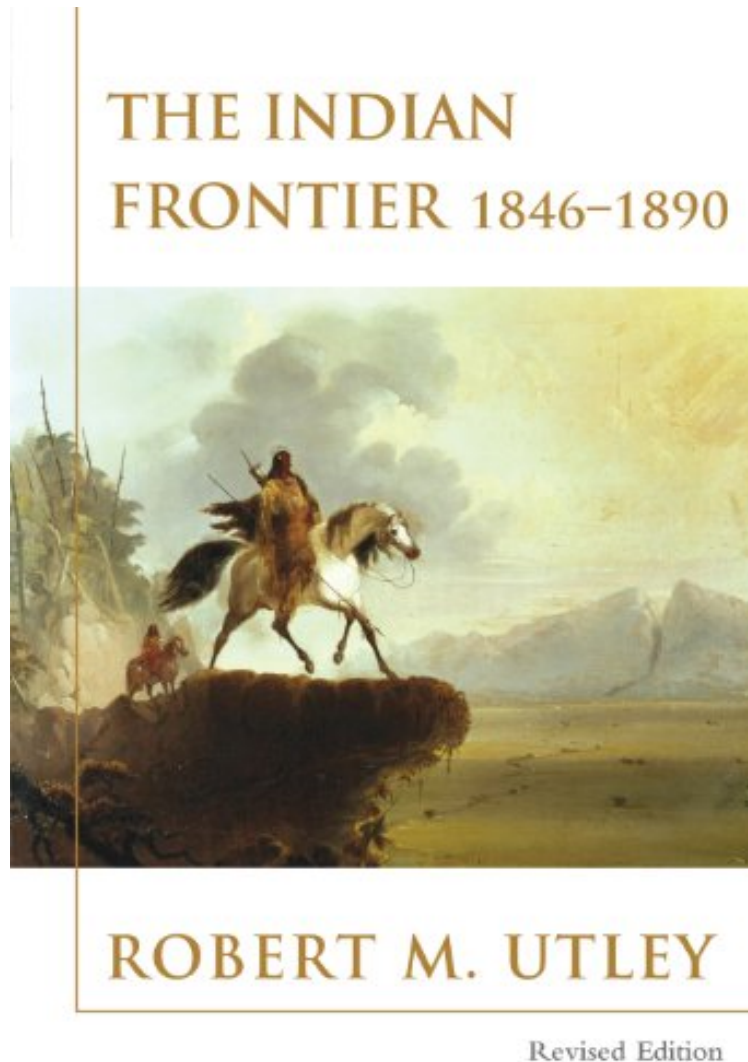


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Von Robert M. Utley : The Indian Frontier 1846-1890 (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Indian Frontier 1846-1890 (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More Facts Than StoryVon Wayne A. SmithUtley's The Indian Frontier of the American West presents a brief overview of America's clash with the frontier indian culture over a fifty year period. What is a fascinating story unfortunately disappoints in Mr. Utley's hands.The information relating to scores of major tribes during several decades of relationship with the US involves a large cast. This book presents the briefest of sketches relating to conflicts, treaty

negotiations and battles. Characters pop into the book and disappear just as quickly. The middle of the book provides a chronological accounting of the two decades after the Civil War, and that is where it has its difficulty. Perhaps this is just too thin a book to cover such a broad expanse. What is presented in this middle is a recitation of vignettes, persons and events, none presented in enough detail to grip the reader or provide any meaningful flavor to this narrative. The author has more luck in his chapters that are not chronological. They book-end the story. A brief on how American Indian policy arrived to mid century (1800's) and two at the end on the Indian reform movement and the closing of the frontier are much more tightly written and interesting. I think the author just tried to accomplish too much and ended up with a broad brush stroke of what should be a fascinating story. The material reads like a school text book, facts are presented rather than a story told. This makes for dry reading at times. Overall, this is a passable book for anyone wanting to get an overview of Plains Indian history. For those wanting a fascinating story, they may want to check out Connell's *Son of the Morning Star*. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. On Indian-White Relations Von Roman Nies Utley is a retired Historian of the National Park Service and has written many books on a variety of aspects of history of the American West. This one is a concise study which departs from the soldier-chase-Indian approach that is so typical of other books on this topic. He does not join in the applause and praise of the achievements of the White man, nor does he glorify the Indians. So he must have a rather balanced judgment on events. He has the interesting perception that the growing Indian hostility towards the white man in the half century following the Mexican War was directed less at the white man per se than at the hated reservation system itself. I visited some of the historic sites (Apache Pass, Cochise Stronghold, Little Big Horn etc) and found that self-critical perspective even written on sign boards. But, although a wide variety literature is available, the common credo and documentation is still a little backward and should be adapted to a less patriotic view. This is true for this book. Beyond the dedication to "conquest by kindness", after the kid had already fallen into the well, most of the aims of the Peace Policy in Indian wars times were hardly original. For years reformers and policy makers had called for "concentration" of the Indians on reservations, for their "civilization" through education, Christianity, and agricultural self-support, for a cleansing of the Indian Bureau of corruption and inefficiency, and for replacement of the treaty system with something better suited to the actual status of the Indian. The chief mistake was that too late the white people accepted the Indians as citizens with - at least - the same rights. Too long they were treated as non-humans with no rights at all. No sooner as the last revolting Indians - the Apaches - were pacified, it was detected that they deserved human rights application. But it was too late. It was already in the end of the 19th century. The Indian Frontiers can be seen as essentially closed by 1890. For the Indians, however, the legacy of the frontier period endured through the first three decades of the twentieth century and, in many respects, even beyond. The conquest of the West is seen as an explanation for Americas uniqueness. But is it not more wise to think that the cultural cross-fertilization that occurred first in the frontier zones and later in an America that welcomed and encouraged the cultural, spiritual, political and economic revival of the Indians and increasingly recognized their rich contributions to American life explains the American uniqueness better? "Modern America became...a blend of its immigrant and native heritages." 1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Engrossing Narrative on the Indian-White Man Conflict Von Ein Kunde This book is written largely from the perspective of the Indians of the American West but Utley does a good job of including insight into why the white man acted the way they did. His conclusion at the end of the book is "Given who these people were (the whites), what they knew, and what they believed, it is difficult to see how they might have behaved differently enough to have brought about a result that would be acceptable today". What struck me throughout the book was how often agreements that were made with the Indians were ignored, violated, and broken. The book is well written and easy to read. If you want a good overview of the American West from 1846-1890, this is a must read.

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