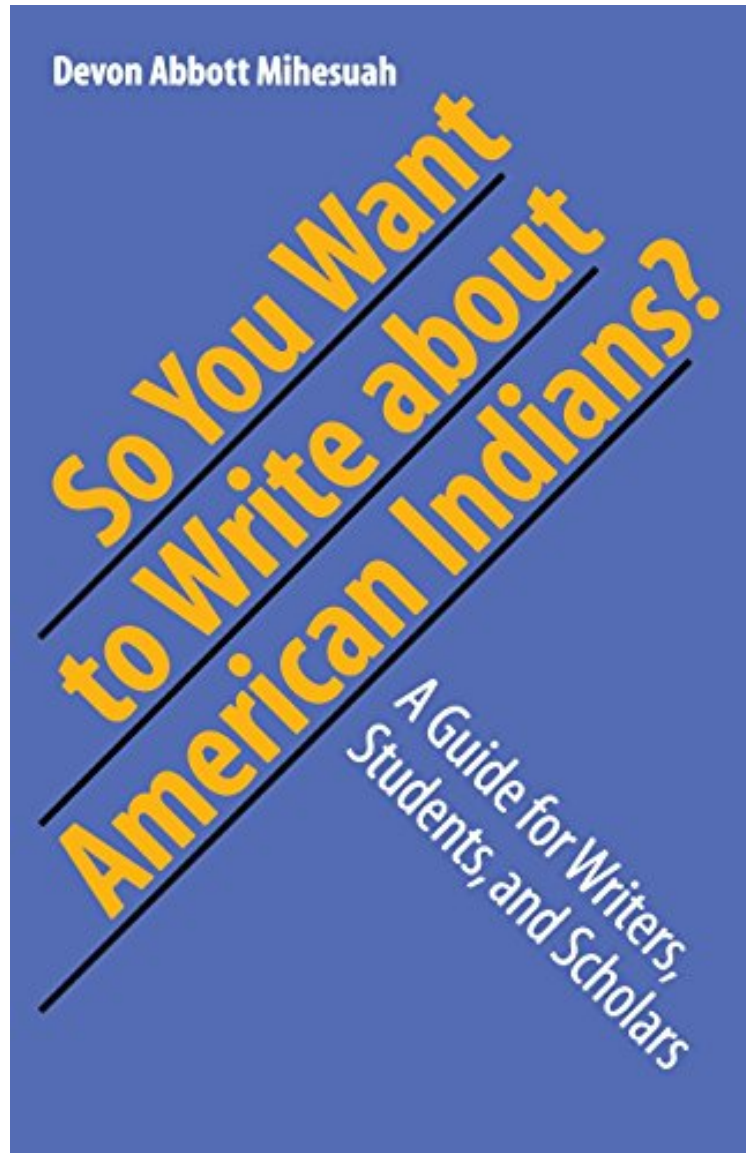


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E. Osborne First, in the interest of transparency: I'm a non-native who is writing about indigenous people. A friend, who is of indigenous descent and the director of an indigenous writers support and recognition group, recommended this book. About the author, he said, Be prepared, she's pretty tough. And thankfully, he was right. After all, Mihesuah is Comanche for first to fight. But if you are going to enter into the indigenous world as a writer or researcher, you need guidance from a firm mastery you need tough love and this book is it. Dr. Mihesuah speaks plainly. Listen to her, follow her advice, test your thoughts and your writing against her standards and you have a chance at producing a balanced, realistic and still entertaining (or enlightening) project. Disregard her and you risk nurturing stereotypes and an imbalance that has plagued our (intra)national relationships for centuries. Why four stars instead of five? It is a tiny nit, but there are a few generic sections about book writing that felt out of place--perhaps an editor add that wasn't needed? 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By NDNCowgirl A must read for researchers working or wanting to work with American Indians or other Indigenous Peoples. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Cautionary Reference By Dizzyliz This book makes it clear that and why Native Americans do not appreciate non-natives writing about them. I did it anyway but had several natives read my draft. My readers did exactly what I wanted. They told me about areas of misunderstanding, misinterpretation and unknowing insult.

So You Want to Write about American Indians? is the first of its kind an indispensable guide for anyone interested in writing and publishing a novel, memoir, collection of short stories, history, or ethnography involving the Indigenous peoples of the United States. In clear language illustrated with examples many from her own experiences Choctaw scholar and writer Devon Abbott Mihesuah explains the basic steps involved with writing about American Indians.

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