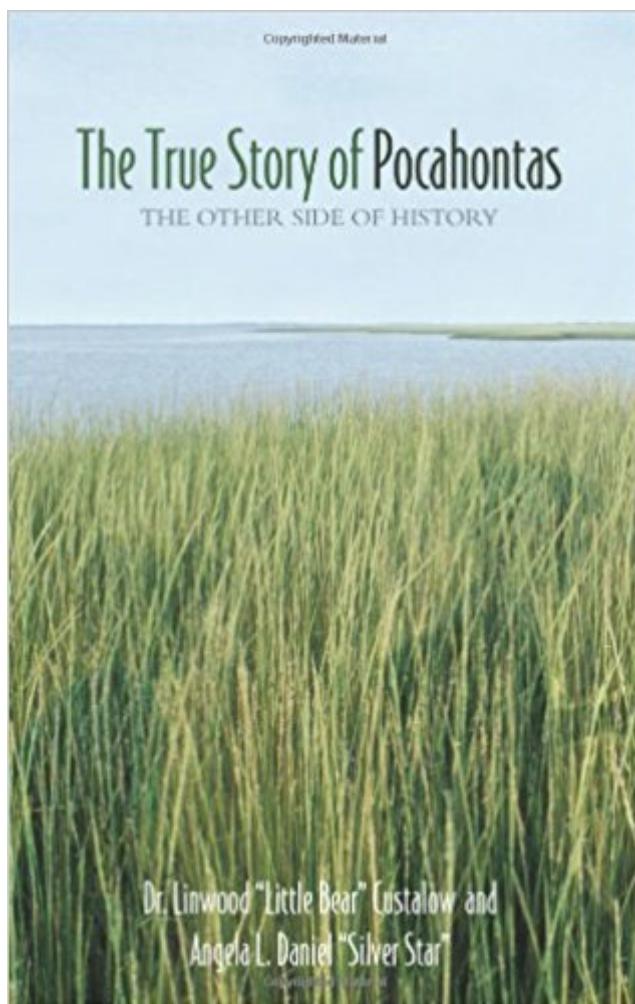


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# The True Story Of Pocahontas: The Other Side Of History



## **Synopsis**

The True Story of Pocahontas is the first public publication of the Powhatan perspective that has been maintained and passed down from generation to generation within the Mattaponi Tribe, and the first written history of Pocahontas by her own people.

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For the first time in 400 years, the true story of Pocahontas is revealed by her own people. This important book shares the sacred and previously unpublished oral history of the Mattaponi tribe and their memories of 17th-century Jamestown that have been passed down from generation to generation.

I bought this for research purposes after reading Pocahontas: Her Life and Legend, which references this book. There are so many new things I've learned about her that I would not have learned from anywhere else. If you are a teacher and want to cover Pocahontas in your lectures, I would absolutely recommend this book. Some people may have a problem with how repetitious it is, but I felt that this was helpful in remembering details, events, and terminology. It's very easy reading that you could probably fly through in a few hours, but you will have a much better understanding of a very misunderstood and misrepresented woman in American History.

As listed in my title, I am a Virginia fourth-grade teacher, and my students are expected to study Virginia history. In 2008, the revised VA Standards of Learning (SOL) for Virginia Studies went into effect. These included requiring students to identify and locate the eight state-recognized tribes. This got me to thinking, "Was I teaching an accurate account of Jamestown? Or was I only passing on what the conquerors stated?" As an educator, I feel I am obligated to know the truth, and to present the truth to others. So when I discovered Dr. Linwood and Ms. Daniel's book, I was delighted at the chance to improve my own knowledge. The Mattaponi tribe calls this a part of their sacred oral tradition. As an amateur historical storyteller, I know how the epic tales were learned and passed on. A student worked with a master of the craft, meticulously memorizing not only the words, but the tone of a tale until it was learned perfectly. Therefore, I believe that this is a true telling of the events in Jamestown. After all, knowing what we know of European settlers, is it so hard to believe that they would resort to violence and trickery to accomplish their means? The book was well-organized and logical in its arguments. I enjoyed the chronology, the end notes with references, the rich bibliography, and the index to increase my understanding of the events. I was so impressed by the number of source documents that I am interested in perusing several of the books listed in the bibliography, to continue my research. This is an important book, but it will not be an easy one to take. It will require an open mind, and a willingness to unlearn many of the misconceptions taught in popular culture and "history" books. Thank you, Dr. Linwood and Ms. Daniel for enlightening me. I hope to take the lessons I have learned and apply them in my classroom.

I almost gave this 4 stars because the writing style is a little difficult to read but decided that it is a story that is too important not to earn 5. This is the "other side" of the story of Pocahontas that everyone should be required to read. I believe there are always at least two sides to any story and this one should not be missed. I also think that this "version of the story" is both believable and very

sad. Read it and weep... a look at our country and history thorough native American's eyes.

I am a great grandson of Wahunseneca...My 2nd Cousin is the author of this book(Dr. Custalow) and I am so happy to finally able to refer my friends to a reliable, honest and unflinching true account of this long misunderstood and sad tale of Matoaka and the "Manifest Destiny" of the European settlers who arrived on our shores in 1607....and still, we welcome any and all who would be brothers and sisters of the Powhatan Nation. To my family of the Mattaponi, I say Noua ga ta. At this time of "Giving Thanks", I raise my eyes, my voice and my heart to Ahone and say Thank You for this most glorious experience. I would not trade my blood or my life's trail in the slightest. I am humbled and honored to be a part of this tribe.Ninj Anar A'Pataniu(Billy Two Eagles Custalow)

I was fascinated with Dr. Custalow's book. I have known of him for many years. My brother went to college with him and he was my mother's Ear Doctor. My father's side of the family has some Native American in the lineage but I have not been able to identify any relatives. They were from Virginia. Therefore I have been interested in Native American history for many years. As soon as I saw this book I ordered it and loved it. It is good to see the real side of history. I feel sure this story is accurate not like the ones that seem to be fiction. I had often wondered how such a God loving and kind people could do the things that the history books taught us. Now I know the truth!!

As I am a direct descendant of Pocahontas this book certainly sparked my interest. I could not put the book down. I applaud Dr. Custalow for his hard work and the undertaking by taking the initiative to finally put all the rumors and all the fabricated tales of Pocahontas as well as her family and tribe to rest. It certainly makes you feel ashamed at how those proclaiming to be Christians yet acted so selfish, devious and cruel to those who only tried to help them to adjust and begin their lives in the new world. What an injustice to those who were here first.A must read for those who seek the truth.God Bless!

I just finished the book and I am so happy I read it. When I was a child going to school, the teachers always made the story of Pocahontas seem so short and sweet. There was never any real detail about who she was and her life. It was basically Pocahontas lived her life helped a few english men fell in love a couple times and died. None of my teachers could ever tell what tribe she was from ,how she died what happened to her mother. They simply did not know. I would even challenge them on the information they taught us. Reading this book opened my eyes up to the truth of a

matter I questioned for so many years. It hits me close to home because this indeed is part of my heritage. I have spoken about this book to any 1 who will listen to me and erg any1 who loves history to run out and buy this book.

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