Medicine and Food, and Coming to Know (what we call Education) to be extremely valuable. Cajete also has a fascinating chapter on astronomy that is essential reading. He has compiled an incredible amount of sources--the bibliography and suggested reading lists are comprehensive--and I know that I will be referring back to this book for quotes and to look up items for review. I am glad that I have it in my library since it is not so much a pleasure read as it is a resource and a reference.

Isaac Bishara says

An authentic re validation of indigenous science...great literature for the conscientious deep ecologist

Allison6876 says

Read for AMIN 3301 - interesting

Priyanka says

I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in understanding the Indigenous philosophies behind creating and discovering knowledge. Warning: it's a freakin' hard read; very dense. (The writing style makes it less accessible.) If you can handle it, the book will learn. The author makes many interesting

comparisons between the Western and Native ways of thinking. Also, it is helping me understand the limitations of Western Science, which is generally thought of as the only way of seeking knowledge.

Shamkablam says

Part of my research project on indigenous cosmovisions and sustainable ideologies. noms
