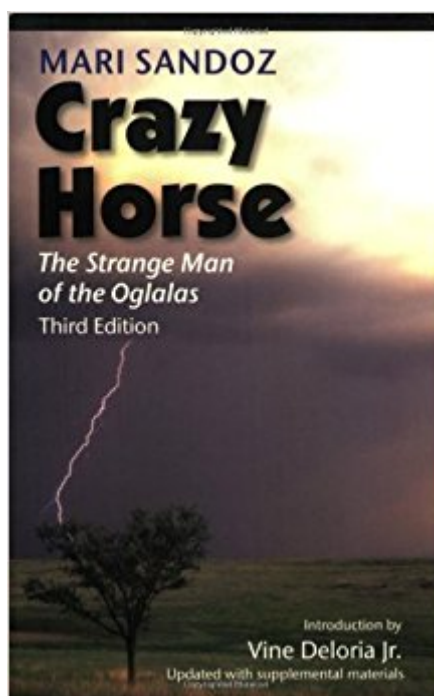


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Crazy Horse, Third Edition: The Strange Man Of The Oglalas, Third Edition



Synopsis

Crazy Horse, the legendary military leader of the Oglala Sioux whose personal power and social nonconformity contributed to his reputation as being "æstrange," fought in many famous battles, including the Little Bighorn, and held out tirelessly against the U.S. government's efforts to confine the Lakotas to reservations. Finally, in the spring of 1877 he surrendered, only to meet a violent death. More than a century later Crazy Horse continues to hold a special place in the hearts and minds of his people. Mari Sandoz offers a powerful evocation of the long-ago world and enduring spirit of Crazy Horse. Chosen as a 2007 One Book, One Nebraska selection, this edition of Crazy Horse includes discussion questions and a comprehensive glossary to enhance the reader's experience with this classic Sandoz text.

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"Here is a glorious hero tale told with beauty and power . . . the story of a great American." —John G. Neihardt, New York Times (John G. Neihardt New York Times) "[One] of the great stories of the West, and written . . . in the spirit of the sages, with a scrupulous regard for truth and history." —Atlantic Monthly (Atlantic Monthly) "This history of the Oglala Indian Crazy Horse is a splendidly done thing. [Sandoz] gives a magnificent picture of the Plains Indian civilization." —Washington Star (Washington Star) "The urge to shape political policy and attitudes by capturing an aura of her subjects is best exemplified by Sandoz's passionate intensity in the writing of the book Crazy Horse." —Mary Dixon, Great Plains Quarterly (Great Plains Quarterly 2007-03-09)

Mari Sandoz (1896–1966) is the noted author of *Cheyenne Autumn*, *Old Jules*, and *The Battle of the Little Bighorn* (all available in Bison Books editions). Vine Deloria Jr. (1933–2005) is the author of many books, including *Custer Died for Your Sins: An Indian Manifesto* and *Red Earth, White Lies: Native Americans and the Myth of Scientific Fact*.

Simply the best book I have read since 'Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee'. Completely free from personal opinion or prejudice by the author, the endless amount of facts in this book are mind blowing. It took me much longer to read than normal because each page is literally jam packed with facts that I read and reread and reread, hoping to let sink in (really, I should have taken notes when I read this book!). I can only imagine that the amount of research she conducted before setting pen to paper had to have been quite extensive, since it is so evident and well laid out there would be no other way for this to have been accomplished with anything less than some extremely hard work and passion. Much respect.

Difficult to read but well worth it as Sandoz allows you to enter into a world few have had the privilege to view dispelling myths and even bringing a good deal of controversy regarding long held beliefs about our Native American heroes. She gives the reader the opportunity to see the beginning of the end of our first inhabitants as they learn from the white man about greed, deception and dependency. Even though written through the 40's Sandoz depicts a world of policies and politics that parallels that of our own world today. We should learn from our mistakes!

This is a historical record from the Lakota Indian point of view. The story of Crazy Horse as told by those who actually rode with him. Interviews of 100 year old Indians were done in the 30's. This is awesome!

Great book, and the author's attempt at a history of Crazy Horse and the Sioux bands from their own perspective makes it original. You won't read another history book quite like this one. I'll leave it to the reader to determine how accurate the history is, yet one thing you can say about Sandoz, she didn't pull any punches and points the finger of blame at red man and white man alike for the travesty that was the plains Indian wars and the reservation system.

learned more from this book than I knew before

After reading this book I am surprised the indians didn't win. They certainly had the moral high ground. The early settlers and soldiers were as barbaric and just as cruel as the indians are purported to have been, and Crazy Horse was perhaps the most brilliant indian leader. As such he made enemies on both sides of the war.

First, I'm not a historian, but am reasonably well read in American History, leaning towards the Plains Indians. I only occasionally follow up on references, and don't want to get overwhelmed with minor characters or inundated with dates. While the facts are important, it must be wrapped in a well written story. I read the Marshall book first, which while excellent, leaves out a lot of the warts of the Lakotas. The internal rivalries were not as detailed, and the life was idealized. While Sandoz obviously holds Crazy horse in awe, she presents a more objective view of Crazy Horse and the Lakotas, and weaves an intriguing tale. Whether an expert in the field, just beginning to study the Plains Indians, or just looking for a well written story, Crazy Horse is a must read.

Excellent book! I read this many years ago and was taken in by the story then as well as now. If you want to really get a feeling for how he lived and his people lived then this is an excellent book to read!!! I highly recommend it!!!

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