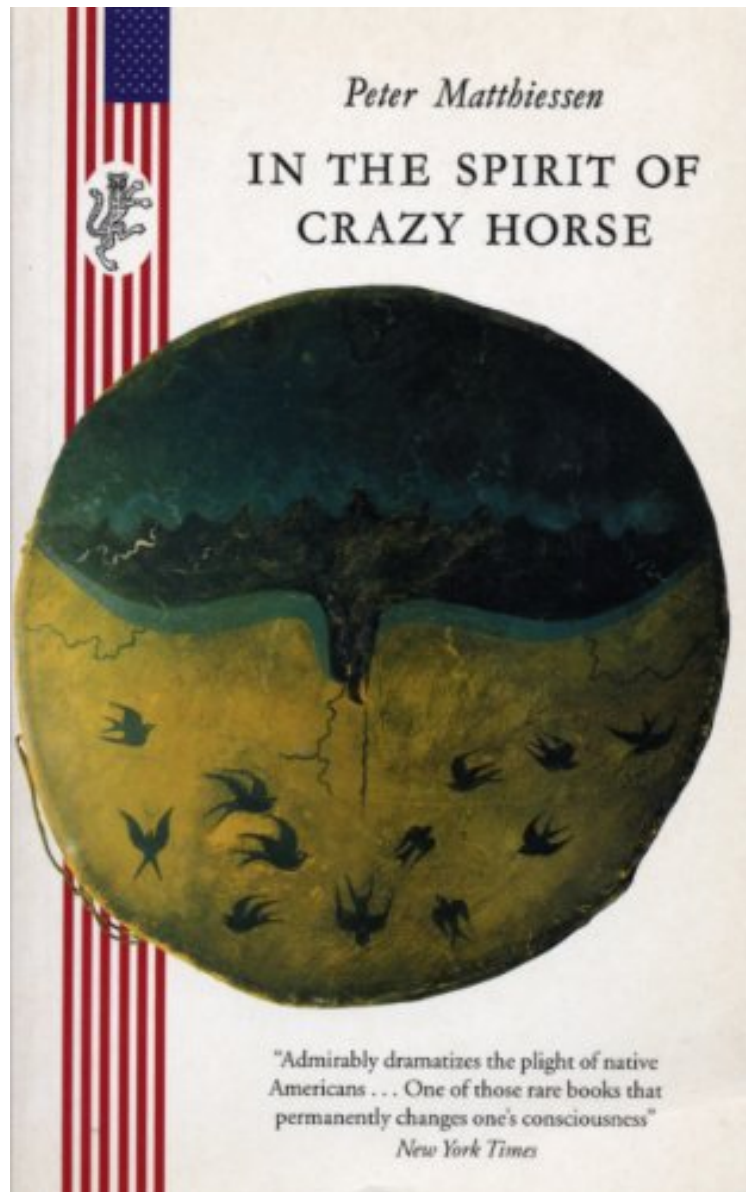


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with the continued imprisonment of Leonard Peltier. Read this book, and you will question some pretty widely bandied about concepts about America. Concepts like "freedom," "democracy," and the "rule of law." The book is lengthy, but the style fresh and poetic. Get it! 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The finest book I have ever read... My blood still boils. Von Ein Kunde When I feel a little sluggish, when I feel the need for my blood to boil, I pick up my copy of *In The Spirit Of Crazy Horse*. It is one of the most powerful, stab in the heart and disgusting books I've ever read. The author, Peter Matthiessen, had to fight for nearly ten years to get the book distributed due to lawsuits meant to stop its sale. The book captures the very spirit of the American Indian Movement and gives an insight into why there is so little heard from them today. They were bled dry. The book is an indictment against all of our government's policies toward Native Americans, an indictment against our system of justice and, in many ways, an indictment against us all for looking the other way. The book is more about the slaughter of a culture than the government assault on Leonard Peltier. I said that the book was held up by lawsuits. These lawsuits were brought by the governor of South Dakota in order to hide the fact that a young Lakota girl, Jancita Eagle deer, had reported to her school principle that her legal guardian, William Janklow had raped her. She was then driven to a hospital where doctors confirmed that an attack had taken place. A complaint was filed with the BIA, which recommended that charges be filed against Mr. Janklow who was working as tribal legal adviser. The FBI was given jurisdiction of the case and stonewalled the investigation. Eventually a judge on the reservation, Mario Gonzales, charged William Janklow with "assault with intent to commit rape, and carnal knowledge of a female under 16." As a white man, Janklow was not subject to tribal jurisdiction and he refused to testify. The local white prosecutor refused to investigate. As a result of the charges Janklow was eventually disbarred from further legal work on the reservation. Jancita's mother vowed that she would see that Janklow was prosecuted but she did not live long enough to see the day. Her beaten body was found in a frozen field. That was the portrait of justice then, that the word of a young Lakota girl didn't warrant even a passing glance from the police. That is still the case today. Today, William Janklow is Governor of South Dakota. And *In The Spirit Of Crazy Horse* is the finest book I have ever read. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 22 Years Later, Peltier is still in prison. Von Lisa Ann I'm writing this review shortly after Leonard's latest parole hearing. During that hearing, the head honcho on the panel told Leonard, "We know you didn't kill that agent, but someone in Indian Country did, and someone has to pay." The prosecutor, Lynn Crooks, has gone on record as stating, "We don't know who killed the agents." Read this book to see how the case against Leonard was made. Then read "The Trial of Leonard Peltier" by Jim Messerschmidt, and "Agents of Repression" by Jim Vanderwall and Ward Churchill. While your at it, rent "Incident at Oglala", produced by Robert Redford. Another reviewer here has commented on Leonard's fingerprints being found on the agents' car; he wrote his review before completing the book, so he doesn't know how the fingerprint got there. It's explained in the book (Leonard helped move the car after the shooting was over.) This isn't an easy read, but it's well worth it. It covers not only the shootout at Oglala, but the Civil War taking place on Pine Ridge in the prior years, and the aftermath of the shooting - including the trial of Leonard's co-indictees, Bob Robideau and Dino Butler, who were acquitted in Cedar Rapids on the grounds of self-defense. (Information the jury wasn't allowed to hear during Leonard's trial.) I read this book when it was first published - before the lawsuits by Gov. Wm. Janklow and S.A David Price caused Viking Press to pull the book from their catalog. After Matthiessen and Viking won the lawsuit, it was republished and I was finally able to buy a copy of my own. It's still a book I re-read annually. Everyone who reads this, please write to the LPDC (address given in the book) to see how you can help Leonard Peltier.

**Kurzbeschreibung** On a hot June morning in 1975, a shoot-out between FBI agents and American Indians erupted on a reservation near Wounded Knee in South Dakota. Two FBI agents and one Indian died. Eventually four Indians, all members of the American Indian Movement (AIM) were indicted on murder charges, Twenty-two years late, one of them, Leonard Peltier, is still serving two consecutive life sentences. The story of what really happened and why Matthiessen is convinced of Peltier's innocence, forms the central narrative in this classic work of investigative reporting. But Matthiessen also reveals the larger issues behind the Pine Ridge shoot-out: systematic discrimination by the white authorities; corporate determination to exploit the uranium deposits in the Black Hills; the breaking of treaties; and FBI hostility towards the AIM, which was set up to bring just such issues to light. When this book was first published it was immediately the subject of two \$25 million-dollar legal actions that attempted to suppress it permanently. After eight years of court battles, ending with a Supreme Court judgement, Matthiessen won the right to tell Peltier's and his people's story. **Pressestimmen** "One of the book's most gratifying elements is the method by which Matthiessen balances his outrage at the treatment of Peltier and his people with the cold, cool tone of the investigative reporter. He lets everyone have their say" (Stephen Amidon Financial Times) "By the time I had turned the final page, I felt angry enough... to want to shout from the rooftops, 'Wake up America, before it's too late'" (Nick Kotz Washington Post) "Peter Matthiessen presents a convincing case not only for a retrial of Leonard Peltier, but also for a re-examination of the real cost of the American Dream - in human lives, in the mockery of justice, in a squandered

earth" (Carol Van Strum USA Today) Werbetext 'Admirably dramatises the plight of Native Americans... One of those rare books that permanently changes one's consciousness' - New York Times