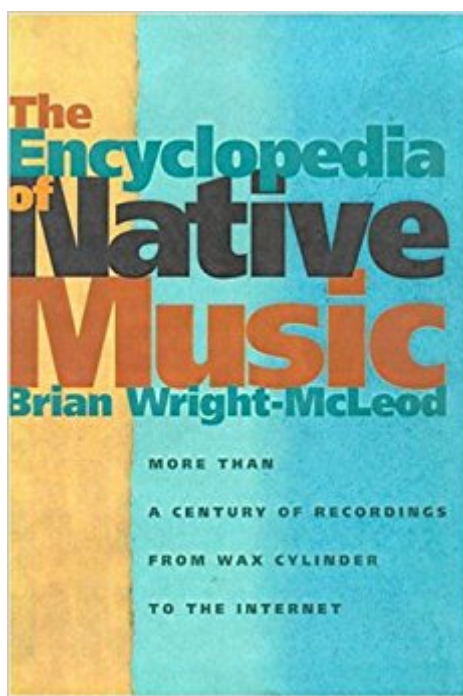


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The Encyclopedia Of Native Music: More Than A Century Of Recordings From Wax Cylinder To The Internet



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There were a number of performers who were omitted- but still it is probably the most extensive list that is available.

Just what I was looking for.....tracing forms for knife blades.....

I just can't believe how much effort went into this book! Trying to fathom the years of research here - anyway, it's an easy read and has inspired me to track down a lot of music that I am currently enjoying. I don't know of any other book with this much information on Native Music. I also recommend McLeod's companion set of CD's out on Sony...probably a lot harder to find but worth the effort!

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