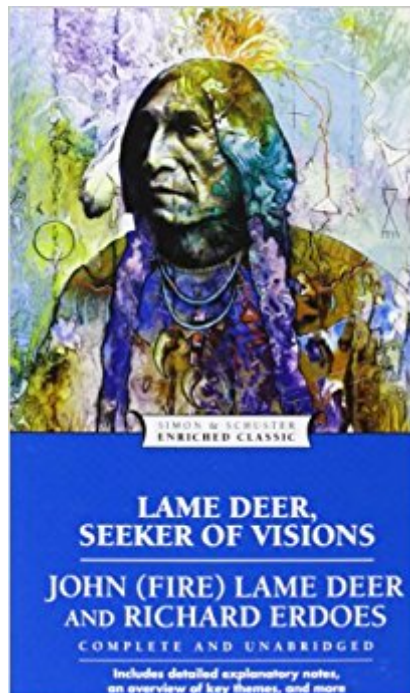




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enormously enriched by it.

This book contains profound and hidden wisdom, and also contains profound and hidden humor. (Heyoka) Mr. Erdoes has written the great American classic ! Adventures, mishaps, wisdom, revelations, humor, Spirits, magic, and of course visions, all have a part here. This is a tale that takes place in a country long gone, the events probably could not have taken place today. This was a beautiful, raw, free open land (at least the last remaining vestiges of) a land that could be harsh, but still had forgiveness in its heart. The author displays his great talent of letting the story almost write itself. Like the great lyric from B. Weir/J. Barlow, "While the music plays the band". Lame Deer was a great man and IS a great spirit, and he gives us wisdom and lessons on many levels, that everyone should take to heart. A great read, one which I surely will read again, and again (I'm sure I missed something !) Highly recommended !!!!

I love this book. It's entertaining, astonishingly written, full of emotion, and a modern epic. This is the only book I really wanted to finish, and I never had a problem focusing on it. I always had to force myself to read, except this book. It was the best. Lame deer's life was much more colorful and stressful than our's. Neither of us have ever worked only when we felt like it and endured poverty so we could. Neither of us have ever criticized the military from the perspective of lakota indian who knew lakota warriors, been radio clowns, lived at a boarding school, put a curse on mount rushmore, or had sex with a young girl in the 1920s. You get a real understanding of how tahca ushte and the society he grew up in were completely different. The lakotas are very close to the ideal of the noble savage, which is not far from the ideal society. I do not use the term "noble savage" negatively, I use it the same way I use the term "utopia". One thing you don't get about lame deer's account is how the sioux were a warrior society. though I did learn a hell of a lot about the sioux from this book. One last complaint i have is the cover. I read a book with a completely different cover. the cover on this mass market version is feminine and useless. But, this book is still awesome and wonderful. I recommend it to everyone. It took me some time to write this review, but I write it so others will be encouraged to read it.

The first shipment of the book I got was mishandles and arrived damaged. I requested another copy which came in a much better condition. LOVE this book! VERY insightful, helps clarify misconceptions & introduce a whole other way to view & live life. Great read!

If you read this book, make up your mind to not just see the words from your own current point of view, but to see the truth in them. It is not hard, *Lame Deer* gives you simple, clear easy to "get" stories with his own intelligence and wisdom full of meaning, but with no trickery or pretense. I could easily feel what his words conveyed, even the looking- in- the mirror feel at his description of the white race's life choices, as that uncomfortable, squirmy feeling took over. But I let it, in order to know the truth behind that door that held reality in all it's glory and ghastliness which is the only way anyone can ever really know life. We must know and face the real truth about ourselves on an individual level to find peace and meaning to life and then we can know and respect others. We have a long history of not doing this. We live in denial even more than we are even aware of, but we don't have to and it's not hard to make that small yet large change. You will see that *Lame Deer* speaks this way. He does not portray his self as without faults, weaknesses and warts. His words are clear and honest and he tells some very humorous accounts of his adventures-I was laughing out loud in some sections where he told of his exploits that reminded me of my grandfather's own tales of what he did as a younger man. Let this book touch you. It is not preachy, but you will learn things. I highly recommend it to all.

I'm rereading this book now for about the 5th time. I read it for an anthropology class about 15 years ago and it was so compelling that I reread it, recommended it to friends and then ultimately lent it to a friend who was going through an existential crisis who needed it so badly she kept it. It's profound without intending to be. It's simply about this man "*Lame Deer*" who is the last of a generation of Lakota Natives to learn about their traditions and values. You feel his lament for the rapidly dying culture while relishing in its beauty. This book will make you want to reconnect with whatever you hold dear and give up pursuit of meaningless things.

I have long been impressed by stories of the spiritual quests of our North American First Nations, and this book does not disappoint.

One of my favorite books. My American Indian friend and I read it to each other out loud, which means we end up crying and laughing out loud many times. No one has ever spoken like John *Lame Deer*. He is much more recent than most of the other great Chiefs and wise-men of our American Indian tribes, he was around in the 1960s. He sees through the white-man psyche as through clear glass, and, typical of his red-blooded people, does not vilify, hate or promise revenge, instead he helps us SEE. And FEEL. Ah-ha, so this is how it was and how it still is ... and it is healing, is it not?

am typing out this book on a blog...why? because I want my hands to remember *Lame Deer's* heart, I want even just one person to read it, I want to say things of my own here and there, I want to write rather than weep every time a piece of devastating Indian history meets my mind and soul. If one or many have said this book should be required reading in schools, I am saying it again: *Lame Deer* should be read in schools, out loud.

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