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study of capitalism on reservations. But I am sure that it is an important work. Not only does it address a particularly aggravating sector of the economy -- a minority with special needs -- but it also makes a solid defense of a system that despite the cold war victory has strong detractors. For years, mostly on campuses, the term "late capitalism" has been deployed to define the state of an economic system that has been overtaken by a New World Order, demanding new and inventive ideas. Of these, many involve the curtailment or modification of free markets and independent enterprise. I could go on at length about this, but it would serve no real purpose. The author stays more on the subject at hand, which has to do with lifting a segment of our population out of poverty and despair. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent resource of historical aspect and present condition of the Native American population!!!!By CustomerExcellent resource of historical aspect and present condition of the Native American population!!!!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Relevant, informative, and useful book. By North Star Woman This was a gift for someone, the recipient reports that the subject matter was relevant, helpful, informative, and useful.

Native American peoples suffer from health, educational, infrastructure, and social deficiencies of the sort that most Americans who live outside tribal lands are wholly unaware of and would not tolerate. Indians are the poorest people in the United States, and their reservations are appallingly poverty-stricken; not surprisingly, they suffer from the numerous social pathologies that invariably accompany such economic conditions. Historically, most tribal communities were prosperous, composed of healthy, vibrant societies sustained over hundreds and in some instances perhaps even thousands of years. By creating sustainable economic development on reservations, however, gradual long-term change can be effected, thereby improving the standard of living and sustaining tribal cultures. Reservation Capitalism relates the true history, describes present-day circumstances, and sketches the potential future of Indian communities and economics. It provides key background information on indigenous economic systems and property-rights regimes in what is now the United States and explains how the vast majority of Native lands and natural resource assets were lost. Robert J. Miller focuses on strategies for establishing public and private economic activities on reservations and for creating economies in which reservation inhabitants can be employed, live, and have access to the necessities of life, circumstances ultimately promoting complete tribal self-sufficiency.

"Robert Miller delivers first-rate advice on the politics, law, and economics of reservation development. Indian nations--indeed, all nations--can learn from this book's insights. . . . Robert Miller has pulled together an impressive range of scholarly theory, real world experiences of Native leaders, and data. As a result, this book provides a mountain of sound advice to tribal, state, and federal policymakers. The advice is delivered without apology by an author who lives and respects his subject."--Professor Joseph P. Kalt, codirector, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development