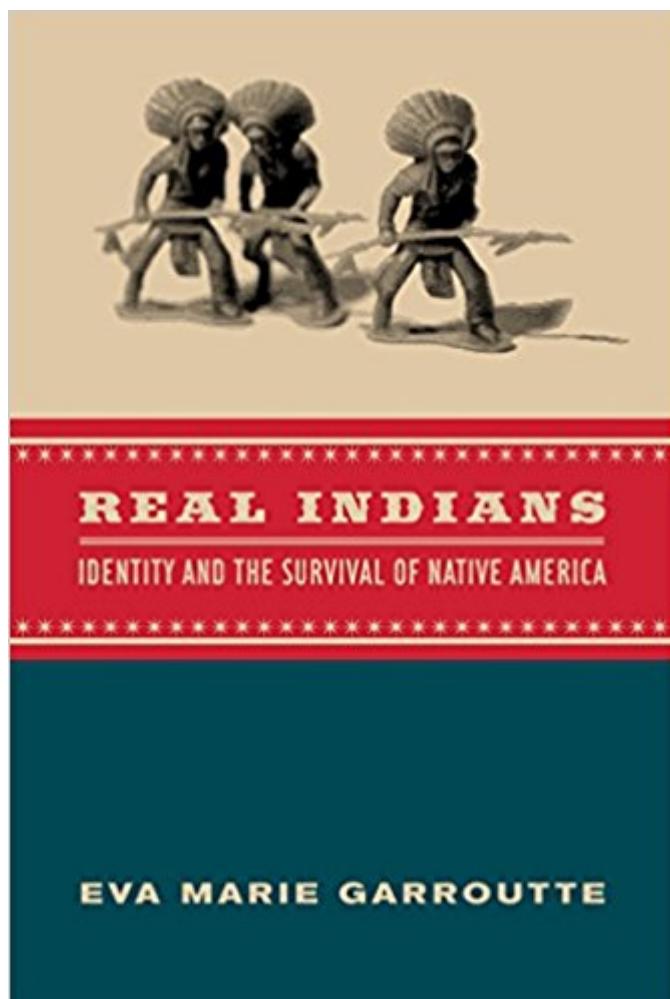


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# Real Indians: Identity And The Survival Of Native America



## **Synopsis**

At the dawn of the twenty-first century, America finds itself on the brink of a new racial consciousness. The old, unquestioned confidence with which individuals can be classified (as embodied, for instance, in previous U.S. census categories) has been eroded. In its place are shifting paradigms and new norms for racial identity. Eva Marie Garrouette examines the changing processes of racial identification and their implications by looking specifically at the case of American Indians.

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"In discussing a wide array of legal, biological, and sociocultural definitions, Eva Garrouette documents how these have frequently been manipulated by the federal government, by tribal officials, and by Indian and non-Indian individuals to gain political, social, or economic advantage. Whether or not one agrees with her solutions, anyone seriously concerned with contemporary American Indian issues should read this book."&#151;Garrick Bailey, editor of *The Osage and the Invisible World* "Real Indians is a remarkably candid, engaging, and compelling book. It tells the important and often controversial story of how 'Indian-ness' is negotiated in American culture by

indigenous peoples, policy makers, and scholars." Robert Wuthnow, author of Creative Spirituality "Eva Marie Garrouette has done an exemplary job of combining scholarly sources, personal accounts, interview data, and self-reflection to catalog and examine the ways in which individual and collective identities are asserted, negotiated, and revitalized. She invites readers to imagine an intellectual space where scholarly and traditional ways of knowing and telling come face to face in an epistemological landscape where the "traditions" of social science and 'radical indigenism' can confront one another in constructive dialogue." Joane Nagel, author of Race, Ethnicity, and Sexuality

I'm going to give her 5 stars for this. She touched with the ugly issues in Indian country most are afraid to talk about. She is also a member of the Cherokee Nation in OK, so it is written with no biased from an Indian standpoint. As the one reader said, keep with the book. It is a very good read on Indian identity in the US. Eva really touches on a lot of the issues in Indian Country and outside as well. From Indian identity to \*wannabes\* though she never uses this word approaches the topic of undocumented (claimed) Indian ancestry sensitively. She also goes into detail about Identity within the Native American community, fullblood and mix bloods. Native American that did not make enrollment and caused descendants to lose contact with their tribal ancestry and unable to prove ancestry. The issue of Native Americans being the only group of people having to \*prove\* ancestry. How one can be recognized by a tribe but not by the federal government. Really great read and you really have to be interested in issues in Indian Country and people with American Indian ancestry to keep with the book.

Scholarly. Informed. Good resource.

this book is good book to use...

Garrouette outlines the trouble and strife of being a full blooded Indian, detailing the struggles of acceptance and the different forms of classifications Indian tribes have installed in order to gain access to tribal benefits and pensions. The book reads more like an encyclopedia of tragic disregard for Indians meddling in the blurr of tribal recognition. Both the Federal Government as well as the tribes play significant rolls. From the Dawes act of 1887 clear into modern times, many tribes still consider a blood quantum and direct decent from a full blooded relative the only form true Indian identification. This has caused a racial backlash and an inability for tribal societies to expand

beyond their own cult like existence, denying recognition to those who've married and mingled outside the full blood requirements. Overall, this book is extremely informative, but void of excitement.

Very well. comfortable,nice . a gift to my brother , Highly Recommend! just fine,

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Thanks!

I LOVED the first half of this book, but had trouble finishing the second half. The first two chapters are GREAT at explaining the problems of identity and give lots of specific examples. Really thought-provoking first half of the book.

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