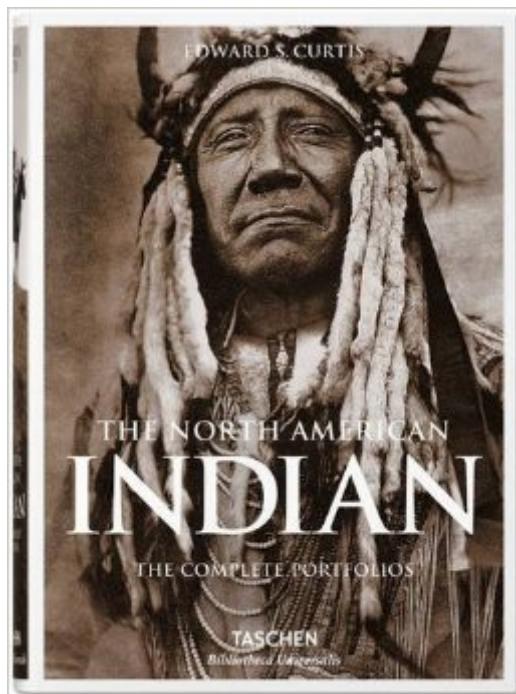


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The North American Indian: The Complete Portfolios



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While I am pleased to see so many of Curtis's images in a single book, I bought this with the hope of sketching some of the portraits. There is hardly any contrast and hardly any detail. Everything is soft and dark. I can't see enough detail to draw from. I would have happily paid more for better quality images. It is a disappointing purchase.

Really great compendium with lots of quality pictures from the original twenty volumes, but... I believe the book is too small (actually pocket size), some of the pictures are just thumbnails. I was expecting full page pics, a little bit disappointing.

Really nice compendium of the Curtis portfolios. Good to have on hand while reading Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher; that book (a great read), mentions many Curtis photos, but only includes a select few. Very highly recommended, especially for the price.

I own many Curtis books and I must admit, I don't yet have this one. However, I'm not sure I ever will. People- What is wanted here are copies of this mans wonderful photographs and this size book just can't possibly do this art justice. I won't buy it and don't suggest you do either.

This is a great gift for the Native American/Enthusiast in your family! I got this as a gift for my father, as he is part Chippewa and he was ecstatic. It is a heavy and very thick book with a lot of information and photos.

Never have seen all Curtis' work in one volume. A small size book. Printing is average.

This would be an excellent book great quality but the typeface must be 4 pt Pica and all in red. Incredibly hard to read. The photographs however are excellent. I just cannot read the typeface long enough to get in the story.

Entire collection of Curtis. Size of the photos are small but as a result it is overall satisfying.

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