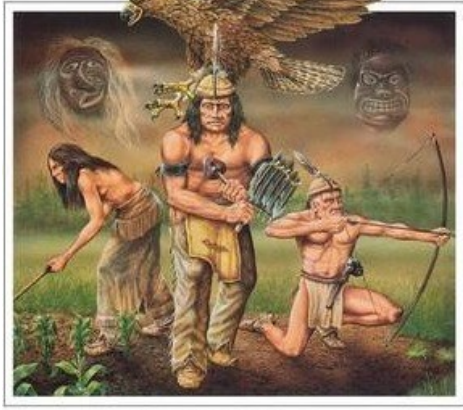


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The Iroquoian people—Huron, Iroquois and many others—lived throughout the Great Lakes basin and the St. Lawrence River valley. Their lands were rich in game, criss-crossed by waterways and well suited for agriculture. They cleared fields around large fortified villages and lived in longhouses made of wood. Men's activities centered on hunting, fishing and a far-reaching trade with other tribes. Women grew and harvested the crops of corn, beans and squash. These abundant resources made possible a sophisticated culture. They formed leagues with laws and a constitution, invented games like lacrosse and used wampum shells as a form of exchange. This book describes in fascinating detail every aspect of the Iroquoian way of life—farming, hunting, trading, beliefs, clothing, housing, clans and villages, political structure, warfare—as well as the impact of contact with Europeans. Jillian Ridington has taught native studies and works as a freelance researcher, writer and broadcaster. Robin Ridington teaches anthropology at the University of British Columbia. They are also the authors of *People of the Trail*. Ian Bateson is a freelance artist whose books include *People of the Trail* and *People of the Ice*.

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