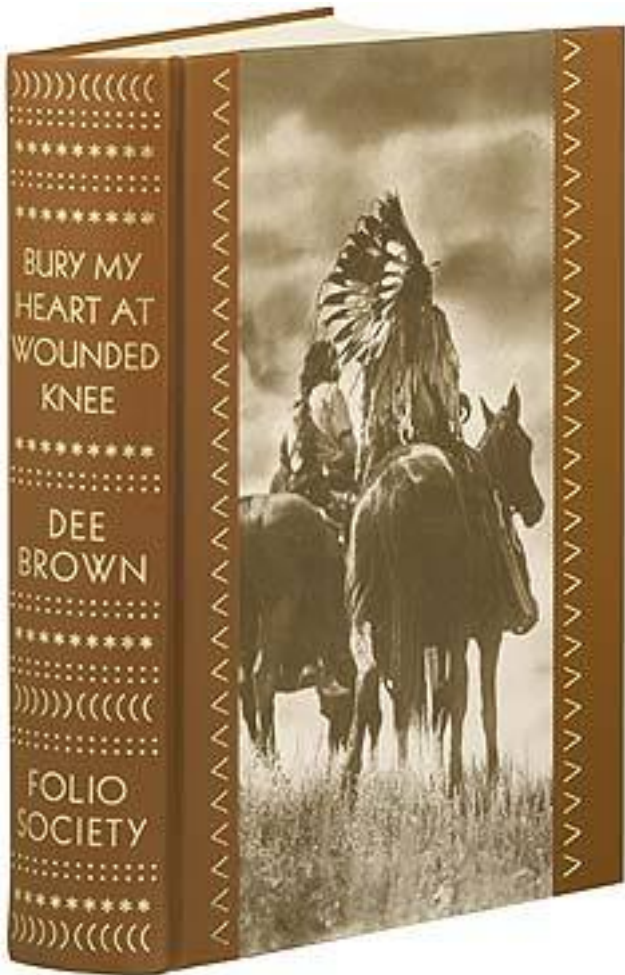


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**Dee Brown**

**Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee (Folio Society)**



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## Description

First published in 1970, this extraordinary book changed the way Americans think about the original inhabitants of their country. Beginning with the Long Walk of the Navajos in 1860 and ending 30 years later with the massacre of Sioux men, women, and children at Wounded Knee in South Dakota, it tells how the American Indians lost their land and lives to a dynamically expanding white society. During these three decades, America's population doubled from 31 million to 62 million. Again and again, promises made to the Indians fell victim to the ruthlessness and greed of settlers pushing westward to make new lives. The Indians were herded off their ancestral lands into ever-shrinking reservations, and were starved and killed if they resisted. It is a truism that "history is written by the victors"; for the first time, this book described the opening of the West from the Indians' viewpoint. Accustomed to stereotypes of Indians as red savages, white Americans were shocked to read the reasoned eloquence of Indian leaders and learn of the bravery with which they and their peoples endured suffering. With meticulous research and in measured language overlaying brutal narrative, Dee Brown focused attention on a national disgrace. Still controversial but with many of its premises now accepted, *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* has sold 5 million copies around the world. Thirty years after it first broke onto the national conscience, it has lost none of its importance or emotional impact. --*John Stevenson*

## Insightful reviews

Chrissie: Audiobook was available at Downpour for only USD5.95. Excellent narration by Grover Gardner.

DEVASTATING. Very difficult reading. Dense. I am very glad it was written and that I have read it. The language used is perfect. I don't know how to properly convey to what extent this book upset me. Everyone should read it. Maybe you think you know what has happened to Native Americans, but you do not know the half of it. In 30 years, 1860-1890, the people were destroyed, and along with them fauna, flora and a whole different way of looking at life. Progress? Yeah, sure..... Depressing, so depressing.

Adrian: this is a tough one to read at times. however, if you're an American you have a responsibility to read it. it is a harsh history lesson and i was in tears at the end of the first page.

dont think any other book has made me curse out loud like this one has.

i dare you to read it. i dare you NOT to be moved.

Gaijinmama: This book is devastating, relentless, and depressing. It should be required reading for all U.S. citizens. High school history classes really should teach kids just exactly how our

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country expanded west. As an American of European descent, I am thoroughly disgusted. Invasion and destroying other people's cultures is bad enough, but we did even worse than take the Indians' land and systematically destroy so many of their cultures. Read on.

And yes, it is "cultures", plural. Most white people never bothered to understand how many different tribes and languages there were.

To be fair, the book does mention a few white people who tried to do the right thing, including President Ulysses Grant, who hired the first Indian to work as Commissioner of Indian Affairs. It's similar to the way some white people were active in the Underground Railroad and in the Civil Rights movement.

Too little, too late, but at least there were instances of compassion and respect.

In the 21st century, we have certainly come a long way in terms of cultural sensitivity. But still, in my opinion the worst of it is that we acquired the land from its original inhabitants by lying and cheating and killing women, children, old people and even their horses! (Horses meant freedom and mobility and we just couldn't allow the tribes to have that, so the soldiers would shoot all the ponies.) We made treaties and then broke them as soon as it became inconvenient. There is nothing honorable about that.

I'm proud to be American, but this aspect of our history is truly shameful. Isn't it wonderful that as Americans we have the right to speak out when something is wrong! People need to read this book, educate themselves, and not let this kind of atrocity happen again.

