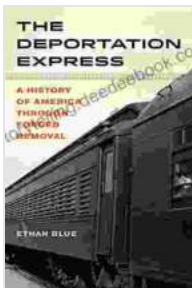


The History of America Through Forced Removal: American Crossroads 61

The history of America is intertwined with the history of forced removal, as European colonizers and the United States government systematically displaced Native Americans from their ancestral lands.



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The Indian Removal Act

One of the most infamous examples of forced removal is the Indian Removal Act of 1830. This act authorized the federal government to negotiate treaties with Native American tribes to exchange their lands east of the Mississippi River for lands in the West. This policy was based on the belief that Native Americans were a barrier to the expansion of the United States and that they would be better off living in the West, where they could be "civilized." The Indian Removal Act resulted in the forced removal of

thousands of Native Americans from their homes, villages, and ancestral lands. The Indian Removal Act and its consequences continue to have a profound impact on Native Americans today.

The Trail of Tears

One of the most well-known examples of forced removal is the Trail of Tears. Between 1838 and 1839, the United States government forcibly removed over 100,000 Native Americans from their homes in the Southeast and relocated them to Indian Territory in present-day Oklahoma. The journey was long and arduous, and thousands of Native Americans died along the way. The Trail of Tears is a tragic reminder of the human cost of forced removal.

The Long Walk

The Long Walk was another example of forced removal. In 1864, the United States government forcibly removed over 8,000 Navajo people from their homes in Arizona and New Mexico and relocated them to a reservation in Bosque Redondo, New Mexico. The Navajo people were forced to march over 300 miles in the winter, and many died along the way. The Long Walk is a reminder of the brutality of forced removal.

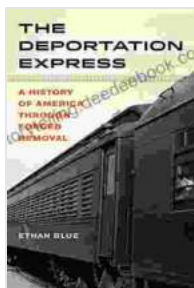
The Dawes Act

The Dawes Act of 1887 was another major piece of legislation that led to the forced removal of Native Americans. The Dawes Act divided up tribal lands into individual allotments and assigned them to individual Native Americans. This policy was intended to encourage Native Americans to assimilate into American society, but it had the opposite effect. The Dawes Act resulted in the loss of millions of acres of Native American land.

Forced Removal Today

Forced removal is no longer an official policy of the United States government, but it continues to happen in many forms. Native Americans continue to be displaced from their homes and communities due to development, mining, and other factors. The legacy of forced removal is a reminder of the importance of protecting Native American rights and sovereignty.

The history of America is a complex and often painful one. Forced removal is a dark chapter in that history, but it is also a reminder of the resilience of the Native American people. Native Americans have survived centuries of oppression and continue to fight for their rights and their land. The history of forced removal is a story of suffering and loss, but it is also a story of hope and survival.



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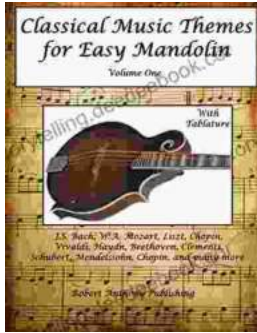
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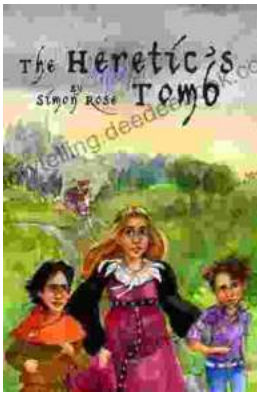
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