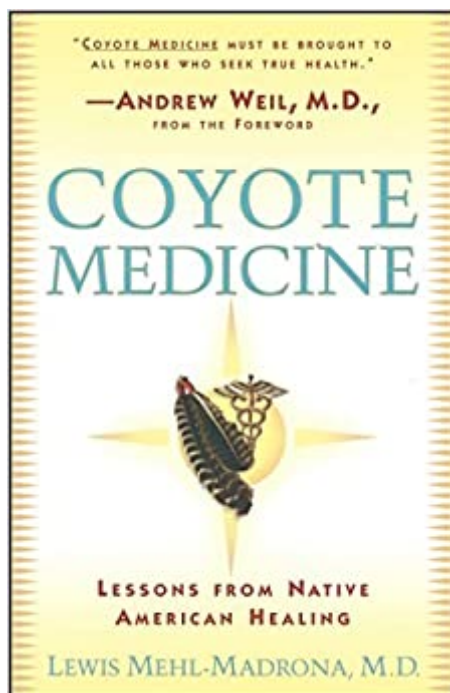


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# Coyote Medicine: Lessons From Native American Healing



## Synopsis

Hailed by Dr. Andrew Weil as a book "that must be brought to all who seek true health," is an engaging and essential testament to the power of alternative healing and recovery methods that lie beyond the confines of Western medicine. Inspired by his Cherokee grandmother's healing ceremonies, Lewis Mehl-Madrona enlightens readers to "alternative" paths to recovery and health. Coyote Medicine isn't about eschewing Western medicine when it's effective, but about finding other answers when medicine fails: for chronic sufferers, patients not responding to medication, or "terminal" cases that doctors have given up on. In the story of one doctor's remarkable initiation into alternative ways to spiritual and physical health, Coyote Medicine provides the key to untapped healing methods available today.

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## Customer Reviews

With all the recent books on Native American healing and numerous accounts of how physicians are combining both alternative and traditional medicine, librarians might think there is no room for another. But they would be wrong if they did not add this title to their collection. Mehl-Madonna, a "half-breed Cherokees Injun," was only 21 when he graduated from Stanford University's medical school in the mid 1970s. Originally planning to go into family practice and psychiatry, where he could use his knowledge of Native American healing gleaned from his grandparents, he was either thrown out of or resigned from three different residency programs because he could not hold his tongue about what he often thought of as modern medicine. He considered giving up orthodox

medicine but finally completed his residency. All readers, from those with a casual interest in Native American healing to health providers who want to learn more about alternative medicine, will enjoy and learn from this book. Recommended for most collections. ?Natalie Kupferberg, Ferris State Univ. Lib., Big Rapids, Mich. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In Native American traditions, coyotes are survivors. Half Cherokee, Mehl-Madrone is certainly a survivor, too. Here he describes his twin journeys through the worlds of medicine and of the spirit. His medical education gave him the background he needed to practice regular medicine, but he failed to complete several residencies in internal medicine and psychiatry, for his fascination with Native American healing, which, often in long metaphorical stories, emphasizes the spiritual aspects of life, made it difficult for him to knuckle under to the bureaucratic, overly mechanical responses of modern medicine. Some of the most moving and illuminating parts of his story are those in which he describes, in detail, the sweat lodge and other Native American healing ceremonies. Several shamans, whom he depicts as personalities as well as carriers of tradition, helped teach him aspects of Native American medicine, and he finally completed his residency and wound up in Hawaii, a practitioner and teacher of both types of medicine. William Beatty --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I bought my first copy of this book while traveling and this was a gift. It's an amazing story of a doctor and his struggle to merge his native American heritage and belief with traditional medicine.

Great for a family member that's into Indian books

I'm currently reading the 3rd Coyote book (Coyote Healing). Some of the best Native American healing and natural medicine information I've ever come across. Do yourself a favor and secure your copies of Coyote Wisdom, Coyote Medicine, and Coyote Healing. This series is bound to become classics in natural healing.

I read this book several years ago and loved it, but misplaced it.... so had to buy another one. It's one of those books that I like to refer to now and again, as it really touches your soul.

Buy this book if you are feeling called to read it. Most likely there will be a message in it that you

need to hear (or many messages). It will change your life for the better!

Coyote Medicine is the fascinating story of Lewis Mehl-Madrona and how he became a healer. Mehl-Madrona takes us on a wild ride through his childhood and adolescence, off to college early as a boy genius, med school, and then into ERs and hospital rooms. When he takes us into Native American sweat lodge healing ceremonies things get really interesting. Mehl-Madrona has a unique perspective on biomedical and Native American medicine. If you are interested in either, then you should read this book. In the words of the author, "Help yourself to a little coyote medicine, and thrive."

I loved this book. It should be required reading for all Doctors and anyone in the medical field. It is more about faith and community than medicine as it is practiced today. It shows there is more to healing than taking a pill or having surgery, there are a lot of alternative ways of healing. This is about one mans struggle to follow his path in life but it's far from boring. A very good read.

I was skeptical going into this book. I am very traditional in my prayer life; I didn't need a new or different "god" or spirit to pray to. The author, though, uses narrative in such a way as to heal the reader.

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