The Book of the American Indian

Written by Hamlin Garland
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About the Book

A Hopi child is torn from his parents and sent off to boarding school . . . white settlers encroach upon the Cheyenne reservation and the Cheyennes vow to fight to the death rather than give up their land . . . Howling Wolf witnesses the brutal murder of his brother and, when he protests, is in turn brutalized . . . after his triumph over Custer’s forces, Sitting Bull vows to fight to the death rather than submit to the white invader. In these and other stories, Hamlin Garland captures the rebellious spirit of Indians still smarting from submission to an invader and the pathos inherent in what one reviewer called “the Indian of the last days, the Indian living, half submissive, half rebellious, in fear of the ‘agent’ sent by the great incomprehensible Government at Washington.” Based on ten years of visits to reservations in the American West, these stories are of interest for readers today in part because they illustrate a sincere and well-intentioned white reformer coming to understand a culture radically at odds with his own—and discovering in the process that his own culture is less “advanced” than he had supposed.

Best known for his 1891 collection of short stories, Main-Travelled Roads, and for his 1917 autobiography, A Son of the Middle Border, Hamlin Garland (1860–1940) was also an accomplished writer of tales of American Indians struggling to adapt to reservation life during a time of confusion and government brutality. This Copley edition reprints the text and illustrations from the 1923 printing, as well as two of Garland’s essays indicting the treatment of Indians. An introduction places the stories in historical context of Garland’s life and times.

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