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Indigenous Poetics

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DESCRIPTION

Indigenous Poetics is a collection of essays by contemporary Native American poets in the United States who explore how the genre helps to radically understand, contemplate, and realize something deeper about ourselves, our communities, and our worlds. The collection illuminates the creative process, identity, language, and the making of poetry. The contributors tell us, in their own words and on their own Indigenous terms, how they engage poetic expression as one would a tool, a teacher, a guide, a map, or a friend. *Indigenous Poetics* reveals poetry's crucial role in the flourishing of Native American and Indigenous Studies.

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Inés Hernández-Ávila is Niimiipuu (Nez Perce) and Tejana (Texas-Mexican). She is a poet, visual artist, and professor emerita of Native American studies at University of California–Davis and one of the six founders of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA). She collaborates with the Library of Congress, Palabra archive, working to increase the recordings of Indigenous creative writers from Latin America. She is a member of Luk'upsíimey/The North Star Collective, which promotes Niimiipuu language revitalization through creative writing. A recent publication (poems and an essay) appeared in the anthology *The Shared Language of Poetry: Mexico and the United States*. She contributed poems to *wiic'íiqin hitoláaycix* / "words going upriver" / *palabras yendo río arriba: Poesía de [Poetry from] Luk'upsíimey: The North Star Collective*, a chapbook given to Mayan writers in Chiapas in 2022."