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'Anishinaabe Ways of Knowing and Being delivers fresh perspective and deep thought about the first people of the Great Lakes. Full of insight, it's an essential reference to the historical and contemporary experience of the Anishinaabe. Historians, anthropologists, and everyday citizens will find a wealth of knowledge here. And the Anishinaabe people themselves will find a useful tool to help them retrace their roots, understand their ancestors, and chart a path forward.' Anton Treuer, Bemidji State University, USA
This is a remarkable book: keen in insight, refreshingly witty, and unique for the way it integrates the multiple registers in which Gross is deeply learned. Gross synthesizes his academic training in Japanese Zen Buddhism and Native Studies as well as a life-long body of indigenous knowledge entrusted to him by Anishinaabe mentors, teachers, and relatives. The result is a methodologically forthright, well written, and creative consideration of Anishinaabe ways of knowing and their importance for community well-being. Readers will remember this book for the analytical and writerly space it creates in Native American studies.' Michael D. McNally, Carlton College, USA

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