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McKegney, Sam. **Masculindians: Conversations About Indigenous Manhood**. Michigan State Univ. 2014. 224p. notes. index. ISBN 9781611861297. \$29.95. SOC SCI.

The genesis of this title, according to McKegney (English, cultural studies, Queen's Univ.), was his realization that while a significant amount of scholarship addressed the topic of **indigenous** women and two-spirit individuals, the issues faced by **indigenous** men lacked a corresponding body of critical work. With that in mind, the author conducted 22 dialogs with artists, teachers, elders, and activists that explored the concept of **indigenous** masculinity and the ways in which people and culture can assist in healing the damage caused by stereotyped roles and colonial influence. Though the **book's** central goal is the discussion of masculinity, McKegney's work thankfully avoids the trap of a reductive "What **about** the men?" viewpoint, allowing the participants' **conversations** to delve into wider issues of gender roles and binarism in order to examine how healthier models of masculinity can benefit not just **indigenous** men but their communities as a whole. **VERDICT** A valuable resource on a little-discussed subject, and a worthwhile read for anyone interested in a critical look at the overall issue of gender in **indigenous** societies.—**Kathleen McCallister, Univ. of South Carolina, Columbia**

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