

Winnebago Oratory: Great Moments in the Recorded Speech of the Hochungra, 1742-1887, compiled by Mark Diedrich. Rochester, MN: Coyote Books, 1991. 106 pp. Maps, illustrations, notes, appendix, bibliography. \$16.95 paper.

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Too often Native American history is written from only a white voice or perspective. Compiler Mark Diedrich has attempted to supplement the white-generated record with this collection of Winnebago or Hochungra speeches. Using a variety of sources, he has collected a number of speeches of orators of the tribe. These orators comment on white encroachment on Winnebago lands, inter-tribal relations, and Winnebago-white relations as the tribe was moved from their ancestral home in Wisconsin to several other states in the upper Midwest, including Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and finally Nebraska, where their current reservation is located.

Winnebago Oratory provides important information on one of this region's largest and most important tribes. It offers the reader an accessible Indian voice that was previously available, but only in relatively inaccessible collections of documents. The selected speeches provide Winnebago commentary on important topics for the Winnebagos and other residents of the upper Midwest, topics that have lacked Indian perspective. The period from 1839 to 1848, when the Winnebagos were in Iowa, is well represented; that period is neglected in the literature on Iowa Indian history. The book's carefully documented format leads the reader to the sources that provided these speeches, opening the door for further study and inclusion of these often ignored and missing Indian voices.

Brownie the Boomer: The Life of Charles P. Brown, an American Railroader, edited by H. Roger Grant. DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 1991. xx, 259 pp. Illustrations, notes, index. \$24.00 cloth.

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