# American Indian Stories, Legends, and Other Writings: A Treasury of Native American Literature

American Indian Stories, Legends, and Other Writings is a collection of Native American literature that includes stories, legends, and other writings from a variety of tribes. The book is edited by Zitkala-Sa and contains works by authors such as Charles Eastman, Luther Standing Bear, and John Joseph Mathews.

The book is divided into four sections: Stories, Legends, Myths, and Other Writings. The Stories section includes traditional tales passed down from generation to generation, while the Legends section includes stories about historical events and figures. The Myths section includes stories about the creation of the world and the origins of humans and animals. The Other Writings section includes essays, speeches, and other works by Native American authors.



### American Indian Stories, Legends, and Other Writings (Penguin Classics) by Zitkala-Sa

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American Indian Stories, Legends, and Other Writings is a valuable resource for anyone interested in Native American culture and literature. The book provides a glimpse into the rich and diverse world of Native American storytelling and thought.

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#### **Stories**

The Stories section of American Indian Stories, Legends, and Other Writings includes traditional tales passed down from generation to generation. These stories often feature animal characters and teach important lessons about life and the natural world.

Some of the most popular stories in the Stories section include:

- "The Coyote and the Fox" is a story about a coyote who tricks a fox into giving him his food.
- "The Rabbit and the Turtle" is a story about a rabbit who races a turtle and learns the importance of perseverance.
- "The Old Man and the Boy" is a story about an old man who teaches a young boy about the importance of respect and humility.

#### Legends

The Legends section of American Indian Stories, Legends, and Other Writings includes stories about historical events and figures. These stories often celebrate the bravery and wisdom of Native American leaders and warriors.

Some of the most popular legends in the Legends section include:

- "The Legend of Hiawatha" is a story about a great Iroquois leader who brought peace and unity to his people.
- "The Legend of Pocahontas" is a story about a Powhatan princess who helped to save the lives of English colonists.
- "The Legend of Geronimo" is a story about a fierce Apache warrior who fought against the United States government.

#### **Myths**

The Myths section of American Indian Stories, Legends, and Other Writings includes stories about the creation of the world and the origins of humans and animals. These stories often contain elements of fantasy and magic.

Some of the most popular myths in the Myths section include:

- "The Creation of the World" is a story about how the world was created by a powerful spirit.
- "The Origin of Humans" is a story about how humans were created from the dust of the earth.
- "The Origin of Animals" is a story about how animals were created from different parts of the earth.

#### **Other Writings**

The Other Writings section of American Indian Stories, Legends, and Other Writings includes essays, speeches, and other works by Native American authors. These works often explore the challenges and triumphs of Native American life.

Some of the most popular works in the Other Writings section include:

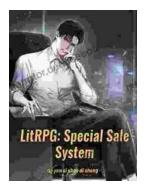
- "The Education of a Savage" is an essay by Charles Eastman that describes his experiences growing up in both Native American and white cultures.
- "My People, the Sioux" is a speech by Luther Standing Bear that describes the history and culture of the Sioux people.
- "Sun Dance" is a poem by John Joseph Mathews that describes



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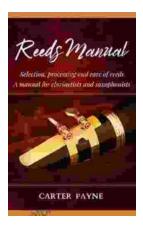
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