## The Essential Guide to Writing By and About Indigenous Peoples

As a writer, it's important to be aware of the cultural protocols and sensitivities involved in writing by and about Indigenous peoples. This book provides essential information on how to do so respectfully and accurately.



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#### **Cultural Protocols**

When writing about Indigenous peoples, it's important to be aware of the cultural protocols that govern their communities. These protocols vary from tribe to tribe, but some general guidelines include:

- Always ask permission before writing about an Indigenous person or community.
- Be respectful of Indigenous elders and leaders.

- Use appropriate language and avoid using stereotypes or harmful tropes.
- Be sensitive to the historical context of Indigenous peoples.

#### Language Use

The language you use when writing about Indigenous peoples is also important. Avoid using terms that are outdated or offensive. Instead, use the terms that Indigenous peoples prefer to use for themselves.

Here are some examples of respectful language to use:

- Native American
- First Nations
- Aboriginal
- Indigenous

#### **Historical Context**

It's also important to be aware of the historical context of Indigenous peoples when writing about them. This includes understanding the history of colonization, assimilation, and discrimination that Indigenous peoples have faced.

By understanding this history, you can avoid perpetuating harmful stereotypes and tropes in your writing.

Writing by and about Indigenous peoples is a complex and challenging task. However, by following the guidelines in this book, you can do so

respectfully and accurately.

This book is an essential resource for writers of all levels who want to learn more about Indigenous peoples and how to write about them respectfully.

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