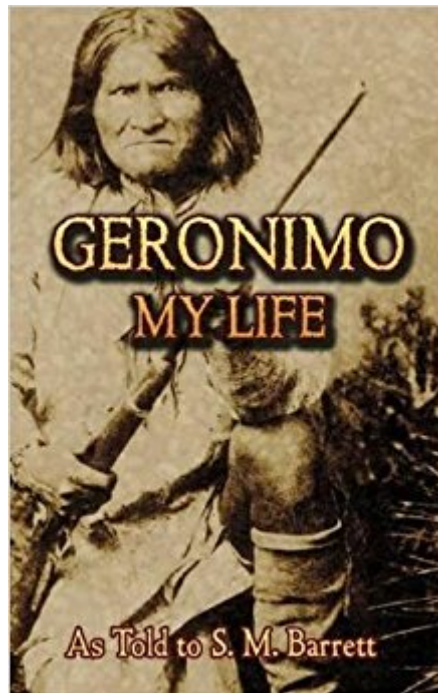


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Geronimo: My Life (Native American)



Synopsis

In this, one of Native American history's most extraordinary documents, a legendary warrior and shaman recounts the beliefs and customs of his people. Completely and utterly authentic, its captivating narrator is the most famous member of the Apache tribe: Geronimo. The spiritual and intellectual leader of the American Indians who defended their land from both Mexico and the United States for many years, Geronimo surrendered in 1886. Two decades later, while under arrest, he told his story through a native interpreter to S. M. Barrett, an Oklahoma school superintendent. Barrett explains in his introduction, "I wrote to President Roosevelt that here was an old Indian who had been held a prisoner of war for twenty years and had never been given a chance to tell his side of the story, and asked that Geronimo be granted permission to tell for publication, in his own way, the story of his life." This remarkable testament is the result. It begins with Geronimo's retelling of an Apache creation myth and his descriptions of his youth and family. He explains his military tactics as well as traditional practices, including hunting and religious rituals, and reflects upon his hope for the survival of his people and their culture.

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This was great. The old man himself telling his side of the story and telling the world what he thought of a few of the generals he had dealings with as well. A valuable insight into Apache life at the time, and maybe without Geronimo intending it, showing that the Apache were to blame for some of the atrocities committed during the various wars that raged across Arizona and into Mexico

as well. If you are interested in the life of the Apache, or the events that unfolded at that time in history then don't pass on this book.

I have several books on this subject, this one is pro-Geronimo, but stays close to the facts. He was an important figure in his time and helped to shape relations between whites and Apaches. He was one of the primary reasons that the Mexican government allowed US troops to go into Mexico in "hot pursuit" of hostiles. Well written and mostly factual.

"From the horse's mouth" certainly applies to this book. Had Geronimo not insisted on telling his own life story in only his words we might never know the truth. His words cover all aspects (positive and negative) of nobility, compromise, trust, faith, and friendship. After reading this book I am so thankful that S.M. Barrett had the good sense to take on the project. So many lessons to be learned. Those who lead people today whether it be in politics or business would be well served to study this man's words.

Great story,

Geronimo a man of his word! A force to be reckoned with. Tears for him, in captivity he was triumphant, becoming a Christian in his later years finding that peace and riding his life of darkness thru Jesus Christ

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Should be read by students in education settings to teach about the reality of what illegal immigration is and does in America to those indigenous to the region.

Great book that gives the Apache side of the Indian wars.

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