



Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache

By Keith H. Basso

Download now

Read Online 

Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso

This remarkable book introduces us to four unforgettable Apache people, each of whom offers a different take on the significance of places in their culture. Apache conceptions of wisdom, manners and morals, and of their own history are inextricably intertwined with place, and by allowing us to overhear his conversations with Apaches on these subjects Basso expands our awareness of what place can mean to people.

Most of us use the term *sense of place* often and rather carelessly when we think of nature or home or literature. Our senses of place, however, come not only from our individual experiences but also from our cultures. *Wisdom Sits in Places*, the first sustained study of places and place-names by an anthropologist, explores place, places, and what they mean to a particular group of people, the Western Apache in Arizona. For more than thirty years, Keith Basso has been doing fieldwork among the Western Apache, and now he shares with us what he has learned of Apache place-names—where they come from and what they mean to Apaches.

"This is indeed a brilliant exposition of landscape and language in the world of the Western Apache. But it is more than that. Keith Basso gives us to understand something about the sacred and indivisible nature of words and place. And this is a universal equation, a balance in the universe. Place may be the first of all concepts; it may be the oldest of all words."—N. Scott Momaday

"In *Wisdom Sits in Places* Keith Basso lifts a veil on the most elemental poetry of human experience, which is the naming of the world. In so doing he invests his scholarship with that rarest of scholarly qualities: a sense of spiritual exploration. Through his clear eyes we glimpse the spirit of a remarkable people and their land, and when we look away, we see our own world afresh."—William deBuys

"A very exciting book—authoritative, fully informed, extremely thoughtful, and also engagingly written and a joy to read. Guiding us vividly among the landscapes and related story-tellings of the Western Apache, Basso explores in a highly readable way the role of language in the complex but compelling theme of a people's attachment to place. An important book by an eminent

scholar."—Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.

 [Download Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Amon ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Am ...pdf](#)

Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache

By Keith H. Basso

Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso

This remarkable book introduces us to four unforgettable Apache people, each of whom offers a different take on the significance of places in their culture. Apache conceptions of wisdom, manners and morals, and of their own history are inextricably intertwined with place, and by allowing us to overhear his conversations with Apaches on these subjects Basso expands our awareness of what place can mean to people.

Most of us use the term *sense of place* often and rather carelessly when we think of nature or home or literature. Our senses of place, however, come not only from our individual experiences but also from our cultures. *Wisdom Sits in Places*, the first sustained study of places and place-names by an anthropologist, explores place, places, and what they mean to a particular group of people, the Western Apache in Arizona. For more than thirty years, Keith Basso has been doing fieldwork among the Western Apache, and now he shares with us what he has learned of Apache place-names—where they come from and what they mean to Apaches.

"This is indeed a brilliant exposition of landscape and language in the world of the Western Apache. But it is more than that. Keith Basso gives us to understand something about the sacred and indivisible nature of words and place. And this is a universal equation, a balance in the universe. Place may be the first of all concepts; it may be the oldest of all words."—N. Scott Momaday

"In *Wisdom Sits in Places* Keith Basso lifts a veil on the most elemental poetry of human experience, which is the naming of the world. In so doing he invests his scholarship with that rarest of scholarly qualities: a sense of spiritual exploration. Through his clear eyes we glimpse the spirit of a remarkable people and their land, and when we look away, we see our own world afresh."—William deBuys

"A very exciting book—authoritative, fully informed, extremely thoughtful, and also engagingly written and a joy to read. Guiding us vividly among the landscapes and related story-tellings of the Western Apache, Basso explores in a highly readable way the role of language in the complex but compelling theme of a people's attachment to place. An important book by an eminent scholar."—Alvin M. Josephy, Jr.

Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso Bibliography

- Rank: #10845 in Books
- Brand: Brand: University of New Mexico Press
- Published on: 1996-08-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.12" h x .51" w x 6.00" l, .65 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 192 pages

 [Download Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Amon ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Am ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online **Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache** By **Keith H. Basso**

Editorial Review

From Library Journal

Basso, an anthropologist who has done fieldwork among the Western Apache of Arizona for over 30 years, provides a fascinating scholarly study of the meaning and significance of the Apache place names found in the area surrounding the community of Cibecue, Arizona. Some Apache place names describe features of the landscape or climate, while others derive from historical or mythological events. All, however, are rich in descriptive imagery and depth of meaning for the Apache people of the area. With the help of several Apache informants, Basso explores the place worlds underlying the names of localities and through them lets the Apache express their own understanding of their history, identity, values, and morality. This work, which won the Western States Book Award for creative nonfiction, is a valuable contribution to anthropological studies of place and location. At the same time, it provides a sensitive perspective on the Apaches' understanding of themselves. A useful addition to anthropology and linguistics collections in academic libraries. Elizabeth Salt, Otterbein Coll. Lib., Westerville, Ohio
Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Review

"This brilliant book on linguistic awareness of local landscapes is a gem." --(*Arizona Republic*)

From the Inside Flap

Explores the connections of place, language, wisdom, and morality among the Western Apache.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Samantha Bond:

The book *Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache* can give more knowledge and also the precise product information about everything you want. So just why must we leave a very important thing like a book *Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache*? A few of you have a different opinion about publication. But one aim in which book can give many data for us. It is absolutely proper. Right now, try to closer using your book. Knowledge or facts that you take for that, you can give for each other; you could share all of these. Book *Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache* has simple shape but the truth is know: it has great and large function for you. You can look the enormous world by open up and read a e-book. So it is very wonderful.

Elaine Sitz:

Nowadays reading books become more and more than want or need but also be a life style. This reading habit give you lot of advantages. Associate programs you got of course the knowledge the particular information inside the book in which improve your knowledge and information. The info you get based on what kind of reserve you read, if you want get more knowledge just go with education books but if you want sense happy read one using theme for entertaining including comic or novel. Often the *Wisdom Sits in*

Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache is kind of e-book which is giving the reader unforeseen experience.

Sarah Heath:

Hey guys, do you want to find a new book to study? Maybe the book with the title *Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache* suitable to you? Often the book was written by a popular writer in this era. The book *untitled Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache* is the main of several books in which everyone reads now. This particular book was inspired a number of people in the world. When you read this book you will enter the new age that you ever know prior to. The author explained their idea in the simple way, so all of people can easily understand the core of this reserve. This book will give you a great deal of information about this world now. In order to see the represented of the world in this particular book.

Harold Esparza:

This *Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache* is a great e-book for you because the content that is certainly full of information for you who all always deal with the world and get to make a decision every minute. This kind of book reveals its details accurately using great arranged words or we can declare no rambling sentences included. So if you are reading this hurriedly you can have whole information in it. Doesn't mean it only provides straight forward sentences but hard core information with wonderful delivering sentences. Having *Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache* in your hand like keeping the world in your arm, details in it is not ridiculous a single. We can say that no reserve that offer you the world in ten or fifteen tiny rights but this book already does that. So, this really is a good reading book. Hey Mr. and Mrs. busy do you still doubt this?

**Download and Read Online *Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache* By Keith H. Basso
#L17Z0VJ6IO2**

Read Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso for online ebook

Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso books to read online.

Online Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso ebook PDF download

Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso Doc

Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso Mobipocket

Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso EPub

L17Z0VJ6IO2: Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache By Keith H. Basso