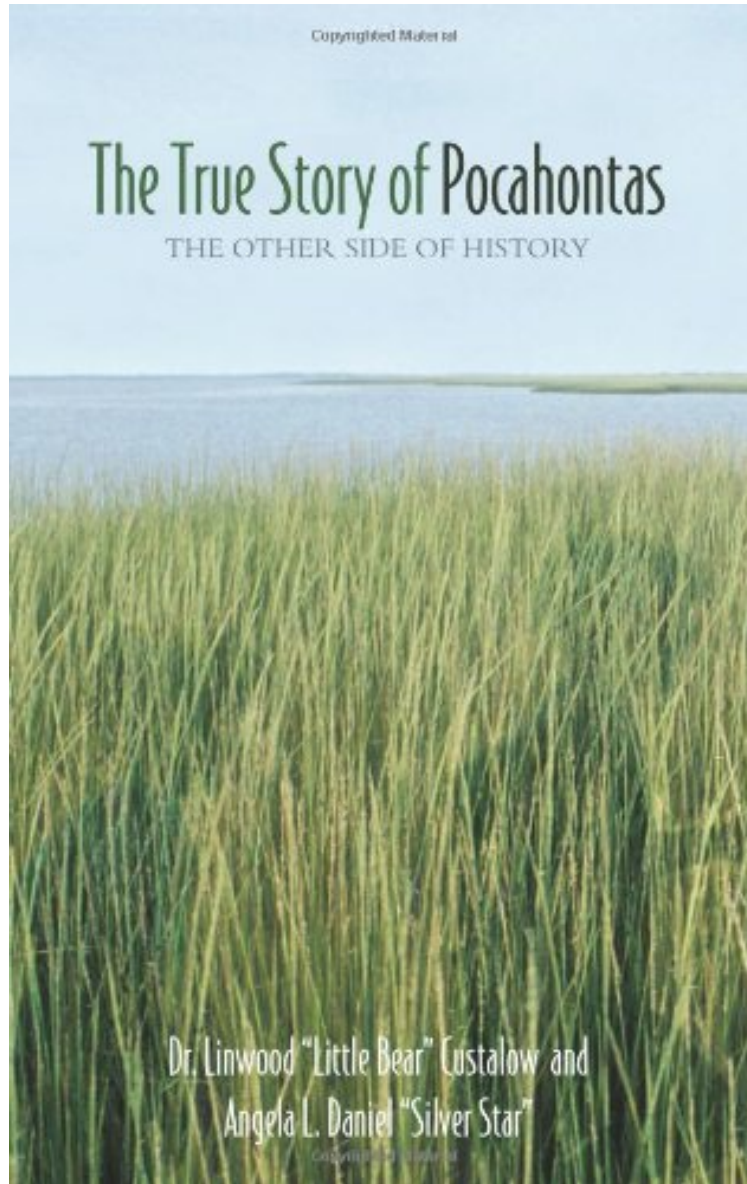


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Dr. Linwood "Little Bear" Custalow, Angela L. Daniel Silver Star : The True Story of Pocahontas: The Other Side of History before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The True Story of Pocahontas: The Other Side of History:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It's time to remember her in the right way By Magdalene I bought this for research purposes after reading Pocahontas: Her Life and Legend, which references this book. There are so many

new things I've learned about her that I would not have learned from anywhere else. If you are a teacher and want to cover Pocahontas in your lectures, I would absolutely recommend this book. Some people may have a problem with how repetitious it is, but I felt that this was helpful in remembering details, events, and terminology. It's very easy reading that you could probably fly through in a few hours, but you will have a much better understanding of a very misunderstood and misrepresented woman in American History. 58 of 60 people found the following review helpful.

Virginia teacher
By C. Thurber
As listed in my title, I am a Virginia fourth-grade teacher, and my students are expected to study Virginia history. In 2008, the revised VA Standards of Learning (SOL) for Virginia Studies went into effect. These included requiring students to identify and locate the eight state-recognized tribes. This got me to thinking, "Was I teaching an accurate account of Jamestown? Or was I only passing on what the conquerors stated?" As an educator, I feel I am obligated to know the truth, and to present the truth to others. So when I discovered Dr. Linwood and Ms. Daniel's book, I was delighted at the chance to improve my own knowledge. The Mattaponi tribe calls this a part of their sacred oral tradition. As an amateur historical storyteller, I know how the epic tales were learned and passed on. A student worked with a master of the craft, meticulously memorizing not only the words, but the tone of a tale until it was learned perfectly. Therefore, I believe that this is a true telling of the events in Jamestown. After all, knowing what we know of European settlers, is it so hard to believe that they would resort to violence and trickery to accomplish their means? The book was well-organized and logical in its arguments. I enjoyed the chronology, the end notes with references, the rich bibliography, and the index to increase my understanding of the events. I was so impressed by the number of source documents that I am interested in perusing several of the books listed in the bibliography, to continue my research. This is an important book, but it will not be an easy one to take. It will require an open mind, and a willingness to unlearn many of the misconceptions taught in popular culture and "history" books. Thank you, Dr. Linwood and Ms. Daniel for enlightening me. I hope to take the lessons I have learned and apply them in my classroom.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Read it and weep. Both believable and very sad.
By Kate2UI
almost gave this 4 stars because the writing style is a little difficult to read but decided that it is a story that is too important not to earn 5. This is the "other side" of the story of Pocahontas that everyone should be required to read. I believe there are always at least two sides to any story and this one should not be missed. I also think that this "version of the story" is both believable and very sad. Read it and weep... a look at our country and history through native American's eyes.

The True Story of Pocahontas is the first public publication of the Powhatan perspective that has been maintained and passed down from generation to generation within the Mattaponi Tribe, and the first written history of Pocahontas by her own people.

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The True Story of Pocahontas' stands out as one of the greatest true stories of family love, dedication and tragedy. -- Indian Country Today, March 2, 2007
I highly recommend spending the little time it will take to learn about "the other side of history." -- Rose Thorns, July 14, 2007
It is different. It is beautifully written. Acquire it, read it, then read it again. You will be well rewarded. -- The Virginia Gazette, February 28, 2007
This recollection of Pocahontas' real-life experiences should be required reading for all students of American history. -- Native Peoples, Sept/Oct, 2007
Until now, the words shared in this book were known by only a cherished few. -- Fifty Plus, April 1, 2007
From the Publisher
For the first time in 400 years, the true story of Pocahontas is revealed by her own people. This important book shares the sacred and previously unpublished oral history of the Mattaponi tribe and their memories of 17th-century Jamestown that have been passed down from generation to generation.
About the Author
Dr. Linwood "Little Bear" Custalow was born on the Mattaponi Reservation in West Point, the eldest son of Chief Daniel Webster "Little Eagle" and Mary "White Feather" Custalow. Early in life he was given the mission of learning the oral history of his tribe and of the Powhatan Nation as passed down by his father and his grandfather. Angela L. Daniel "Silver Star" has strived to learn and preserve the oral history of the Powhatan people so it can be passed down to future generations. The late Chief Webster "Little Eagle" Custalow honored Daniel by giving her the name "Silver Star." He encouraged her to learn and pass on the oral history of the Mattaponi.