

A Reading List for Native American Heritage Month

This list is suggested by Dr. Scott Langston from the November 9, 2022, panel discussion at church:

Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask, by Anton Treuer

Coming Full Circle: Constructing Native Christian Theology, edited by Steven Charleston and Elaine A. Robinson

At the time of the book's publication, Charleston was the Bishop of Alaska for the Episcopal Church)

God is Red: A Native View of Religion, by Vine Deloria, Jr.

This is a classic work in the field of religion. Deloria, probably more than anybody else, did more to establish the modern field of Native American Studies. He is a towering figure. Among other degrees, he had a B.D. in theology from Augustana Lutheran Seminary. His father and grandfather were involved in the Episcopal church.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants, by Robin Wall Kimmerer

The Land Looks After Us: A History of Native American Religion, by Joel W. Martin--this is a brief overview

1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus, by Charles C. Mann

1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created, by Charles C. Mann

This Land is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving, by David J. Silverman

The Conquest of Texas: Ethnic Cleansing in the Promised Land, 1820–1875, by Gary Clayton Anderson

Murder State: California's Native American Genocide, 1846-1873, by Brendan C. Lindsay

Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI, by David Grann--a movie is being made based on this book, directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert DeNiro. The 1959 movie, *The FBI Story*, starring Jimmy Stewart, also addressed partially the events covered in this book.

The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America, by Sarah Deer--this is a disturbing and difficult read about a huge contemporary issue

Native American DNA: Tribal Belonging and the False Promise of Genetic Science, by Kim Tallbear

For those who like poetry and fiction, anything by Joy Harjo and Louise Erdrich. I especially like Harjo's recent collection of poems in *An American Sunrise*, and Erdrich's, *The Round House* and *The Night Watchman*. The poetry of Luci Tapahonso