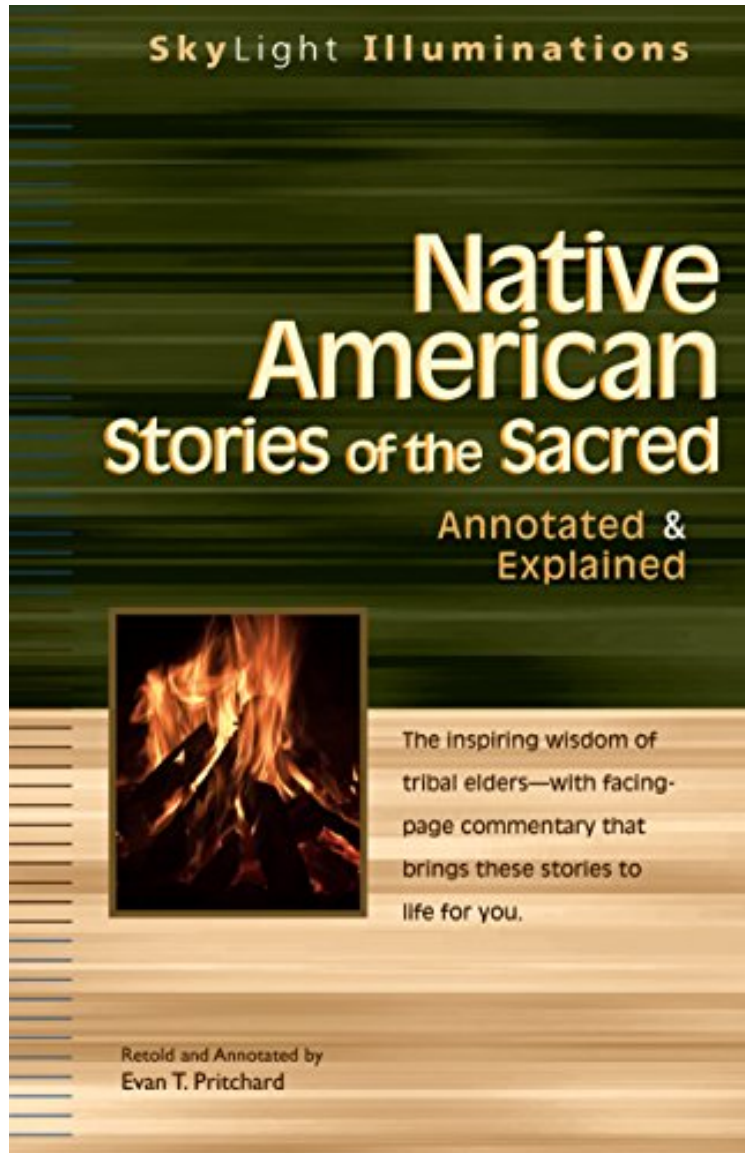


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From SkyLight Paths : Native American Stories of the Sacred: Annotated Explained (SkyLight Illuminations) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Native American Stories of the Sacred: Annotated Explained (SkyLight Illuminations):

3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. goodBy very goodThis is an interesting book. It's a bit more

scholarly than I would like, however, it's still pretty good. Between *Earth Sky: Legends of Native American Sacred Places*, *Whispers of the Ancients: Native Tales for Teaching and Healing in Our Time*, and *House of Shattering Light: Life as an American Indian Mystic* could help to round this book out. I'm not sure I'd want to have these explanations as the final say. Metaphor has a way of being interpreted at multiple levels. Semitic metaphor- and stories- have multiple layers of meaning, and I cannot help but believe that there are more layers of meaning than just what shows up in this book. However, this is still a good book. 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting

By Priscila V. Peterle I took a class with Prof. Pritchard at Marist College and this book was a requirement. The book is great. Short, but very enlightening. It consists of many short stories that appear in Native American cultures. The book has very detailed footnotes, like in Sparknotes to explain everything. He is a wonderful teacher and has great knowledge about Native American cultures. I would highly recommend it to anyone with interest in this topic. 1 of 9 people found the following review helpful. poorly written drive

By Improv bass 4 When I got this book I was hoping for something special. It is 'nt. Good thing he uses it for his own class. I don't think anyone else should/would buy it.

The wisdom from these stories can become a companion on your own spiritual journey. Native American Stories of the Sacred are intended for more than entertainment: they are teaching tales containing elegantly simple illustrations of time-honored truths. From tales of Creation to "Why?" stories that help explain the natural world around us, these stories highlight the sacredness of all life and affirm that we are each an integral part of all that is holy. Drawn from tribes across North America, these are careful retellings of traditional stories such as Son of Light's quest to win back his captured wife from the monstrous Man-Eagle; humble Muskrats noble self-sacrifice to establish solid land so other beings might live; Water Spiders creative solution for retrieving fire for all the animals; and White Buffalo Calf Womans profound gift of the sacred pipe to the people. Each of the compelling stories in this collection illustrates principles that can guide you on your own spiritual quest. Now you can experience the wisdom of these teaching tales even if you have no previous knowledge of Native American traditions. SkyLight Illuminations provides insightful yet unobtrusive commentary that explains the cultural and spiritual significance of the seemingly mundane objects found in these stories tobacco, gambling, even the exploits of mischievous tricksters such as Coyote and Weasel while gracefully drawing comparisons to Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Hindu religious traditions, among others. Whatever your spiritual heritage, these Native American stories of the sacred are sure to delight and inspire you with the sacredness of all Creation, and remind you that the earth does not belong to us we belong to the earth.