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Review of *Our Fire Survives the Storm: A Cherokee Literary History* By Daniel Heath Justice

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“American history is false for the most part, because historians prosper by presenting a positive view. The true history of the U.S.A. is in its literature.” Thus spoke an American historian, some years ago, at Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Daniel Heath Justice’s book brings to mind the historian’s words. Justice focuses on the historical significance of Cherokee writing, past and present. Literature and its context, that is the dualism which his book unites. This unification involves reference to historians and anthropologists of the past and reference to contemporary scholars. The recapitulation of information and theories articulated by others is useful both for the virtue of review and for balancing Justice’s own declared vision of Cherokee literary history.
life will be dear to the hearts of those who still long for a bunk house existence.

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