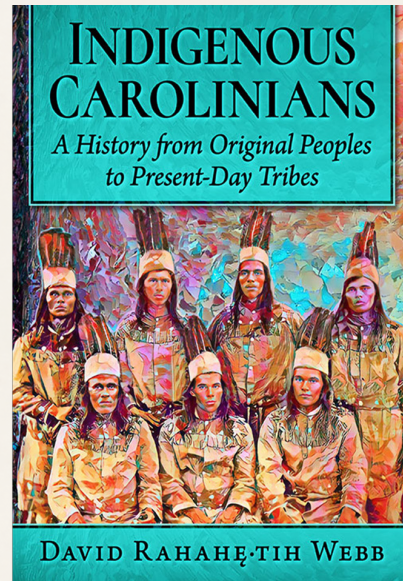


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“Indigenous Carolinians: A History from Original Peoples to Present-Day Tribes”

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Webb decolonizes the history of Carolina’s Indigenous peoples and presents the full histories of four ethnolinguistic groups. These nations adapted to colonization through ethnogenesis, forging new alliances, intermarrying with traders, and navigating shifting political landscapes.

In time, once-powerful nations were reduced to stateless, English-speaking refugee communities, and aside from groups like the Catawba and Tuscarora, their distinct tribal identities faded into the generic label, “Indian.” Finally, in recent decades, they revitalized their governments and reclaimed their identities.

