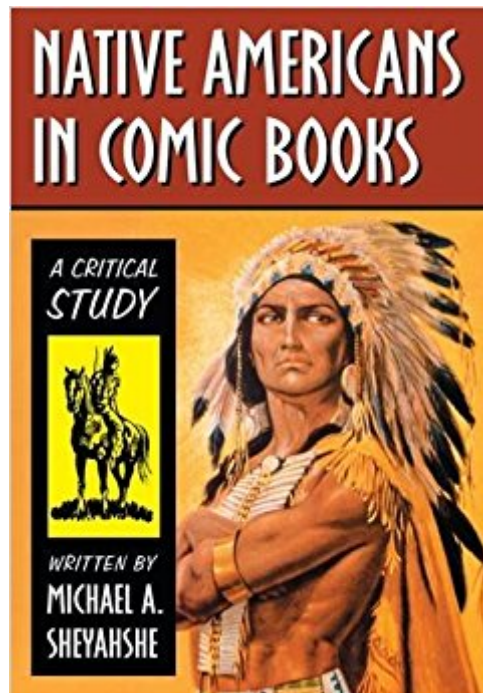




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Great book so far with a lot of good information. I would recommend it to any researcher or anyone

who is interested in how American Indians are portrayed in media.

While this text is full of interesting information, and the author attempts to view the media his discussing in a personally unbiased fashion, it seems clear that he sometimes cannot remove his personal feelings from the examination. Overall, this book will hopefully contribute to the desired outcome of improving Native American characters in comics and popular media.

I purchased this book for a grant writing course I took in college that worked closely with several Native tribes. There's a lot of good information in this on Native American culture and depictions of Native Americans in a surprising medium. If you're a comic book fan, interested in Native Americans, or are interested in depictions of Natives in mainstream American culture, then this book is a gem, definitely worth picking up.

Outstanding and solid foundation of indigenous media studies

Sheyahshe's book not only enlightens readers and makes them aware of the stereotypes Native Americans in comic books and comic strips have been subjected to, but it gives readers an insider's view into their (the characters and the people themselves) struggle to find a place in modern American culture. It's not merely a book about Natives in cartoons and comics, but a serious question asking America straight to its face how it views the original culture that inhabited its beautiful lands, and not in a snarky or accusatory fashion. Sheyahshe brings up, through fantastic research, characters and books written about Native characters that typify the stereotypes most non-Natives still, to this day, attribute to Native Americans. It will not only make you think about the way you read comics, but the way you relate to Native people, and that's something Sheyahshe should be extremely proud of.

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