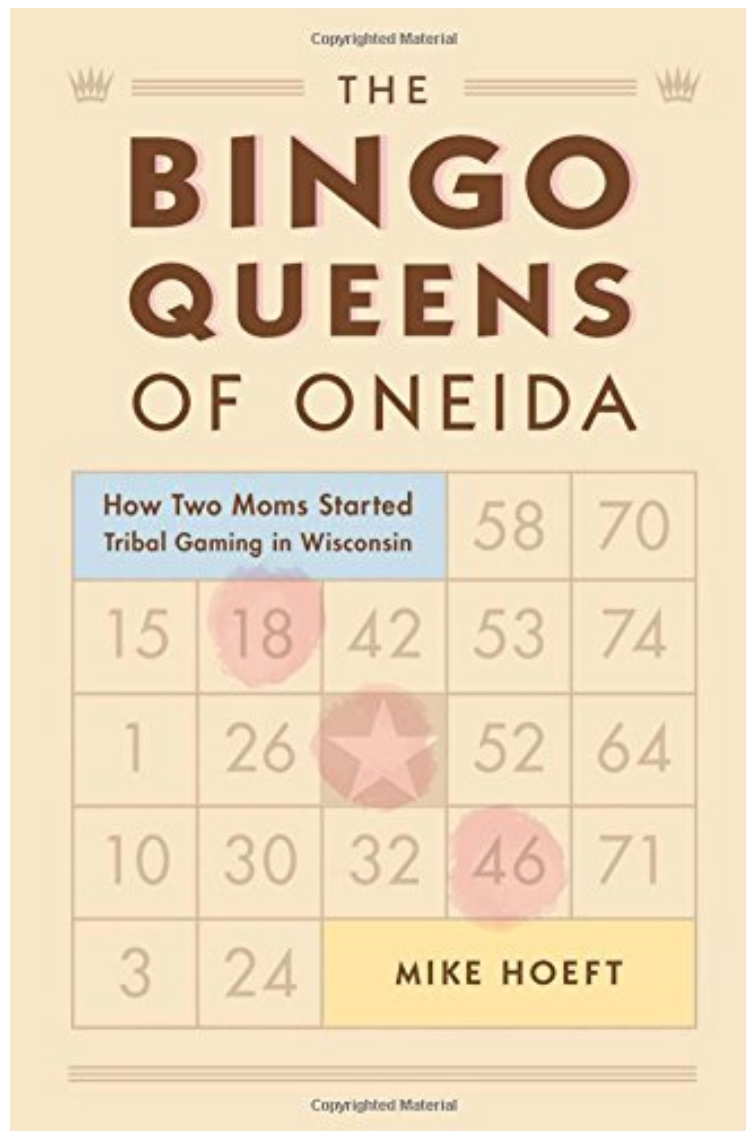


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Before Indian casinos sprouted up around the country, a few enterprising tribes got their start in gambling by opening bingo parlors. A group of women on the Oneida Indian Reservation just outside Green Bay, Wisconsin, introduced bingo in 1976 simply to pay a few bills. Bingo not only paid the light bill at the struggling civic center but was soon financing vital health and housing services for tribal elderly and poor. While militant Indian activists often dominated national headlines in the 1970s, these church-going Oneida women were the unsung catalysts behind bingos rising prominence as a sovereignty issue in the Oneida Nation. The bingo moms were just trying to take care of the kids in the community. *The Bingo Queens of Oneida: How Two Moms Started Tribal Gaming* tells the story through the eyes of Sandra Ninham and Alma Webster, the Oneida women who had the idea for a bingo operation run by the tribe to benefit the entire tribe. Bingo became the tribes first moneymaker on a reservation where about half the population was living in poverty. Author Mike Hoefft traces the historical struggles of the Oneidaone of six nations of the Iroquois, or Haudenosaunee, confederacyfrom their alliance with America during the Revolutionary War to their journey to Wisconsin. He also details the lives of inspirational tribal members who worked alongside Ninham and Webster, and also those who were positively affected by their efforts. The women-run bingo hall helped revitalize an indigenous culture on the brink of being lost. *The Bingo Queens of Oneida* is the story of not only how one game helped revive the Oneida economy but also how one game strengthened the Oneida community.

The Bingo Queens of Oneida is much more than a study of how gaming came about in one Native American community in the 1970s. Mike Hoefft has written a beautiful portrait of contemporary Wisconsin Oneida Indian life and its vitality. It is a tribute to the women of the Oneidasparticularly the lives of two determined Oneida women, Alma Webster and Sandy (Ninham) Brehmerwho helped lead the cultural, economic, and political resurgence in this Wisconsin community over the past four decades. (Laurence M. Hauptman, SUNY Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History and coeditor of *A Nation within a Nation: Voices of the Oneidas in Wisconsin*)The hand that rocked the cradle found a new weapon in the war on poverty. This is the story of strong American Indian women who helped rebuild a great Indian nation. The Oneida bingo moms inspired me! (Melanie Benjamin, chief executive, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota, and cofounder of Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations)This book is far more ambitious than its modest title suggests. The two bingo moms, Sandy and Alma, are certainly the heart of the book. But the author places those moms in much broader contextshistorical, cultural, and social. He also liberally interweaves personal stories of Oneida people. The overall effect is to make the book more of a conversation, less of a lecture. Like me, you'll be happy to have had that conversation with the author. (Arlinda Locklear, attorney and longtime special counsel for the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin)Rooted in extensive research and key interviews, *The Bingo Queens of Oneida* provides a unique picture of an economic accomplishment of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin brought about by the ingenuity, doughty work, and remarkable insight of two Oneida mothers. Hoefft admirably places their work in its cultural and historical context. This volume is an indispensable addition to our understanding of a dynamic nation. (David R. Wrone, history professor emeritus, University of WisconsinStevens Point) Hoefft, a seasoned Green Bay journalist, has crafted a volume to help readers understand the nuances of the controversial terrain of Indian gaming. The clean, straightforward writing is supported by meticulous research and abundant interviews. The result is a rare glimpse into contemporary American Indian life. (Kathleen Ratteree, *Annals of Iowa*)