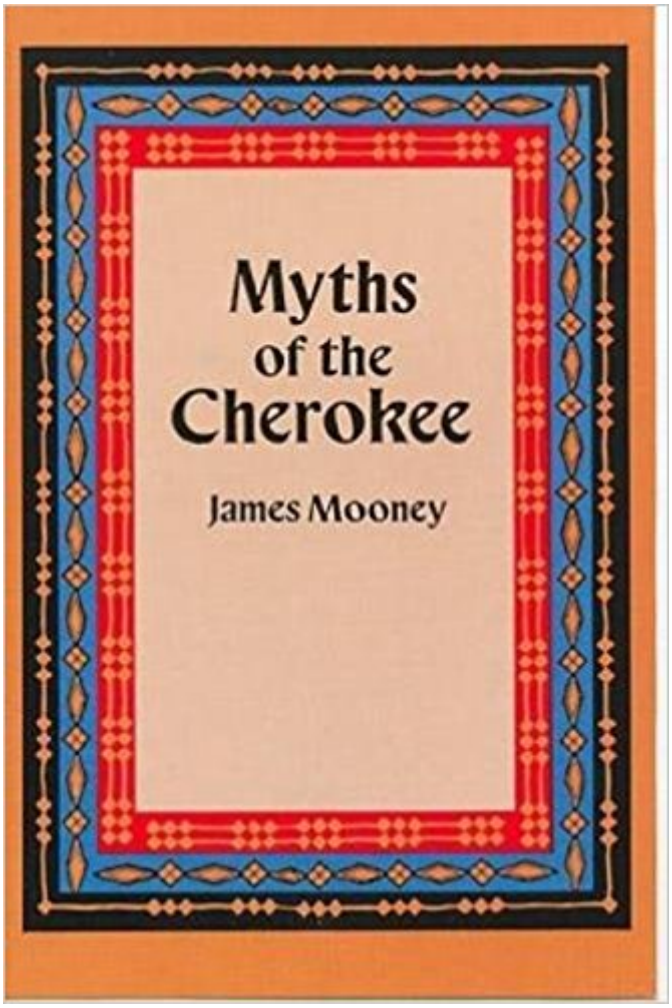
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Myths Of The Cherokee (Native American)



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Synopsis

Noted anthropologist James Mooney (1861Ã¢â ¬â œ1921) spent much of his life studying American Indians. In North Carolina, he lived for several years with the Cherokee, studying their language, culture, and mythology. His research resulted in this comprehensive volume, comprising 126 Cherokee myths, including sacred stories, animal myths, local legends, wonder stories, historical traditions, and miscellaneous myths and legends.Among the myths included are these:How the World Was Made; Origin of Strawberries; Why the Deer's Teeth Are Blunt; How the Turkey Got His Beard; The Rattlesnake's Vengeance; The Ice Man; The First Fire; Why the Possum's Tail Is Bare; The Bride from the South; The Water Cannibals; The Haunted Whirlpool; The War Medicine,Ã Â and many more.In addition to his clear retelling of the myths themselves, the author provides extensive background information on Cherokee history, notes on the myths, parallels between Cherokee and other myths, and further important information. Anyone interested in mythology or Native American legend and lore will welcome this treasury of authentic tales presented in the context of Cherokee history, life, and culture.

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Customer Reviews

"James Mooney's" main interest of study was the Cherokee people. Many say that Mooney wrote the most accurate accounts of the Cherokee culture and history. He spent years living with the Cherokee people in North Carolina, and was able to gain their acceptance and trust, which allowed

him to write more firsthand accounts. This made his work more reliable and very accurate.Mooney was a member of the first generation of professional anthropologists; he left behind a wealth of ethnographical and historical data. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I’m not a big reader, so it would be hard to give any book 5 stars. I was really just looking for a paperback book filled with many short stories, since I have a short attention span when reading. I was expecting a small paperback, but this book is huge! It contains many short stories (1-3 pages), and it also contains a large section on Native American history which includes some old photos. I like how the stories are concrete, with no room for interpretation. For instance, some of the stories contain an unknown variable, and that’s that. There is no speculation, that is just the way it was, and the story moves forward. Most of the stories include the plants and animals of the forest (which often were unhappy with man), and many of their characteristics are often explained in these stories. Clearly, the Native Americans had more respect for the natural world than we do. Overall, it’s a good book, and there are enough stories to keep me busy for a long time.

This book is old so some of the history and generalizations drawn by the author about Cherokee culture seem a bit racist today. There were some stories in it that I hadn’t heard and some were slightly varied from the stories I knew. It is definitely worth buying.

Ordered a hardcover copy. Looks good on the outside open it up it looks like someone photocopied the tiny pages of a paper back version into a hardcover book. The print only fills up a small square in the center of the page doesn’t look too great was kind of disappointed

Reads like a text, but I think I’ll be able to use this.

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The book Myths of the Cherokee by James Reed Mooney is a great read. It goes into depth about the myths and legends of the Cherokee people from there creation of the people to the bringing of fire. I’m still reading it. This would be a great read for someone who would like to know more about the Cherokee Culture and there beliefs. The only thing I have a hard time with is pronouncing some of the Cherokee names that are mentioned in the book, but other than that it is a great book. If you want to to know more about Cherokee Culture, history, and beliefs than this is the book for you.

Love this book -- my learned knowledge of my Cherokee ancestry, beliefs, legends, and over all culture is sorely missing. This exquisite little book brings to me centuries of what makes us Cherokee. Thank you James Mooney.

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