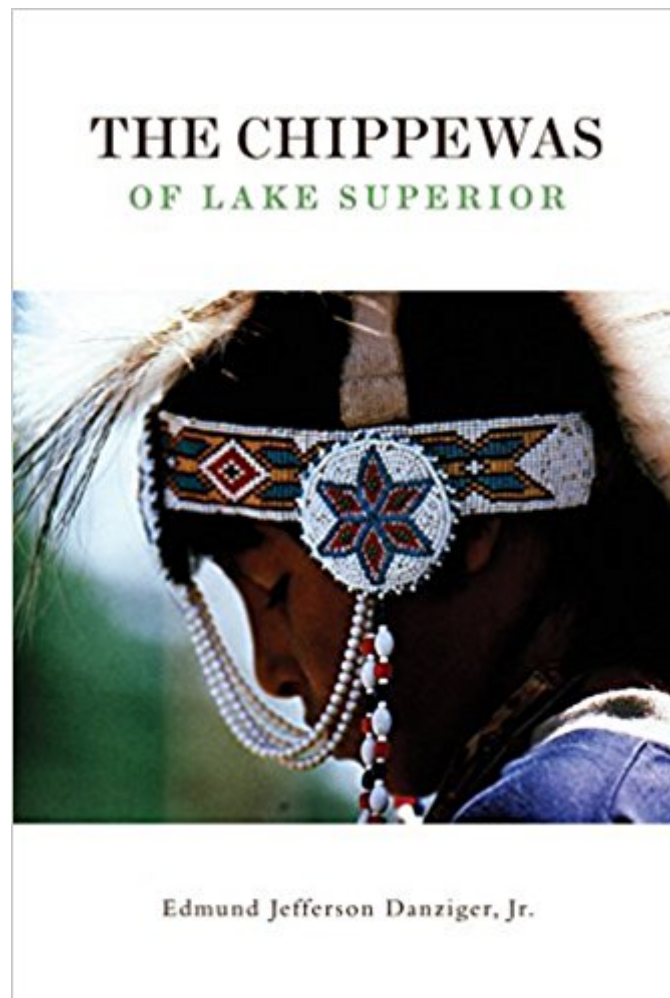


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This book tells the story of the Chippewa Indians in the regions around Lake Superior-the fabled land of Kitchigami. It tells of their woodland life, the momentous impact of three centuries of European and American societies on their culture, and how the retention of their tribal identity and traditions proved such a source of strength for the Chippewas that the federal government finally abandoned its policy of coercive assimilation of the tribe. The Chippewas, especially the Lake Superior bands, have been neglected by historians, perhaps because they fought no bloody wars of resistance against the westward-driving white pioneers who overwhelmed them in the nineteenth century. Yet, historically, the Chippewas were one of the most important Indian groups north of Mexico. Their expansive north woods homeland contained valuable resources, forcing them to play important roles in regional enterprises such as the French, British, and American fur trade. Neither exterminated nor removed to the semiarid Great Plains, the Lake Superior bands have remained on their native lands and for the past century have continued to develop their interests in lumbering, fishing, farming, mining, shipping, and tourism. Now, for the first time in three hundred years, white domination is no longer the major theme of Chippewa life. The chains of paternalism have been broken. The possessors of many federal and state contracts, confident in their administrative ability, proud of their Indian heritage, and well organized politically, the Lake Superior bands are determined to chart their own course. In bringing his readers this overview of the Chippewa experience, the author emphasizes major themes for the entire sweep of Lake Superior Chippewa history. He focuses in detail on events, regions, and reservations which illustrate those themes. Historians, ethnologists, other Indian tribes, and the Chippewas themselves will find much of interest in this account of how previous tribal experiences have shaped Chippewa life in the 1970's.

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Customer Reviews

Edmund Jefferson Danziger, Jr. received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois. He has retired from his position as Professor of History at Bowling Green State University.

This book has everything you need to know about this American Indian tribe. Very interesting, and enlightening. The very first REAL AMERICANS should be honored for having to give up the life they knew on their land, only thanking the great spirit for the food that was provided for them, and was never wasteful, and had gratitude and love for their families, and respect for nature. I am not a Native American, although I have great respect for them, and for their courage to have to give up the only life they knew for the coming of the people from other continents. Great book!

Excellent condition. Very informative.

Thanks for the book . I like it. I will read it when I am up at the lake soon.

I found this book to be a very informative guide to the history and ethnology of the Chippewa of Wisconsin and Michigan's Western Upper Peninsula over a period of 300 years. The extensive interviews shows Dr. Danzinger did his homework. I was pleased at his consistent noting of the survival mechanisms and positive attitudes of this select group who are a still growing part the largest tribe (Anishinabe or Ojibwe) of Indians in North America. The footnotes and bibliography offer the reader excellent resources for further study. I look forward to another volume. Megwetch.

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