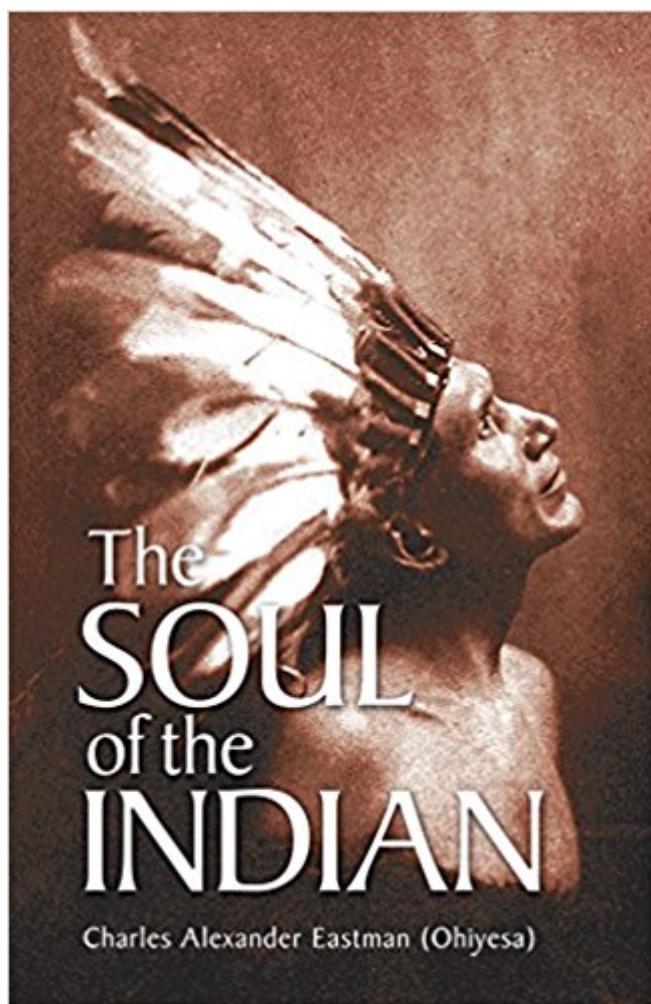


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# The Soul Of The Indian (Native American)



## **Synopsis**

Raised among the Sioux until the age of 15, Charles Alexander Eastman (1858-1939) resolved to become a physician in order to be of the greatest service to his people. Upon completing his education at Boston University School of Medicine, he accepted an appointment to a South Dakota Indian reservation, where he was the only doctor available to the victims of the 1890 massacre at Wounded Knee. With the encouragement of his wife, he further distinguished himself both as a writer and as a uniquely qualified interpreter of Native American ways. His writings offer authentic, sometimes stirring views of a world that has forever changed. In *The Soul of the Indian*, Eastman brings to life the rich spirituality and morality of the Native Americans as they existed before contact with missionaries and other whites. This is a rare firsthand expression of native religion, without the filters imposed by translators or anthropologists. Rather than a scientific treatise, Eastman has written a book, "as true as I can make it to my childhood teaching and ancestral ideals, but from the human, not the ethnological standpoint." His discussions of the forms of ceremonial and symbolic worship, the unwritten scriptures, and the spirit world emphasize the universal quality and personal appeal of Native American religion.

## **Book Information**

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Charles Alexander Eastman (1858-1939) was born on the Santee Reservation in Minnesota. His grandparents raised him after his mother's death and his father's capture during the Minnesota Sioux uprising. At the age of fifteen, he was reunited with his father and embarked on a life in white

man's society. He became a doctor and spent the rest of his life helping Indian people cope with the changes to their world and trying to reconcile the opposing values and beliefs of white society and Sioux culture. Scott Peterson is an actor experienced in theater, modern dance, and voice-over. He is an enrolled member of the Heron Clan of the Cayuga Tribe of the Six Nations of the Iroquois.

--This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I have several copies of "The Soul of the Indian" by Charles A. Eastman so decided to try the audio version and saw this one was less expensive....now I'm wishing I would have paid a little more and got the one I'm familiar with (at least on the cover). The narrator on this was so difficult for me to listen to that I almost couldn't finish it, sounded WAY to robotic. Plus, there were just some things in the reading that sounded very different from the the other book that I'm familiar with. Sure wish I could 'give this back' and invest a few more dollars in the other one.

It is impossible to know the real Indian unless you have been there. Charles Eastman was an Indian, born into the "Old Ways", and later educated into our ways as a medical doctor. His gift for writing helps us understand what it was like for his people. A must read!

I've lost count of how many times I've read this book. It's water for my spirit. I wish this book was on the Great Books list. Makes a great gift for those you know who care about living a good life on this planet...

Gifted this to my sister who is getting PhD in native studies...she responded.."how did you find this book".

I highly recommend this very informative little book to anyone wanting to learn the truth of what the native people of the Americas were like before the invasion of Europeans. Clearly and concisely written. A wonderful addition to your library of information on Native American Indians.

Great book to introduce yourself to the cultures of native Americans in contrast to mainstream society. Author lived both lifestyles. While not earth shattering it is a nice insight from someone who has seen and lived on both sides of each culture.

Interesting and easy to read and understand. I bought it for my daughter in law, who is Native

American and she and her Dad were very excited to read it.

Very insightful. Don't ever think the Indians were wrong. I think they were "wronged" because they were different. The book helps understand how and why.

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