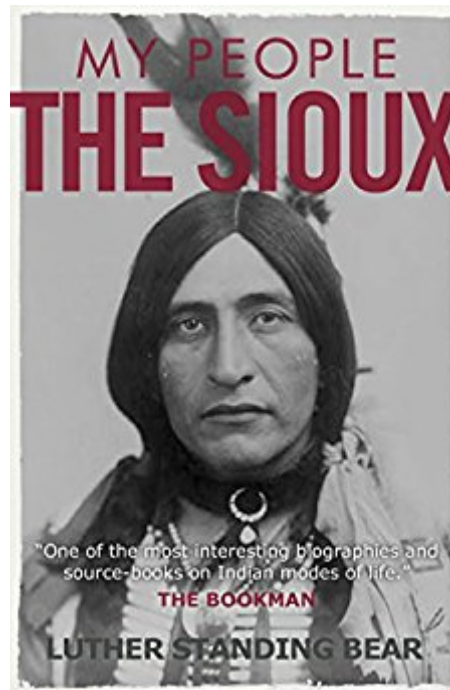




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Born in the 1860s, the son of a Lakota chief, Standing Bear was in the first class at Carlisle Indian School, witnessed the Ghost Dance uprising from the Pine Ridge Reservation, toured Europe with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, and devoted his later years to the Indian rights movement of the 1920s and 1930s. *My People The Sioux* remains a landmark in Native American literature, among the first books about Native Americans written from the Native American point of view. Luther Standing Bear (December 1868 – February 20, 1939) (Áŕta KtÁ© or "Plenty Kill" also known as MatÈ Á NÁĵÁ iÁ or "Standing Bear") was an Oglala Lakota chief notable in American history as a Native American author, educator, philosopher, and actor of the twentieth century. Standing Bear fought to preserve Lakota heritage and sovereignty and was at the forefront of a Progressive movement to change government policy toward Native Americans. Standing Bear was one of a small group of Lakota leaders of his generation, such as Gertrude Bonnin, and Charles Eastman, who were born and raised in the oral traditions of their culture, educated in white culture, and wrote significant historical accounts of their people and history in English. Luther's experiences in early life, the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, Wild Westing with Buffalo Bill, and life on government reservations present a unique view of a Native American during the Progressive Era in American history. Standing Bear's commentaries on Native American culture and wisdom educated the American public, deepened public awareness, and created popular support to change government policies toward Native American peoples. Luther Standing Bear helped create the popular twentieth-century image that Native American culture is holistic and respectful of nature; his classic commentaries appear in college-level reading lists in anthropology, literature, history, and philosophy, and constitute a legacy and treasury of Native American wisdom. *My People The Sioux* was first published in 1928.

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I had first seen this title while observing a class; some were Lakota, so I wanted to know the true history. It is clear and objective.

Wonderful history not written by a historian, but someone who was there.

as advertised

Fascinating details of every day life from his younger days living a nomadic life on the Great Plains.

A bit of a weird read. It was helpful teaching American Lit. to my juniors. An oddly beautiful and interesting book.

This is a great read. Can't believe it is not required reading but then again, this is 'Merica.

I love reading historical narratives about other cultures. Luther Standing Bear's life as an indigenous person who integrated and assimilated into the dominant culture is very interesting!

Luther Standing Bear is one of my favorite native authors. His insight into life is awesome.

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