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Survival Schools: The American Indian Movement and Community Education in the Twin Cities (Paperback)

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University of Minnesota Press, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. In the late 1960s, Indian families in Minneapolis and St. Paul were under siege. Clyde Bellecourt remembers, We were losing our children during this time; juvenile courts were sweeping our children up, and they were fostering them out, and sometimes whole families were being broken up. In 1972, motivated by prejudice in the child welfare system and hostility in the public schools, American Indian Movement (AIM) organizers and local Native parents came together to start their own community school. For Pat Bellanger, it was about cultural survival. Though established in a moment of crisis, the school fulfilled a goal that she had worked toward for years: to create an educational system that would enable Native children never to forget who they were. While AIM is best known for its national protests and political demands, the survival schools foreground the movement's local and regional engagement with issues of language, culture, spirituality, and identity. In telling of the evolution and impact of the Heart of the Earth school in Minneapolis and the Red School House in St. Paul, Julie L....



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