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About the Author

PETER MATTHIESSEN has written eight novels, a book of short stories, and, from his career as a naturalist and environmental activist, numerous acclaimed works of nonfiction. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters in 1974. He is a founder of the *Paris Review* and has won two National Book Awards, the 2000 Heinz Award in the Arts and Humanities, and the 2010 Spiros Vergos Prize for Freedom of Expression.

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The author tells the sad story of the ill treatment of North American Indians since European settlers arrived. By means of interviews, attendance at Indian ceremonies, and extensive research, Matthiessen shares details of life both then and now for the many existing tribes. The embarrassing incidents of treaties made and broken seem without end. Narrator Mark Bramhall can pronounce the extensive vocabulary of American Indian languages, and his voice brings to mind what modern Caucasians might imagine to be the speech patterns of eighteenth-century Native Americans trying to speak English. He shows little emotion or inflection. Since the rambling story never progresses in any particular direction or temporal sequence, it gives Bramhall few of the elements useful to maintain the interest of his listeners. J.A.H. © AudioFile 2009, Portland, Maine

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