Becky: not like Fox News, this e-book does not declare to be "Fair and Balanced", even though it nonetheless manages to come back in the direction of that mark than Fox does. this is not a ebook meant to be reasonable or exhibit the large photograph of the yankee political weather or whatever, this can be a ebook meant to offer voices to people who have been victimized and murdered, many times and over again. As I listened to this book, I stored pondering again to that previous adage that background is written through the victors. And it really is true. examine the entire outdated Western videos exhibiting local american citizens as wild, bloodthirsty, unpredictable threats to blameless and defenseless settlers. examine my Jr. excessive background class. I saved taking into account how humans constantly attempt to colour that which they do not comprehend as "the enemy", and take a look at to paint their activities opposed to that "enemy" in confident light. and that i stored taking into consideration how pervasive that belief has been. And it really is heartbreaking to me. And it is a lesson that we still, over a hundred years later, have not learned. yet what is to profit whilst we are the victors? Nevermind millions of innocent, peaceable lives misplaced in a convey of awesome greed and lack of knowledge and hatred. Nevermind the hundreds of thousands of years of background and tradition misplaced forever. Nevermind all that. we will be able to haz all of the things! we're white! occasionally i am so fucking ashamed of America's historical past (and present, let's be honest) that it really is sickening. useless to say, this ebook made me indignant and sad. i could not even take solace within the indisputable fact that it really is fiction, simply because it truly is not. i attempted to consider the way it might have been different, how we'd have realized to reside together... yet we are not able to be at peace. we do not understand how. The occasions depicted during this booklet have been inevitable from the instant we landed within the New World. i will step off my soapbox now and discuss the publication a bit. i presumed that the writing was once beautiful good, although non-fiction does are usually a bit dry. yet my situation used to be that it felt a bit heavyhanded, whacking me over the pinnacle to ensure i am getting

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the point. the subject material is cyclical: Whites desire land, whites attempt to discount with Indians for it, Indians cede land to whites for trinkets and pennies, whites then come to a decision they wish extra land, thief the remainder of it and bloodbath the Indians who dare attempt to struggle back... or even those that don't. flow to new land and repeat. And whereas this does serve to teach how relentless the american citizens have been in lying, stealing from and usually simply simple harassing the Indians, and the passages are strong and heartfelt, I simply could not aid considering bit extra ability and subtlety might have served it better. The analyzing by means of Grover Gardner was once a bit dry, and that i want he might have introduced a bit extra to it. yet still, overall, it was once a good performance. I certainly imagine that it is a publication that are meant to be required reading. i cannot say that I loved this book, simply because i do not as a rule take pleasure in hearing repeated money owed of cold-blooded murder, however it was once worthy it, if in simple terms to remind myself of what we are able of, and to shore up my unravel to face opposed to atrocities at any time when possible... whether - specially if - my executive is the single perpetrating them.

Jen: i like this book. certainly a historical past publication and certainly extra sympathetic to local americans (although in my view they deserve it), it is the background of the "conquering" of the West and the final Indian tribes to move onto reservations and stop to regulate land. occasionally this publication can get confusing, for instance now that it has been a few 12 months in view that i have learn it i will not never forget which individuals are linked to which clash yet this e-book is easily worthy a read. it truly is specially reliable for individuals drawn to minority or local American studies.

Arukiyomi: It took me a protracted whereas to learn this. It wasn't that it used to be an uneventful read. faraway from it. however it used to be a nerve-racking read, and the truth that each one bankruptcy follows almost an identical development made it that a lot tougher to read. You knew from the beginning how every one bankruptcy could end, even though you desperately was hoping it wouldn't. Dee Brown's booklet may be required interpreting for each US citizen and at the ebook checklist for an individual contemplating US citizenship. It tells the genuine tale of what the united states used to be equipped on. faraway from what's frequently claimed, the rustic was once now not equipped at the Christian ideas of freedom yet particularly on what another country, together with my own, was once outfitted on: oppression and greed. it is not this that issues me. i am not that naive. What problems me is how this flies within the face of the various claims I pay attention that the founding of the U.S. differs from different nations. It belies claims that the united states is uniquely put within the sleek international to be the arbiter of worldwide justice. The catalogue of crimes opposed to humanity designated via Brown is chilling, yet i used to be stunned so much by way of the place the guilt for those crimes lies. I had initially inspiration that the local american citizens have been oppressed and burnt up by means of settlers, miners, ranchers and mercenaries - the typical guy within the wild west street. even though those humans might have pulled the set off on extra events that most, i used to be surprised via how usually the proud and actually nice humans of that continent have been betrayed by means of the USA govt and military. Promise after promise used to be broken. Lies have been intentionally informed for nationwide achieve at their fee from presidents down. it's a shameful tale of the greed which formed the USA into the state it really is today. The worst factor approximately all of it is that over 35 years due to the fact that Brown's e-book was once published, that the common US citizen is familiar with little of the way their nation used to be

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particularly founded. The west was once no longer gained at all, it was once stolen outright. it's a humbling indictment of what a few declare is the best state the area has ever seen. If this is often the best state the area can arise with, we've actually obvious that humanity is rotten to the core. The "land of the free" isn't any longer "the domestic of the brave."

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