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# Native American Women's Writing: An Anthology C. 1800 - 1924



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## Synopsis

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Jemison, Ora Eddleman & Zitkala-Sa to name a few.

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