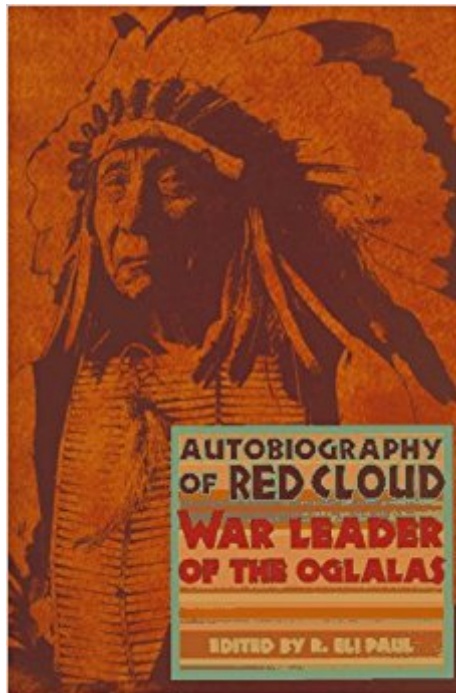




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Autobiography Of Red Cloud: War Leader Of The Oglalas



Synopsis

A brilliant military strategist, Red Cloud honed his skills against his tribe's traditional enemies -- the Pawnees, Shoshones, Arikaras, and Crows -- long before he fought to close the Bozeman Trail. Here, for the first time in print, is Red Cloud's "as-told-to" autobiography, where he shares the story of his early years. This manuscript -- which has rested ignored for decades at the Nebraska State Historical Society -- brings us closer than the historical record has yet allowed to understanding the life of one of the Sioux's greatest war leaders.

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The first biography in many years of Sioux chief Red Cloud was Robert Larson's Red Cloud (LJ 4/1/97). Now comes Red Cloud's autobiography. Editor Paul, the historian of the Nebraska State Historical Society, recounts the strange twists of fate that overtook this document. In 1893, Red Cloud was encouraged to give an account of his life, which was then recorded by others. The manuscript was given to Addison Sheldon, then director of the Nebraska State Historical Society, who did nothing with it except have it copied in 1932 by his assistant, Mari Sandoz. Because of its obscure background, its ending in the early 1860s, and the negative images of Red Cloud (Sandoz, for instance, cast him as a villain in her Crazy Horse, published in 1942), the manuscript continued to languish. The autobiography is an exciting glimpse of the life of the Plains Indians before their defeat and removal to reservation life. Worthy reading for both scholarly and lay readers. Charles V. Cowling, Drake Memorial Lib., Brockport, N.Y. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Red Cloud was the only Native American leader ever to win a war against the United States Army. Here, for the first time in print is Red Cloud's 'as-told-to' autobiography in which he shares the story of his early years.

One of the most fascinating, informative, and thrilling books you will ever read about the American Indian. Many books have been written on the settling of America, but this one is tops because it is brief, written by someone who was a part of it, with details one usually doesn't find in other books. You will learn things that probably you have wondered or thought about, about the American Indian that you never knew. This is one of those rare five star books in my opinion. Gary R Patterson

It is so interesting and informative to read about the life of this great leader and how he felt about the Europeans and white Americans taking over their land. Even though they didn't have a written paper or title to the land each tribe knew the boundaries of the different tribes. He was very brave and risked his life for the members of his tribe since he was the leader. It told how he rose as a young teen to this to anyone wanting to learn fight and win victories and was so brave that they elected him as a leader. I would highly recommend this to anyone who is interested in the Indians.

Knowing it did not cover his ear years vs. the USArmy, it was still OK. But not enlighten.

The Story is more personal in this book. Loved wedding ceremony of Red Cloud and Pretty Owl were married. It is another good one for my Family tree. Thank you Joyce

I am the great grandson of Allen's daughter Jessie. I have heard family stories for years that we were directly related to Red Cloud. I have researched both Allen and Red Cloud and now this account brings both together in a way I have yet to see. Thank you Mr. Paul for finding this manuscript and bringing both extraordinary men to life.

That is all! More about what the railroad did to remove all the tribes of the plains. The slaughter of the Bison!

A great book as told by Red Cloud himself, through a friend and interpreter. All the details of his early life, how he became leader of his people, and well known beyond his people. His

achievements against the invading immigrants to his country are missing, but that is as he wished. He knew that to tell those stories would just stir up the Hornets nest against his people.

Refreshing to get a book covering Red Cloud's years prior to his famous war. However as with all biographies of Native Americans, much has to be speculated about their young years before consistent contact with the settlers/army was maintained.

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