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Call them Native Americans, American Indians, indigenous peoples, or first nations — a vast and diverse array of nations, tribes, and cultures populated every corner of North America long before Columbus arrived. *Native American History For Dummies* reveals what is known about their pre-Columbian history and shows how their presence, customs, and beliefs influenced everything that was to follow.

This straightforward guide breaks down their ten-thousand-plus year history and explores their influence on European settlement of the continent. You'll gain fresh insight into the major tribal nations, their cultures and traditions, warfare and famous battles; and the lives of such icons as Pocahontas, Sitting Bull and Sacagawea. You'll discover:

- How and when the Native American's ancestors reached the continent
- How tribes formed and where they migrated
- What North America was like before 1492
- How Native peoples maximized their environment
- Pre-Columbian farmers, fishermen, hunters, and traders
- The impact of Spain and France on the New World
- Great Warriors from Tecumseh to Geronimo
- How Native American cultures differed across the continent
- Native American religions and religious practices
- The stunning impact of disease on American Indian populations
- Modern movements to reclaim Native identity
- Great museums, books, and films about Native Americans

Packed with fascinating facts about functional and ceremonial clothing, homes and shelters, boatbuilding, hunting, agriculture, mythology, intertribal relations, and more, *Native American History For Dummies* provides a dazzling and informative introduction to North America's first inhabitants.

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