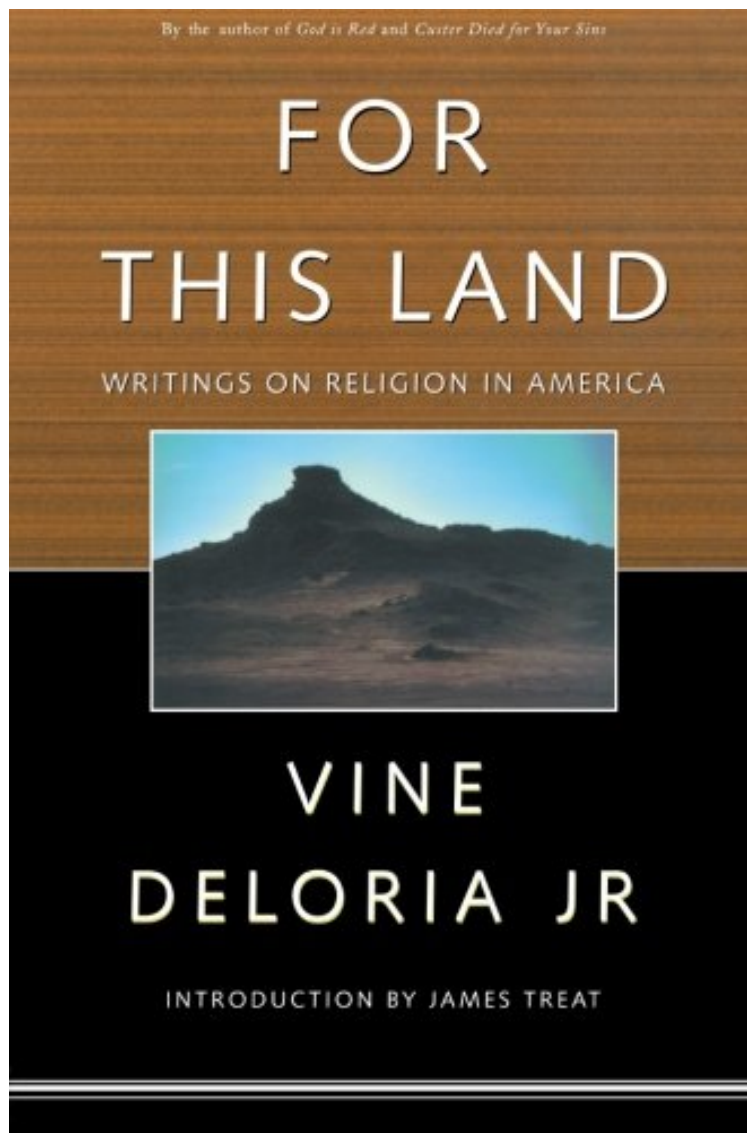


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Deloria, who is a Sioux, has been a major figure in Native American affairs for several decades and is perhaps best known for his political activism. He has also written widely on religion and Native Americans, including such books as *God Is Red* (North American, 1993, 2d ed.). Although he received a graduate degree from a Lutheran seminary in 1963, he no longer considers himself a Christian. This anthology contains a selection of his writings on religious topics, originally published between 1965 and 1994, in which Deloria describes a number of issues related to American Indian religion and interactions with Christianity. It also provides a good overview of Deloria's religious philosophy and gives some insight into the evolution of his religious views over time. For academic libraries.

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"For This Land, a compilation of 28 essays written during the thirty years from the 1960s to the 1990s, further displays the depth and breadth of Deloria's command of epistemological issues. In this volume, he again brings an insightful perspective, sharp criticism, and wit to the study of the role that Christian churches... have played in oppressing Native religious beliefs... This volume is well worth careful study. It should not only spark useful discussion and debate among researchers, teachers, and students, but also provide guidelines for the work of activists and policymakers. Simply put, anyone concerned with the connections between religion (or spirituality) and politics at the dawn of the twenty-first century will want to read "For This Land."-Stephen Greymorning, "Transforming Anthropology"

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