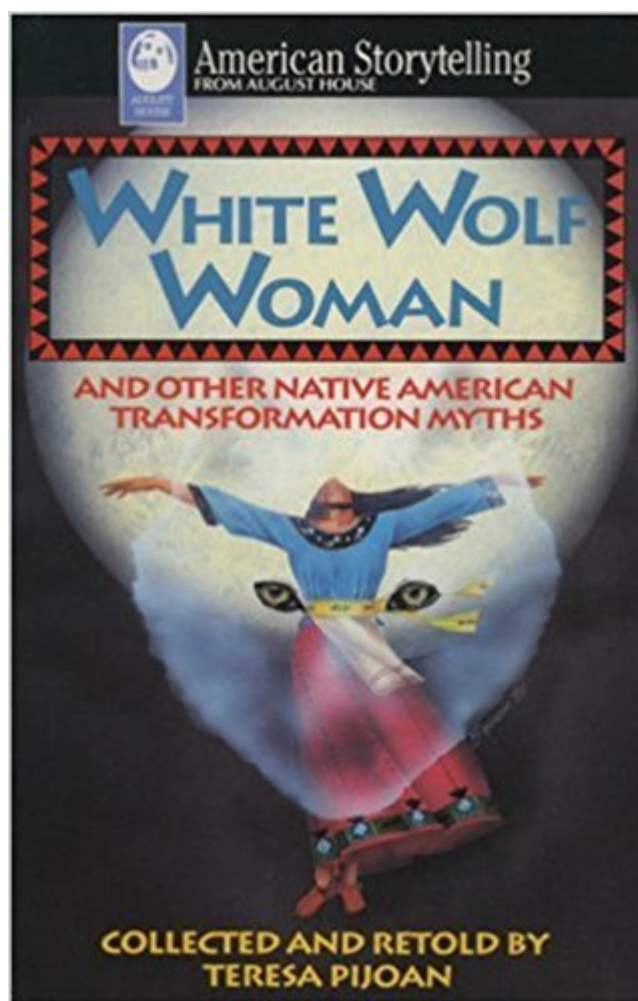


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White Wolf Woman And Other Native American Transformation Myths



Synopsis

With the aid of more than 40 myths from the oral traditions of 30 Native American tribes, ranging from the Eskimos to the Indians of Guiana, Pijoan invites readers to take a close look at the common spirit that binds together all forms of life. The native American heroes and heroines in these myths, imbued with the strength of this common spirit, possess the power to transform themselves into snakes, birds, bears, wolves, and occasionally, as in the Sikyatki tale "Water Jar Boy," into everyday objects. This Native American folktale will teach readers the importance of courage and resourcefulness.

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The 40 transformation myths collected by Pijoan (Spanish-American Folktales) come from tribes scattered across North America (two are from South America) and provide a good introduction to the diverse spirit world of the continent's indigenous peoples. They are stories of healing, involving persons who are able to transform themselves into animals and thus tap the power of those creatures. The tales are grouped by the type of animal involved (snakes, wolves, bears and others). Typical is the Pawnee story of the "Bear-man," featuring a hunter who rescues a lost cub and whose reward is healing and special power for his son when the latter is killed in battle. The title story is a powerful myth about a Zuni woman kidnapped by Navahos. Finding her way back to her village with

the aid of a white wolf, she is spurned by her tribe as a traitor. At her death she is transformed into a white wolf and achieves her freedom. Pijoan provides brief introductions to each section in which she relates further Native stories, including the Cherokee creation myth in which the hills are formed by the wing beats of a heaven-sent buzzard. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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i have own this book for several years, given to me by my grandmother (i'm Beth's daughter, her mother gave the book to me) and i recommend it to anyone who adores hearing about the Native American stories, or wants to compare these stories to European books. The White Wolf Woman story is my favorite one.

An excellent book. Weel researched and well written. Great for both child and adult. The stories are short but, very captivating. Lots of information not normally found in other books. Well worth the read.

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