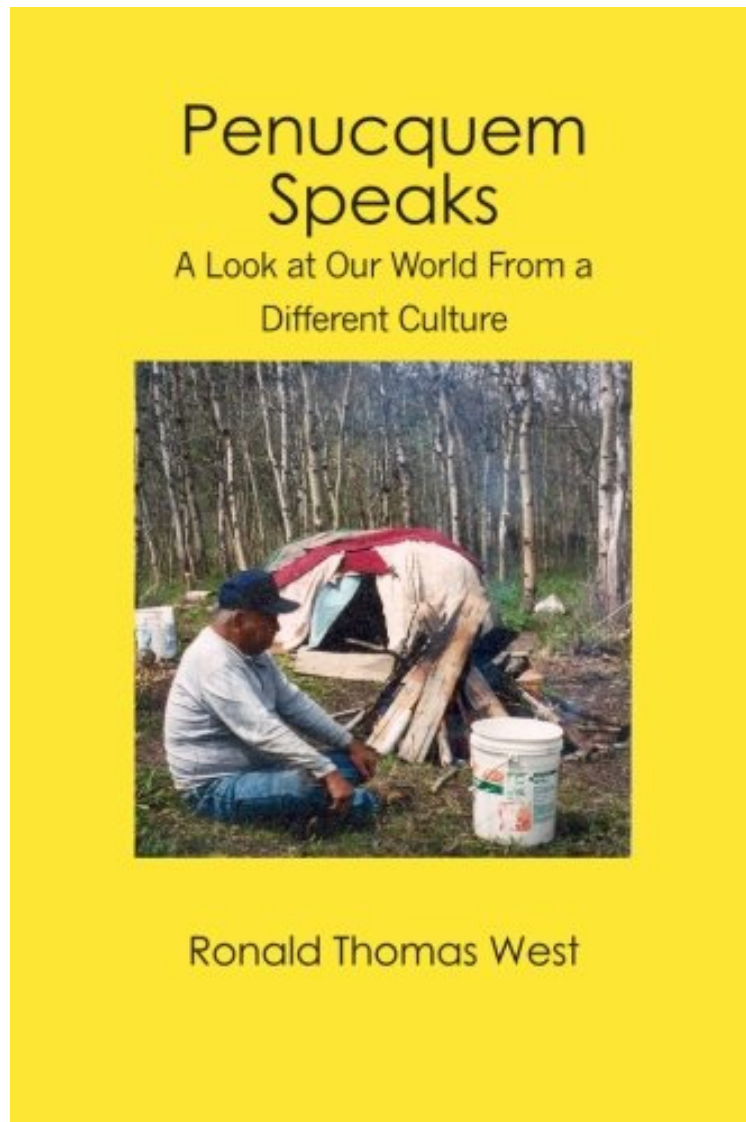


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EXTRAORDINARY MEMOIR: I found PENUQUEM SPEAKS totally fascinating, unlike anything else I've ever read. I don't know of anyone who has had the unique experience Ron has had, of living in two cultures, and therefore being in a position to learn from that. Quite an amazing trajectory, from Vietnam to Blackfeet culture. And Ron's analysis of Whiteman thinking, Whiteman culture, fundamentalism, the difference between Jesus and Paul -- all very interesting to me. Ron West brings us back to what Indian culture cherished, the equality of women, the preservation of nature, everything that 'progress' and 'civilization' have corrupted. HOWARD ZINN

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