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## An Essential Reference Work Shamans and Shamanism in North America

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed information on the newly released *Shamans and Shamanism: A Comprehensive Bibliography of the Terms Use in North America* by Peter N. Jones.

Shamanism... what is it? Is it a phenomenon with a clear definition or with a set of clearly definable attributes? Has the phenomenon changed over time, or are today's versions found in suburban basements the same as those that were practiced hundreds of years ago by various tribal people? What can we figure out about shamanism if we simply look at the term itself and how it has been employed over time? What if we restrict ourselves to one geographic location?

These are some of the questions grappled with, and partially answered, in this book. By discussing the historical use of the terms shamanism and shaman in North America, Peter N. Jones offers fresh insights into the history of this phenomenon. Comparing current understandings and descriptions of the phenomenon with those of the historical and archival record, *Shamans and Shamanism* presents a comprehensive analysis of the terms use over time. Included in the book is a comprehensive bibliography of the term's use in North America. *Shamans and Shamanism* is an important resource for anyone interested in this phenomenon. It provides new insights into the history of the terms, their use in both academic and pop literature, and offers a starting point for future investigations of the phenomenon.

**Peter N. Jones** is the author of two other books on the indigenous peoples of North America: *Respect for the Ancestors: Cultural Affiliation in the American West*, and *American Indian mtDNA, Y Chromosome Genetic Data, and the Peopling of North America*. He is Associate Editor of the journal *Anthropology of Consciousness* and Chair of the American Indian, Native Alaskan and Hawaiian, and First Nation Topical Interest Group.