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This slender black-and-white work is intended to inspire indigenous Americans by presenting historical evidence of their resistance to European invaders, colonizers, and “treaties.” From the fifteenth-century Taino reception of the Spanish in the Caribbean through the 1995 Ipperwash stand-down in Stoney Point, Ontario, Hill visits about a dozen events—almost all in North America—and describes in text and image how Native Peoples fought against white settlers, soldiers, and police in settlements, on open land, and even—shown here to a much lesser degree—through strikes and office raids. Hill doesn’t dig deep into any single event, and like the flat, heavily inked panels, his journalistic style tends toward minimalism in background as well as analysis. This book is a good starting point for exploring events of warrior resistance by peoples who are too often presented as weak and passive, and Ward Churchill’s introduction includes a lengthy bibliography to steer dedicated readers. In addition, teens will find this readily accessible, although the simplification of events is more inspirational than suitable for supplementing a history curriculum. --
Francisca Goldsmith

Review

"Hill's raw images convey the events depicted effectively."
—*Publishers Weekly*

"Gord Hill blends his visual and literary talents to tell the story of aboriginal life since the arrival of Europeans in the Western Hemisphere in 1492.... *500 Years of Resistance* succeeds as a bold primer on colonialism and its haunting legacy today."
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"*The 500 Years of Resistance Comic Book* is a milestone. Never before have I come across a non-fiction graphic novel capable of evoking such a powerful emotional response. Dealing with such topics as genocide, oppression and assimilation the comic is sure to cause frustration and sadness in the reader. At the same time, *500 Years of Resistance* is inspirational and empowering, accurately depicting the strength and nobility of Native warriors. Gord’s straightforward approach to writing coupled with his iconic illustrations has created a truly groundbreaking comic book."
—*Redwire Media*

About the Author

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Ward Churchill: Ward Churchill is a writer, political activist, and co-director of the American Indian Movement of Colorado. He is the author of numerous books on political and Indigenous peoples’ resistance, including *On the Justice of Roosting Chickens*, *Struggle for the Land*, and *Acts of Rebellion*.

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