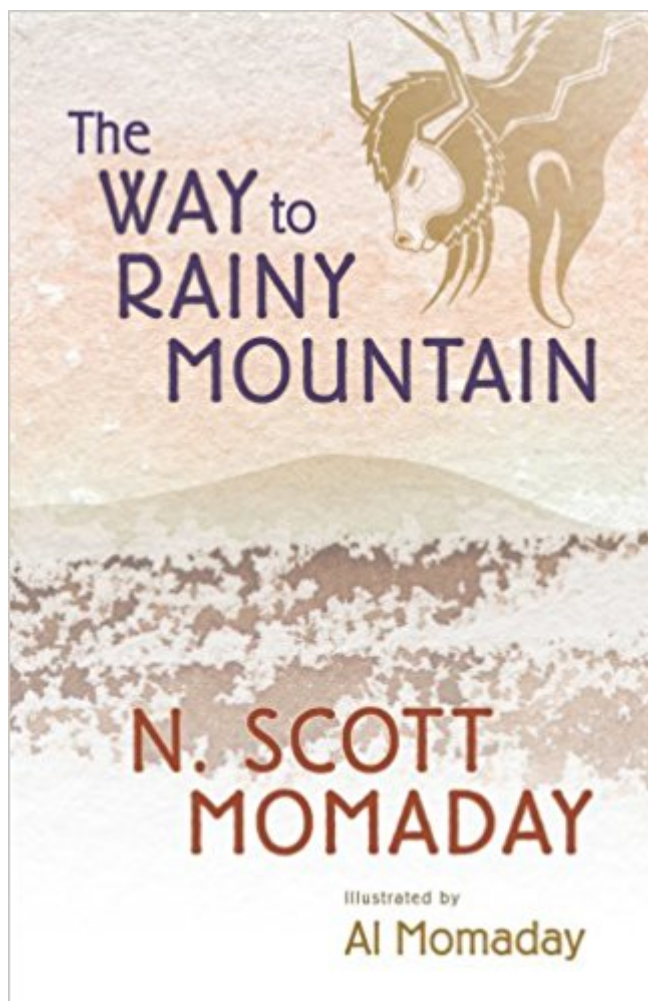


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Kiowa Indian myth, history, and personal reminiscences.

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I love this book and learning about the kiowas. it was a joyous read. this book was amazing. I loved all of the information in this book and it would be a good book for my daughter to read as well.

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