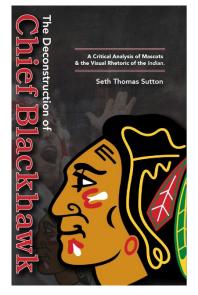


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The Deconstruction of Chief Blackhawk: A Critical Analysis of Mascots & The Visual Rhetoric of the Indian.

by Seth Thomas Sutton.

The Deconstruction of Chief Blackhawk: A Critical Analysis of Mascots & The Visual Rhetoric of the Indian, a new monograph by Professor Seth Thomas Sutton, published by Big Thicket Publishing in 2021.

"The Deconstruction of Chief Blackhawk: A Critical Analysis of Mascots & The Visual Rhetoric of the Indian is a qualitative critical analysis of the National Hockey League's Chicago Blackhawks' mascot, Chief Blackhawk. Through a decolonizing deconstruction of various Indigenous stereotypes, this book examines the ethical and moral consequences of the continued use of disparaging Indigenous imagery for professional sports mascots, dominant White society's reliance on the Indian as the measure of American identity, and the ramifications of colonial control of Indigenous agency, thereby justifying Westward expansion. It also serves as an insightful resource for researchers, scholars, and educators interested in visual, critical, and cultural studies."



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