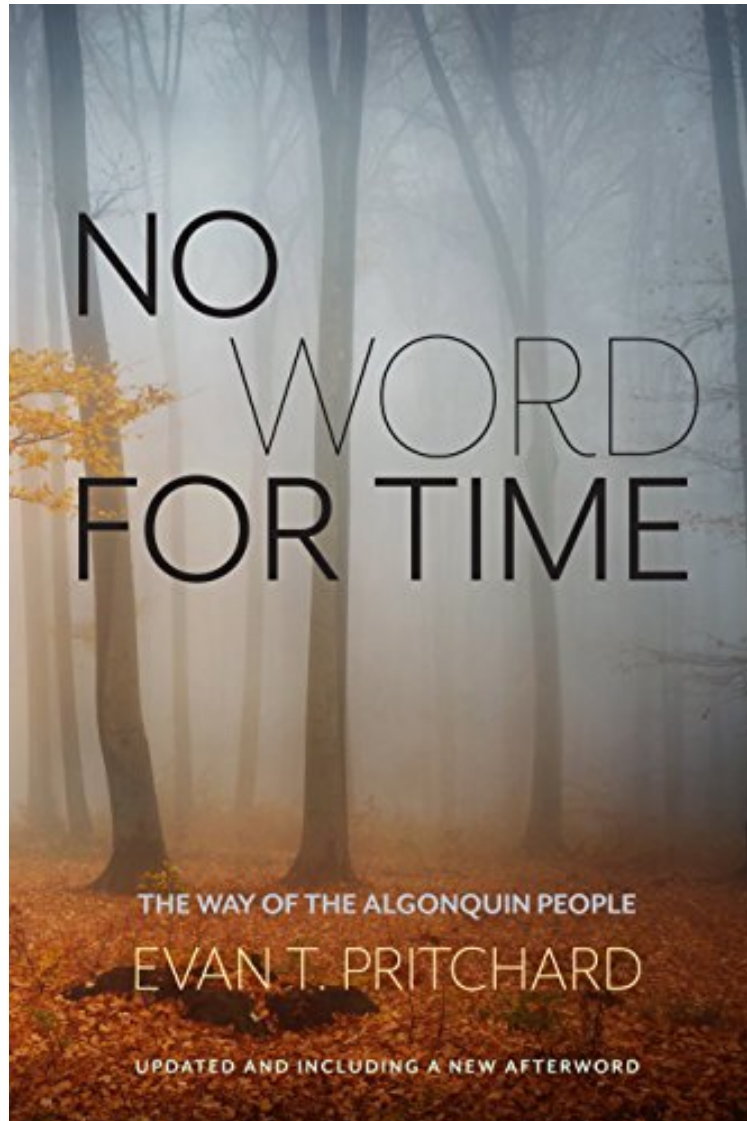


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15 of 19 people found the following review helpful. Learn to understand a traditional Native world viewBy Rina StevensEvan T. Pritchard is of Micmac heritage, and he felt a passionate need to learn the ways of his ancestors. Which is why he went and found himself a Native Micmac teacher. This book is an attempt to explain to the rest of us some of what he learned, with special emphasis on the spiritual. I think it is particularly successful at helping us begin

to grasp the traditional Native worldview. This book is not written linearly, like a novel. It touches on a subject, circles around it for a while, and then comes back to address the same subject again in more depth. Micmac prayers move in this manner, circularly. And the rhythms of the earth and of traditional Native life are similarly cyclical, moving around a center rather than progressing linearly like our concept of time from the past to an isolated future. In response to a previous reviewer: Lack of linear time does not equal "primitive". On the contrary, I believe the author is actually trying to show us how much more *sophisticated* the Micmac view of life is than ours. If their sophistication is linguistic, spiritual, and philosophical rather than technological, then in my mind that makes it just that much more important. This book seeks to immerse us in the worldview of a people whose wisdom we have long ignored, but that we now very much need. And it succeeds in this far better than any other book I have read. Rather than simply teaching us intellectually about the Micmac approach to life and spirituality, it helps us feel what it is like to see the world through Micmac eyes. I highly recommend this book. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Book!! By Shumakalo I can't say enough about the content, and writing, of this book. The Algonquin ways are those that we as a people should have followed...not the other way around! The writing was so fluid, and meaningful, with all the beauty that was intended. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. beautiful and profound By post moderna wonderful read, a book that is informative and inspirational and inspires meditation and reflection. Should be required reading for every student.

No Word for Time has garnered superlatives from reviewers and influential Native American figures, who have declared it one of the finest books on Native American spirituality ever written. Evan Pritchard, a descendent of the Micmac people (part of the Algonquin nations), aimed to learn more about his own native traditions through studying the language of the Algonquin, the key to their worldview: "They don't write in metaphor, they speak it; they don't recite poetry, they live it." The tribes collectively named "Algonquin" once occupied large stretches of North America, and their influence on our culture is vast. This edition includes a new index and afterword; a pronunciation key to the Algonquin language; a comprehensive map of the Algonquin world; a list of the major Algonquin nations and what they call themselves; and the Seven Points of Respect for Native American Ceremonies.

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