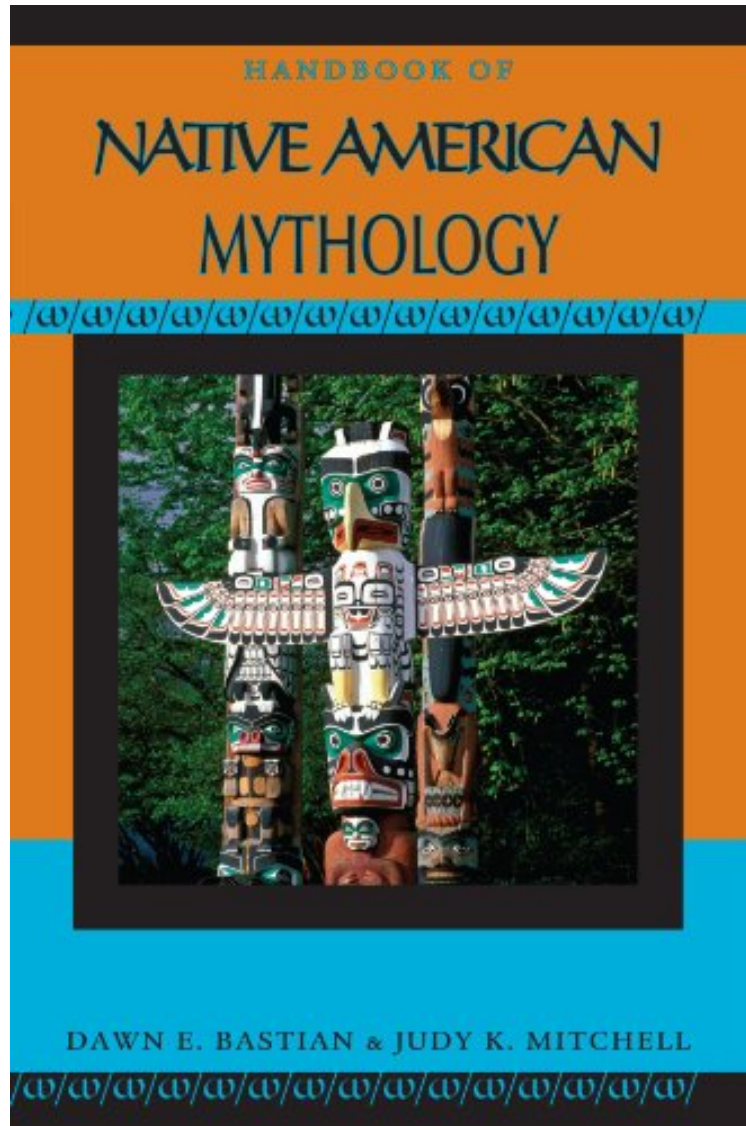


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18 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Extremely inaccurate and misleadingBy Turtle HeartI am sorry to

say that I view this book as a big mistake. I am an American Indian cultural and religious consultant. For over 40 years. I often review books on subjects related to American Indians. It is my view that American Indian culture is drowning in a sea of really bad information. This book does not help the problem...instead contributing to it in a very negative way. I think the authors may have just done cut and paste with pieces of information they have found here and there. Many of the "stories" are not attributed to any tribe at all. By failing to let us know where these stories are coming from means you cannot trust them in any way. Many times they may attribute some quality to a tribe, but really get it wrong. This book does not reflect a good understanding of historical timelines and has stories or "legends" that belong to conflicting timelines in the same story. The article on bears is the best example of everything wrong with this book. Each tribe that recognizes some teaching or story about bears does so in a specific and distinct way. In the stories here we do not know if they are talking about the north or the west, the plains or the rivers. I am sorry, really, in my view this book is very poorly written and presents an important subject in a very inaccurate way.

This revealing work introduces readers to the mythologies of Native Americans from the United States to the Arctic Circle—a rich, complex, and diverse body of lore, which remains less widely known than mythologies of other peoples and places. In thematic chapters and encyclopedia-style entries, *Handbook of Native American Mythology* examines the characters and deities, rituals, sacred locations and objects, concepts, and stories that define mythological cultures of various indigenous peoples. By tracing the traditions as far back as possible and following their evolution from generation to generation, *Handbook of Native American Mythology* offers a unique perspective on Native American history, culture, and values. It also shows how central these traditions are to contemporary Native American life, including the continuing struggle for land rights, economic parity, and repatriation of cultural property. With more than 40 photographs, illustrations, and maps, here is the most comprehensive and accessible introduction to the mythological heritage of Native North Americans available in one volume.

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