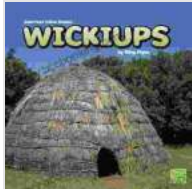


Discover the Dwelling Places of Native American Heritage: Wickiups: American Indian Homes by Lisa Wheeler



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In the heart of the vast and diverse landscapes of North America, Native American tribes have developed ingenious and sustainable dwellings that reflect their unique cultures and connection to the land - the wickiups.

Lisa Wheeler's comprehensive book, "Wickiups: American Indian Homes," takes readers on a captivating journey into the world of these traditional Native American dwellings. With meticulous research and stunning photography, Wheeler sheds light on the history, significance, and diverse variations of wickiups, offering a deeper understanding of the ingenuity and cultural practices of Native American tribes.

The History of Wickiups

Wickiups, also known as wikiups, are temporary or semi-permanent shelters built by Native American tribes in the western regions of North America. These dwellings were primarily used by nomadic tribes who relied on hunting and gathering for sustenance.

The origins of wickiups can be traced back to ancient times, with archaeological evidence suggesting their use as early as the Archaic period (8000 - 1000 BCE). Over centuries, various Native American tribes adapted and refined the design of wickiups to suit their specific needs and the diverse environments they inhabited.

The Significance of Wickiups

Wickiups were more than mere shelters for Native American tribes; they held profound cultural and spiritual significance.

The circular shape of wickiups represented the cyclical nature of life, while the materials used in their construction, such as animal skins, bark, and reeds, symbolized the deep connection between Native American tribes and the natural world.

Wickiups were also central to community life. They served as gathering places for families, storytelling, and ceremonies. The placement of wickiups within a camp often reflected the social structure and kinship relationships within the tribe.

Variations of Wickiups

The design and construction of wickiups varied across different Native American tribes and regions. Some of the most common types of wickiups include:

- **Plains wickiups:** These conical dwellings were made from buffalo hides stretched over a framework of poles. They were typically used by nomadic tribes who followed the buffalo herds.

- **Woodland wickiups:** These dome-shaped dwellings were made from saplings covered with bark or mats. They were used by tribes in the eastern woodlands and provided shelter from the elements.
- **Desert wickiups:** These brush-covered shelters were used by tribes in the arid regions of the Southwest. They provided shade from the sun and protection from the elements.



Various types of wickiups showcased the ingenuity and adaptability of Native American tribes.

Lisa Wheeler and Her Work

Lisa Wheeler is a renowned author and photographer who has dedicated her career to documenting and preserving the cultural heritage of Native American tribes.

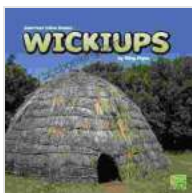
"Wickiups: American Indian Homes" is a testament to Wheeler's passion and dedication. Through her meticulous research and stunning photography, she brings these traditional dwellings to life, highlighting their significance and the resilience of Native American cultures.

"Wickiups are more than just shelters; they are living expressions of Native American culture and history. They embody the ingenuity, adaptability, and deep connection to the land that have sustained Native American tribes for centuries."

- Lisa Wheeler

Lisa Wheeler's "Wickiups: American Indian Homes" is an essential resource for anyone interested in Native American culture, architecture, and the history of the American West.

Through her captivating narrative and stunning visuals, Wheeler invites readers to explore the rich diversity and cultural significance of wickiups. This book is a celebration of the ingenuity and resilience of Native American tribes, and a testament to the enduring power of tradition.



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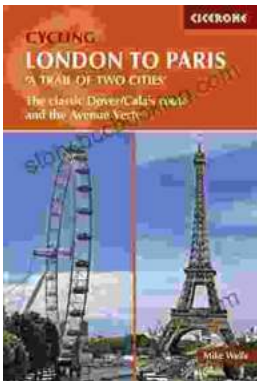
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