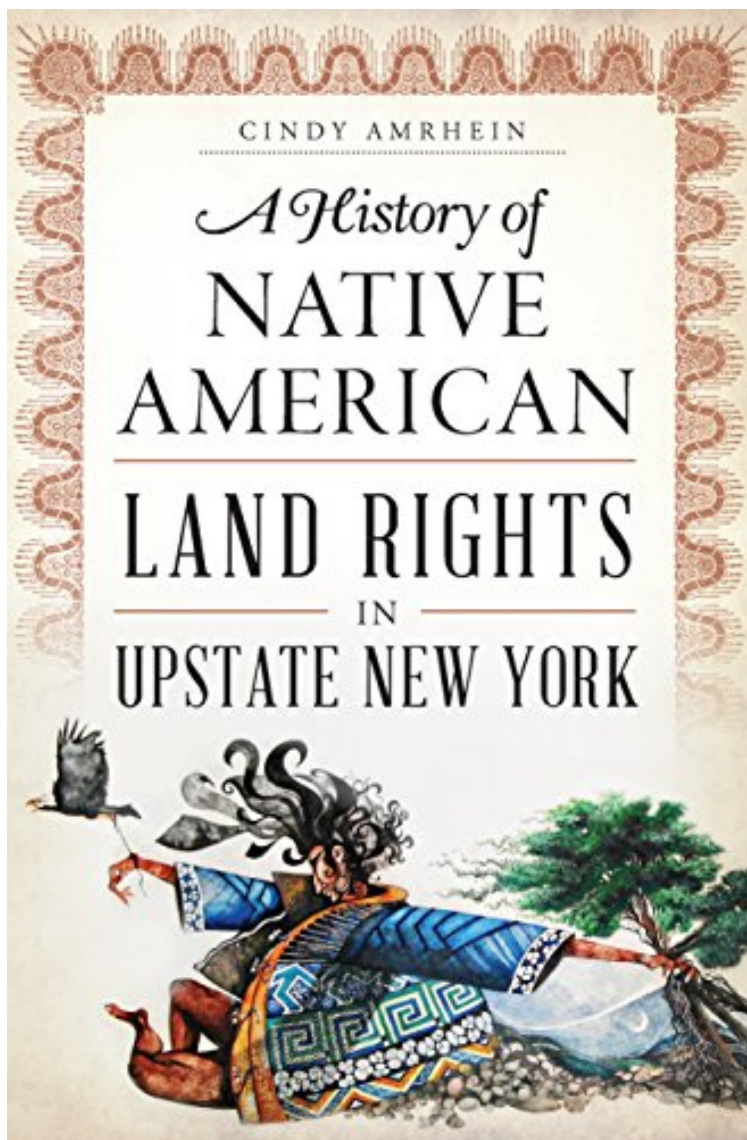


A History of Native American Land Rights in Upstate New York

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Native American Land Rights in Upstate New York encompasses a huge body of work that Ms. Amrhein has covered over years of researching Indian land titles and claims. It is truly interesting to follow the investigative work of a historian as she reconstructs the history of the land through documents that would otherwise be forgotten. A great book to savor one chapter at the time. 1 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Please don't buy this book. By Joseph J. Heath This is another distortion of Indigenous land rights, written by a non-Indian, with her land values from the dominant culture. It does not reflect the Haudenosaunee's centuries of living on and being stewards of the land and water; or how NY state stole the land from them, so that they could sell it for profits. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "The general government will never consent to your being defrauded; but it will protect you in all your just rights" By BlueEyes I really enjoyed reading this well laid out historical view of 200+ years of New York and USA history as it relates to the Native Americans who were the first peoples there. The author does a fabulous job explaining who the major players were, she explains what exactly the Major Treaties were and if the Natives every received any of the promises whether in land, money etc. "The United States learned it was far easier to bribe a few Indians who were willing to sign, whether or not they were chiefs; forcefully remove them from their own territory; and give them land elsewhere that had been taken from some other Indian tribe." Before reading this book, the only knowledge I had of this history was from my own family genealogy, when a relative joined the Butlers Rangers and fought along with the Natives who supported the King of England and my descendants ended up living in Ontario at Niagara on the Lake. So I found this book very enlightening. It was written in easy terms to understand, it was not dry or boring like some history textbooks tend to be. I found the author took a fair and impartial view of the players and she used facts from her searches to back up her points raised in the book. I would most definitely read more books by this talented author.

A complex and troubled history defines the borders of upstate New York beyond the physical boundaries of its rivers and lakes. The United States and the state were often deceptive in their territory negotiations with the Iroquois Six Nations. Amidst the growing quest for more land among settlers and then fledgling Americans, the Indian nations attempted to maintain their autonomy. Yet state land continued to encroach the Six Nations. Local historian Cindy Amrhein takes a close and critical view of these transactions. Evidence of dubious deals, bribes, faulty surveys and coerced signatures may help explain why many of the Nations now feel they were cheated out of their territory.

"Now I understand better why I periodically read about highly contested claims even today in the Adirondack region. Reading the book has given me a better appreciation of the complexity of the matter." --Richard Frost, Adirondack Daily Enterprise "Amrhein does an excellent job of organizing and laying out her information in a straight forward manner. I would recommend this book published by The History Press." --Alex Hamer, Indian Country Today "Every elected official in the region should read this book, as should every student in the state, as it is important for the greater public to realize why there is so much frustration with those trying to claim land that was unlawfully removed." --Daniel J. Rowe, The Eastern Door "Author, abstractor, writer and county historian Cindy Amrhein provided Akwesasne community members with a critical insight into local (Hogansburg), as well as regional Iroquoian land negotiations in her book, 'A History of Native American Land Rights In Upstate New York.'" --Karonhiaton, Indian Time About the Author Cindy Amrhein is the county historian for Wyoming County, New York. After working for ten years as a freelance abstractor for a title search company, Cindy Amrhein changed her focus to title searching only historic properties and Native American land. From 2004 to 2006 Cindy was a weekly columnist for a Native American newspaper in northern New York State, The Akwesasne Phoenix Sundays (now out of print) under the pen name of History Sleuth, the handle she still uses online. Her latest book, A History of Native American Land Rights in Upstate New York is on its way to becoming a reference for land claims. It is now carried by 30 college/university libraries in 19 states including Columbia University, Princeton, Harvard, Oklahoma State, Texas A M, and Yale University Law School Library.