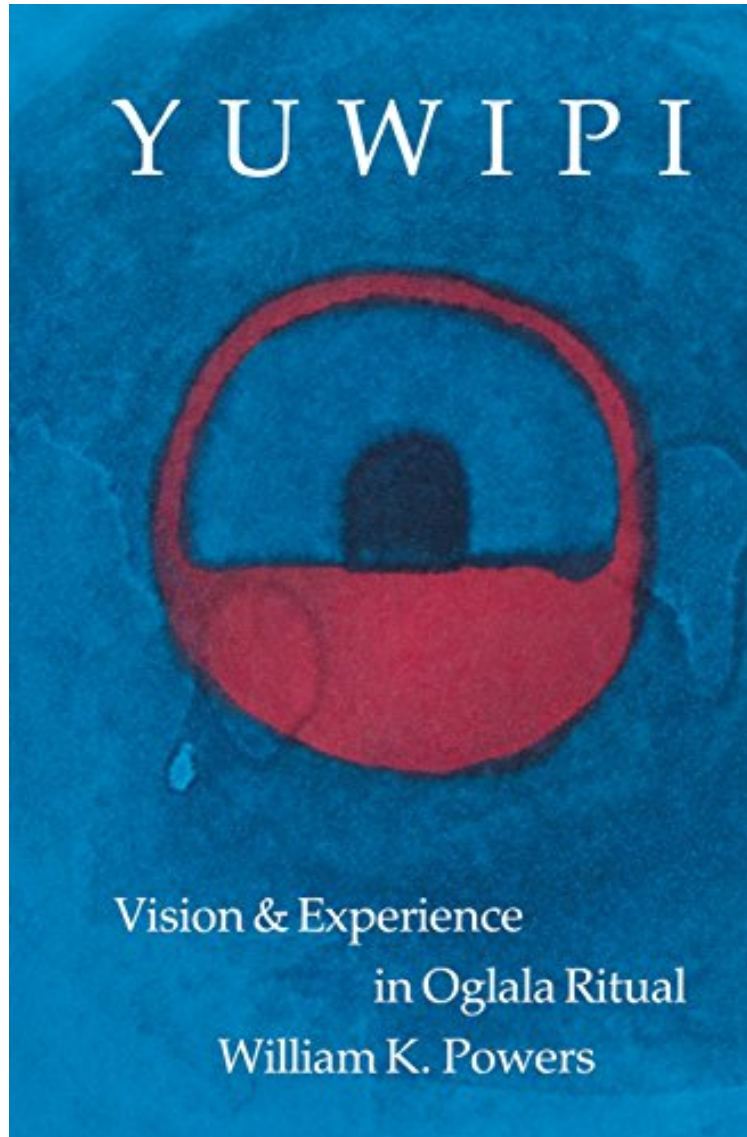


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his son as advocate, and the community of Oglala Yuwipi participants. Revolving around an aging Yuwipi man, Plenty Wolf, Powers' unique insights, connection with the Oglala, unprecedented access and approachable writing style make the reader feel as if they are present at the event - the sights, sounds, smells and feelings jumping off the page into the reader's mind. Powers' anthropological prologue and epilogue provide the reader with scholarly context, interpretation and insight. An amazing book, and one that anyone interested in Native American culture, comparative religion, shamanism or anthropology should read. Regardless of your world view, religious position or medical experience, the importance of shamanic healing in many cultures (including our own, with healing prayers and anointings) cannot be disputed, and this book will provide the reader with an appreciation of the Oglala tradition. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Answered many questions I had about this ceremony 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Yvonne Prete perfect condition, fascinating book.

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