

#4- Every Day is a Good Day

(I was fortunate enough to be able to buy this book in Florida last month. I was able to meet Wilma Mankiller and speak with her briefly while she was autographing my book, and enjoyed reading it very much prior to sending it to my sister. I highly recommend it- Lori)

'every day is a good day' Reflections by Contemporary Indigenous Women

DENVER, CO. - "Even with a staggering set of problems, indigenous women look forward to the future," said Wilma Mankiller, author of the new book *Every Day is a Good Day: Reflections by Contemporary Indigenous Women*.

The book is a conversation with 19 prominent women artists, lawyers, tribal leaders, ranchers, doctors, educators and activists. They share their unique, and surprisingly candid, perspectives on ceremony, the importance of context, Native American governance, womanhood, love and acceptance, and the value of traditional knowledge and institutions.

Below are experts from the book, now on sale.

"Much of the work of contemporary tribal leaders can be characterized as a fight for the right to 'freely pursue their economic, social, and cultural development,' the United Nations definition of self-determination. But many leaders spend a considerable amount of time answering very basic questions about tribal governments such as, 'Why do tribal governments continue to exist?' Many people don't realize that tribal governments predate the U.S. government, and that there is a lengthy history of government-to-government relations between the United States and indigenous nations. Most of the so-called great Indian wars were about indigenous people fighting for the right to be self governing and to retain their ancestral lands. LaDonna Harris says, 'Some people view tribal governments as 'play' governments because they learned nothing at all about them in high school or in political science classes. We have kept our culture and political autonomy and few people understand that..."

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