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This accessible and affordable volume combines two essential collections by Sioux author Zitkala-Sa.

American Indian Stories assembles short stories, autobiographical reflections, and political essays that offer poignant reflections on the author's sense of being stranded between the white and Native American worlds. *Old Indian Legends* features tales from the oral tradition — legends passed down through the generations that form a genre known as the "retold tale."

Born on South Dakota's Yankton Reservation in 1876, Zitkala-Sa felt "as free as the wind that blew my hair, and no less spirited than a bounding deer." At the age of eight, she traded her freedom for the iron discipline of a Quaker boarding school. Disillusioned by American society as well as her own tribe, Zitkala-Sa attended college, became a teacher, and wrote about her experiences in a variety of books and magazines. A prominent advocate for Native American rights throughout her life, she was a key figure in the legislation that granted Native Americans citizenship in 1924.

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Amy says

American Indian Stories and Old Indian Legends is a quite an interesting read. The short stories of the Sioux that had been orally passed down through the generations by the author's ancestors are fascinating. I recommend this book for those who want to read real stories and legends of the Sioux. Five stars.

DelAnne Frazee says

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Having Sioux and Apache in my bloodlines I have found the lore and history of the American Native Indian to be fascinating. The love of my heritage was instilled from an early age and I have continued to learn all that I can even unto my fifties.

Zitkala-Sa has gathered together in one place many of the Sioux stories only passed down through their history by teaching them orally from one generation to the next. Zitkala-Sa must have found the ways of the white man confining after growing up free to run and explore. After entering the Quaker boarding school. I am so pleased she had taken the time to compile these stories and pass them on to those who came after her so they might never be lost with the passage of time.

Whether your interest in Sioux folklore is great or small you will find this a fascinating book to devour. Pick up a copy today and be thrilled.

Laura says

I liked some stories and didn't love others, but I'm glad I read this because I haven't read a lot of Native American literature. I thought the legends were really interesting, and the more autobiographical stories were also pretty interesting.

Received from NetGalley.

Tara says

An important, if uneven collection. Some pieces I found hard to get into, but at its best her writing is sublimely beautiful.
