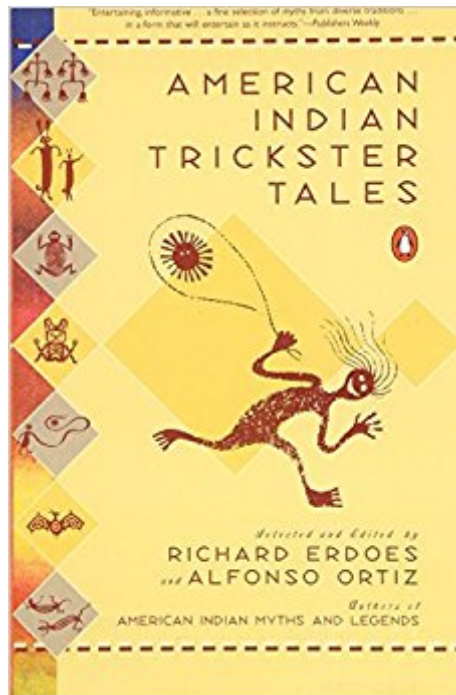




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# American Indian Trickster Tales (Myths And Legends)



## Synopsis

Of all the characters in myths and legends told around the world, it's the wily trickster who provides the real spark in the action, causing trouble wherever he goes. This figure shows up time and again in Native American folklore, where he takes many forms, from the irascible Coyote of the Southwest, to Iktomi, the amorphous spider man of the Lakota tribe. This dazzling collection of American Indian trickster tales, compiled by an eminent anthropologist and a master storyteller, serves as the perfect companion to their previous masterwork, *American Indian Myths and Legends*. *American Indian Trickster Tales* includes more than one hundred stories from sixty tribes? many recorded from living storytellers?which are illustrated with lively and evocative drawings. These entertaining tales can be read aloud and enjoyed by readers of any age, and will entrance folklorists, anthropologists, lovers of Native American literature, and fans of both Joseph Campbell and the Brothers Grimm.

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## Customer Reviews

Erdoes, an illustrator and author, and Ortiz, a recently deceased Tewa Pueblo and distinguished professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico, have compiled this anthology as a sequel to *American Indian Myths and Legends* (LJ 11/15/84). Some 106 tales, each identified with its tribe of origin, are divided into 14 parts arranged by theme. Additional information about the various tribes is provided in the appendix, which is arranged alphabetically. Many of the tales are

reprinted from other sources and are thus not original. In addition, they are presented as if they were children's stories, so unfortunately the richness of Native American delivery is lost. Still, this is an extremely useful compilation for those libraries with a limited amount of Native American literature. The sexual nature of some of the stories and illustrations make this title inappropriate for school libraries. Recommended for public and academic libraries. ?John Burch, Cumberland Coll. Lib., Williamsburg, KY Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I searched for Native-American stories of Coyote after a Coyote story was mentioned in "Poemcrazy: Freeing Your Life with Words" by Susan G. Wooldridge. Being Australian I've vaguely heard of these stories in US soaps or sometimes the odd mention in US Films so I decided to look them up and glad I did. This book has plenty of stories including characters called Coyote, Rabbit Boy and so on from various Native American backgrounds. The stories are humorous and include answers to why the Sun and Moon appear at different times (figuratively) to how the Seven Giants got their name. There are stories that show Native-Americans are unabashed about discussing sex and sexual urges which were hilariously outrageous. Although I'd often begrudge paying anything over \$5.00 for an ebook considering the complete lack of labour in producing and downloading one I won't reduce the rating for the \$9.99 price because to me it is such a good book.

I know the writer was trying to keep the stories original to how they have been told to him, but they didn't flow and some of them sounded like there should have been more to them. I imagine that being told the stories in person with hand movements and atmosphere helps to make the story better, so if I use this as a story book I will elaborate a bit to make it more interesting. Other than that I love the book and I will buy the other book on the main stories to complete my collection. These stories are like the bible in a way, because they tell you things that are wrong like incest, stealing, tricking people, and such. There is sex in this book so watch out who you are buying it for.

A fantastic and funny read, these stories are wonderful teachers of life lessons and come with a more adult humor side. Some are not super appropriate for children by American societal standards, but the lessons they teach and the laughter they produce make this read an enjoyable experience I will one day share with my kids and hopefully my kid's kids.

Great for bedtime stories. Sadly, I miss a bit the ethnic background and context (which tribe narrated this version, and in what context is this tale? I fear it stops at priming the appreciation of the American First Nations. I bought this book en lieu of a collection of tales about and around Red Horn (as typical for the SECC) - which I could not find in print.

Classic stories told true to their origins. Very valuable resource in any time at any place.

Being a Native American myself, I have heard only a few of the "Old Stories passed down, My Grandma could tell ghost story that would make you sleep with the light on for months. I find that the Iktomi stories are priceless and it's too bad that more of these "stories" aren't heard and passed on by more people. Great book. OH, don't step on a spider it may be Iktomi !

I bought this book to use with my senior mythology class. Many of the short stories are very interesting but not appropriate even for seniors. I read the book but not at school!

Really interesting collection of Native American myths. Material in appendix summarizing the groups is worth the price all by itself.

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