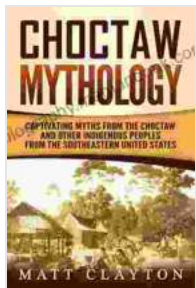


# Captivating Myths From The Choctaw And Other Indigenous Peoples From The American Southeast

The Choctaw are a Native American people who have lived in the American Southeast for centuries. They have a rich culture and history, which is reflected in their myths and legends. These stories are not only entertaining, but they also provide a glimpse into the beliefs and values of the Choctaw people.

## The Origin of the Choctaw

According to Choctaw myth, the Choctaw people were created by a powerful spirit being named Chahta. Chahta created the Choctaw from a piece of clay, and he breathed life into them. He then gave them their language and their laws.



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The Choctaw people believe that Chahta still watches over them today. They believe that he is the protector of their people and their land.

### **The Flood Myth**

The Choctaw have a flood myth that is similar to the flood myth found in the Bible. According to the Choctaw myth, a great flood once covered the earth. All of the people and animals were drowned, except for a few who were saved by a giant turtle.

The turtle took the survivors to a high mountain, where they were able to wait out the flood. When the waters receded, the survivors came down from the mountain and repopulated the earth.

### **The Rabbit Trickster**

The Choctaw have a trickster figure named Rabbit. Rabbit is a clever and resourceful character who often outwits his opponents. Rabbit stories are often humorous, but they also teach valuable lessons about morality and ethics.

In one story, Rabbit tricks a bear into giving him all of his honey. In another story, Rabbit tricks a fox into falling into a trap. Rabbit stories are a reminder that even the smallest and weakest of creatures can overcome adversity with cleverness and wit.

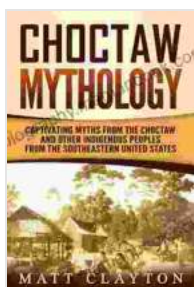
### **Other Indigenous Peoples of the American Southeast**

The Choctaw are just one of many indigenous peoples who have lived in the American Southeast. Other indigenous peoples include the Chickasaw, the Cherokee, the Creek, and the Seminole. Each of these peoples has

their own unique culture and history, and they all have their own myths and legends.

The myths and legends of the indigenous peoples of the American Southeast are a valuable part of their cultural heritage. These stories provide a glimpse into the beliefs and values of these peoples, and they help us to understand their relationship with the land and with each other.

The myths and legends of the Choctaw and other indigenous peoples from the American Southeast are a rich and diverse tapestry of stories. These stories entertain, educate, and inspire, and they offer a valuable glimpse into the cultures and histories of these peoples.



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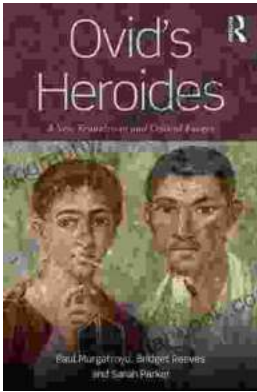
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