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BOOK NOTES

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Psychologist and founding president of Sinte Gleska University Gerald Mohatt collaborated with Lakota healer Joseph Eagle Elk on the latter’s memoirs. Mohatt analyzes Eagle Elk’s career from a cross-cultural psychological perspective and illustrates the intersection between personal and cultural dimensions of traditional healing. The book also describes methods employed by current Lakota healers designed to cure physical and mental illnesses.

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Lt. Col. Joseph E. Johnston and Col. Joseph K. F. Mansfield issued a series of field reports from 1859 to 1861 based on their investigations of army welfare, efficiency, and combat readiness of troops in the Texas and New Mexico Departments of the Army. Transcribed by Jerry Thompson, the reports reveal the relationships between the Army and Hispanics, Indians, and Anglo settlers, the environment of army posts, and more mundane topics such as the numbers of oxen and horses in each unit.

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With Frederick Manfred’s death in 1994 as her starting point, his daughter recounts her father’s life by drawing upon family documents, her father’s literary works, and her own memories. Freya Manfred, in describing the father-daughter relationship, indicates her father’s desire to maintain a creative life and a family.

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Taylor’s compilation examines various weapons employed by Native Americans north of present-day Mexico from prehistory to the late nineteenth century, along with their economic, political, and tribal contexts. Weapons are further categorized according to function—symbolic, defensive—and users. Illustrations accompany the text.