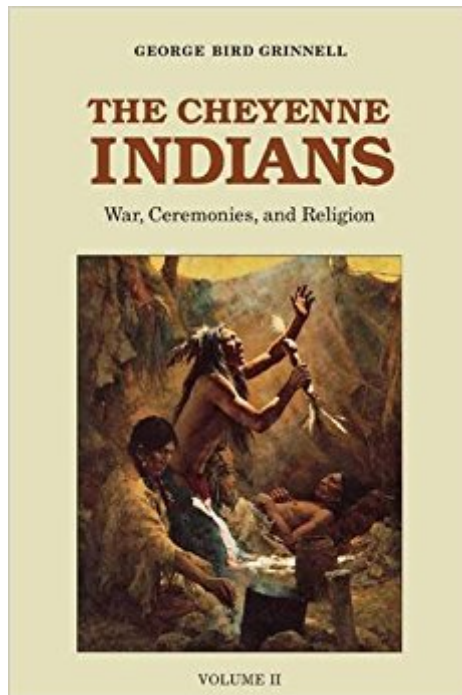


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# The Cheyenne Indians, Volume Two: War, Ceremonies, And Religion



## Synopsis

The Cheyenne Indians: Their History and Their Ways of Life is a classic ethnography, originally published in 1928, that grew out of George Bird Grinnell's long acquaintance with the Cheyennes. In Volume I he wrote about the tribe's early history and migrations, customs, domestic life, social organization, hunting, amusements, and government. Volume II looks at its warmaking and warrior societies, healing practices and responses to European diseases, religious beliefs and rituals, and legends and prophecies surrounding the culture hero Sweet Medicine. Included are appendixes on early Cheyenne village sites, the formation of the Quilling Society, and notes on Cheyenne songs.

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"The value of such a work as Mr. Grinnell has produced can hardly be overstated." [New York Times \(New York Times\)](#)"Grinnell was an entertaining and able writer . . . in this case he was also a scientific reporter of ways of life that he supposed would soon be forever lost." [Westerners Brand Book \(Westerners Brand Book\)](#)"A marvelous source book for customs, lore, history, personalities, and manner of speech of this tribe." [Roundup \(Roundup\)](#)"Drawing upon the thoughts and actions of individual Cheyennes, Grinnell manages to reconstruct a highly readable account of their culture." [Journal of the American Academy of Religion \(Journal of the American Academy of Religion\)](#)

George Bird Grinnell was a zoologist by training and an anthropologist by inclination. He

accompanied Custer's Black Hills expedition as a naturalist in 1874 and from that time until his death in 1938 was closely associated with the Cheyennes and other Plains tribes. Other books by Grinnell available in Bison Book editions are Blackfoot Lodge Tales, Pawnee Hero Stories and Folk-Tales, By Cheyenne Campfires, and The Punishment of the Stingy and Other Indian Stories.

As I said about the first volume; it has great detail and is written well. The book is in great condition.

As I have said before, Grinnell is the best White Man who wrote the best that could be translated into English.

Great service no issues

Written by someone who really knows what he is talking about! Gives great insight into the lives of people who used to know real freedom!

Lots of information in numerous areas of a culture which is nearly gone. A reminder of the sacredness of all life.

Many North American Indians and other peoples in small societies do not have threats or promises of an afterlife to train the young in what is right or wrong. Instead, they constantly point out to the child what is valued by others in their society. In this case, a child was instructed daily in what a 'good' Cheyenne is. In short, to behave properly was to be rewarded with acceptance as a 'true' Cheyenne. Misbehavior meant ostracism or in the case of the young, unacceptance of what is wrong. Grinnell was one of the first to recognize this approach to enculturation, and he incorporated it in his discussion of religion as he expanded his reports on ceremonies, ritual, and dances. A most valuable contribution to the study of Plains Indians, and a worthy study in religion. [ernestschusky.com](http://ernestschusky.com)

If you have any interest in the Cheyenne tribe this is a must read. It covers a wide variety of topics. Topics covered include aspects of their culture such as, war, hunting, child rearing, religious/spiritual beliefs, etc. It provides information that will give you an understanding of the Cheyenne people. U.S. history often teaches that whites who expanded westward in the post Civil War era believed it was the white man's burden to assimilate Native Americans. Whites did not take into account these

people had an organized society, gender roles, religion and so forth.

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