Southern Ute Women: Autonomy and Assimilation on the Reservation, 1887-1934

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This book is a valuable contribution to the study of Native American women's experiences in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Osburn's research focuses on the Southern Ute women of Colorado, examining their lives and contributions both in their roles as captives and as assimilated community members.

Osburn begins with a brief history of the Southern Ute, detailing their history from the time of the early Spanish explorers through the late 19th century. She then delves into the experiences of the Southern Ute women, setting the stage for their interactions with white settlers and missionaries.

Throughout the book, Osburn highlights the resilience and creativity of the Southern Ute women as they faced the challenges of assimilation. Her research draws on a variety of sources, including interviews with surviving Southern Ute women, and historical records. She provides insights into the ways in which these women negotiated their identities and the forces of change around them.

Overall, Southern Ute Women: Autonomy and Assimilation on the Reservation, 1887-1934 is an important and engaging read for anyone interested in the experiences of Native American women and the history of the Southern Ute people.