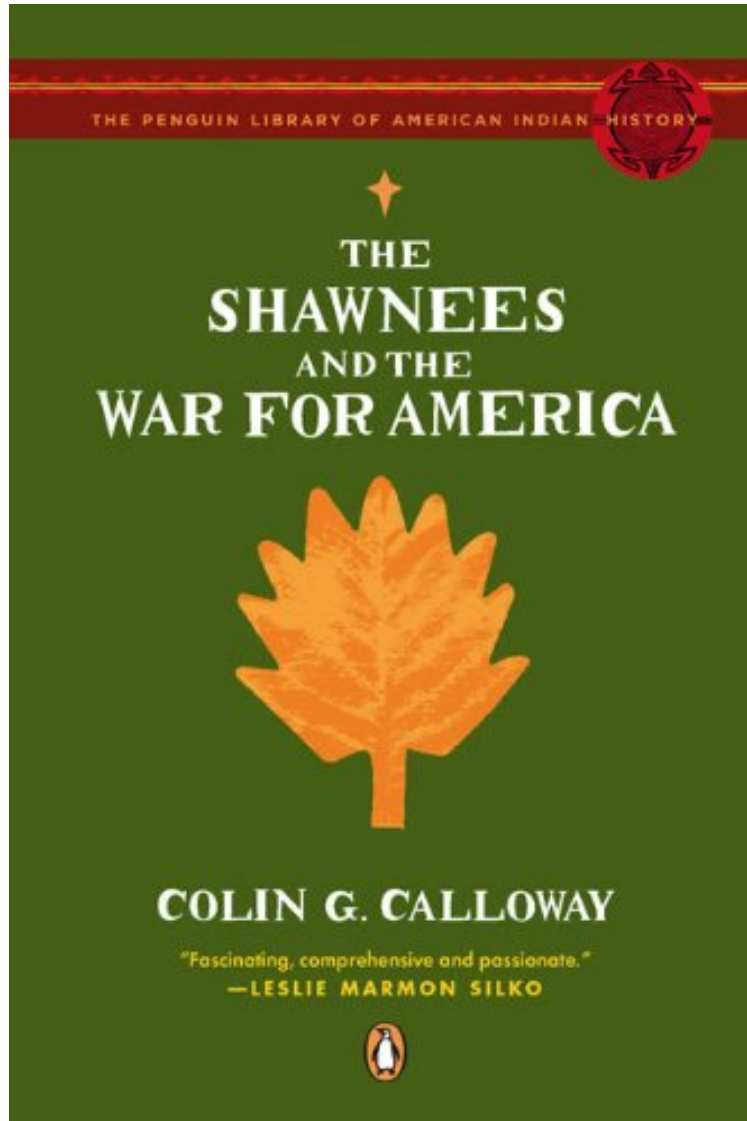


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government documents. There is very little ethnography, archeology or oral history in this work. I appreciate a history that is clear about discussing the sources and potential conflicts of interest rather than just laying out an unqualified narrative. This book does that, it appears academically rigorous without being dry or bloated. I grew up on the Ohio river and I believe I learned a lot by reading it. It makes me look at the land around me differently. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A Well Written History of the Shawnees By D. Molnar I write this review as both an amateur historian and someone who was raised in Ohio where I heard occasional talk about the Shawnees. I loved the book. It is easy to read, thoroughly documented, neutral in its discussion of both colonists and Indians, and added much to my knowledge of this aspect of Ohio history. The author offers analytical comments that helped me understand not only what was occurring, but why it was occurring. I consider this to have been a good purchase. I plan to keep my copy because I'll likely be referring to it again in the future. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. More, more By K. Benner Reading this book, you want more of it. I would have given it five stars had it not been for the poor quality of the paper; a person could then plan on keeping it longer without it falling apart; in short, you want to add it to your library. This book is most helpful in that it lets you know when the Shawnee moved and into which areas they went; and for what reason. I'm always looking for more details on Croghan, the trader. Well researched and footnoted. Where was this author when I was in college? I'm going to be looking for more books by Mr. Calloway.

With the courage and resilience embodied by their legendary leader Tecumseh, the Shawnees waged a war of territorial and cultural resistance for half a century. Noted historian Colin G. Calloway details the political and legal battles and the bloody fighting on both sides for possession of the Shawnees' land, while imbuing historical figures such as warrior chief Tecumseh, Daniel Boone, and Andrew Jackson with all their ambiguity and complexity. More than defending their territory, the Shawnees went to war to preserve a way of life and their own deeply held vision of what their nation should be.

From Publishers Weekly In placing the Shawnee center stage, Calloway (editor of the Penguin Library of American Indian History and Dartmouth Native American studies chair) achieves a remarkably accessible distillation of Shawnee history. He guides the reader through a thicket of wandering as the Shawnees' forced movement scatters them from the Ohio Valley during the late 17th century, before they reassembled in Ohio in the mid-18th century, and then gathered again in Oklahoma in the 19th century. The Shawnees stand out as hard liners when it came to defending Native lands, Native rights, and Native ways of life, says Calloway. Indeed, their history is a cycle of killings and revenge killings, battles and massacres by both sides, swallowing up those who made accommodations (Black Hoof and the model farm at Wapakoneta) as well as those who resisted (the legendary brothers, Tenskwatawa and Tecumseh). Daniel Boone, who played a key role in destroying the Shawnees' world in Kentucky, is part of that history, as is General Amherst, who advocated using germ warfare. The treks and treaties are not always easy reading, but Calloway's text is enlivened with judicious first-person excerpts and his passion for his subject. His heart is with the Shawnees, but he writes with balance of the fateful meeting of the cultures on the frontiers. (July) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Calloway is the editor of this newly launched Penguin Library of American Indian History and the author of its initial title on the Shawnees. His discussion focuses on the history of the Shawnees in the Ohio Valley, where they became the hub of tribal networks stretching from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico as the valley became the focal point of the contest between Britain and France for control of Ohio country. Calloway traces Shawnee attempts to stem America's push westward after the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 (a "blueprint for national expansion") and their vision of an independent Indian state a vision that "died with Tecumseh" in 1813. Donovan, Deborah Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. The history engages us fully. . . . The remarkable texturing of the historic period and the description of responses by early Americans and their leaders . . . set Calloway's book apart. a "Los Angeles Times" a Fascinating, comprehensive and passionate. a Leslie Marmon Silko The history engages us fully. . . . The remarkable texturing of the historic period and the description of responses by early Americans and their leaders . . . set Calloway's book apart. "Los Angeles Times" Fascinating, comprehensive and passionate. Leslie Marmon Silko The history engages us fully. . . . The remarkable texturing of the historic period and the description of responses by early Americans and their leaders . . . set Calloway's book apart. ? ? "Los Angeles Times" ? Fascinating, comprehensive and passionate. ? Leslie Marmon Silko