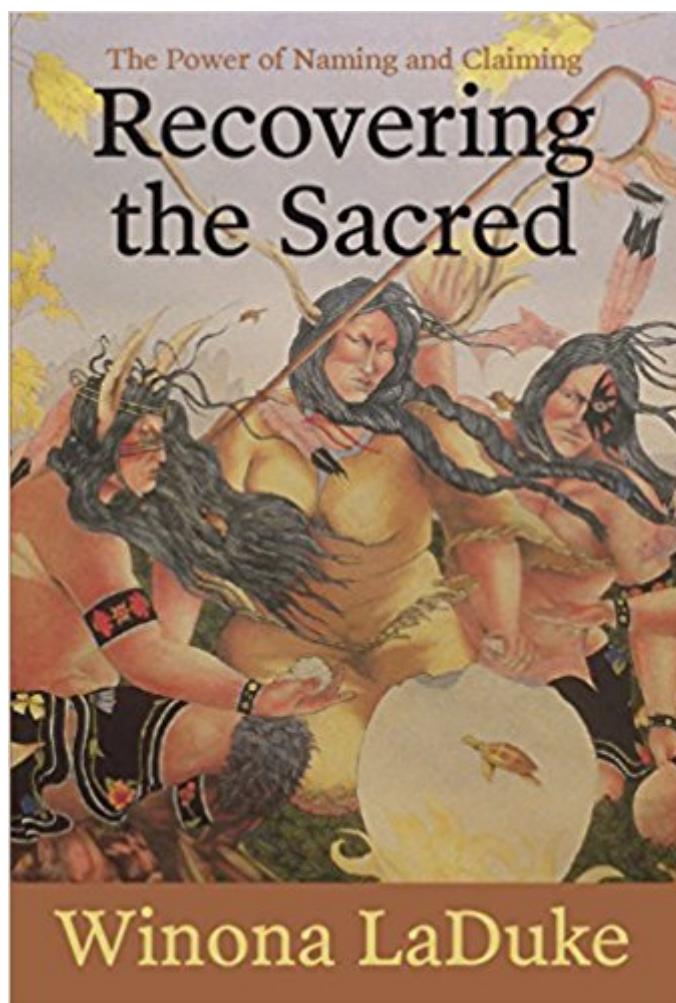


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# Recovering The Sacred: The Power Of Naming And Claiming



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