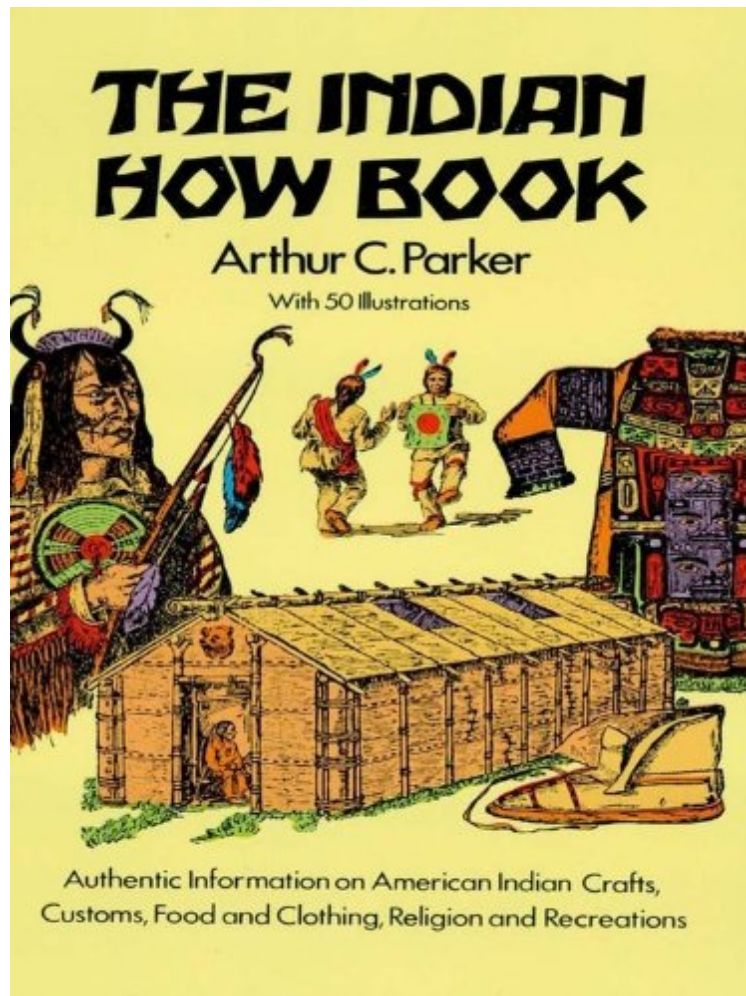


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Von Arthur C. Parker : The Indian How Book (Dover Children's Classics) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Indian How Book (Dover Children's Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent description of American Indian lifeVon Ein KundeThis book caught my eye in the children's library. It was older and looked much loved. I had avoided it before because I thought it was a how-to book of projects for boys that came from American Indian life. It's not! It explains how the Indians did all things. For example, one chapter is titled, "The Indian Himself" and the subheadings are "How Indian Children Went to School," and "How Indians Courted," "How Indians Made Jokes," or "How Indians Painted Their Faces," etc. No illustrations. The prose is written like an uncle telling his nephews about Indian life around the dinner table -- it's real, makes you feel like you're in communication with a person, not a text. It definitely would make a good non-fiction read-aloud. It would also make a

great substitute for dry and boring American history textbooks! Written before the era of political correctness, it's accurate and appreciative, with many interesting and humorous true (so claims the author) anecdotes. My only problem with it is that the author uses too much generalization. He rarely says that Iroquois do it this way, Cherokee do it that way, etc. He simply says that Indians do it this way, and I'm sure there can't be that much similarity among all tribes. He does point out often enough the different way of doing things when it's overwhelmingly obvious that the Plains Indians just couldn't have done that. I can't wait to read it aloud to my kids (someday...).

KurzbeschreibungHow did the Indians do things? How did they make their canoes, tipis, traps, bark lodges, and war bonnets? How did they treat women, marry, talk, and dress? How did they hunt, use the peace pipe, perform the sun dance, make magic, gather medicine, and send signals? All these Hows and many more are described in this book by Arthur C. Parker (Gawaso Wanneh) from his personal experience and knowledge of Indian life. Each of the 74 sections on how the Indians did something is a fascinating and revealing exposition of Indian lore including many little-known facts. Before the advent of the iron ax, for example, Indians used to cut down trees with a combination of fire and stone hatchets and before iron wire came into being, they made fishhooks from the leg or wine bone of a large bird. The author explains these and many other processes in detail. If you wish, you can make your own canoe, tan buckskin, or Indian design. You will also learn the true behavior of Indians, such as: how they were not taciturn (as pictured in numerous erroneous movies) but laughed and joked much of the time; how many Indians were not nomadic hunters but settlers who got most of their food from farming; and how, in general, Indians were not savages but native Americans who had a culture of their own with an educational system and the land, a religious belief in the spirits of the other world, and a veneration of the values of courage, integrity, honor, and generosity. For anyone with little or no knowledge of the American Indian, this book will be a revelation and a challenge to our modern way of life. For readers who have some acquaintance with Indian history or anthropology, this book offers a practical guide to over 70 of the crafts, methods, and activities of these first and best American naturalists. When it comes to getting closer to the land in body or in spirit, there is no better teacher than the American Indian.