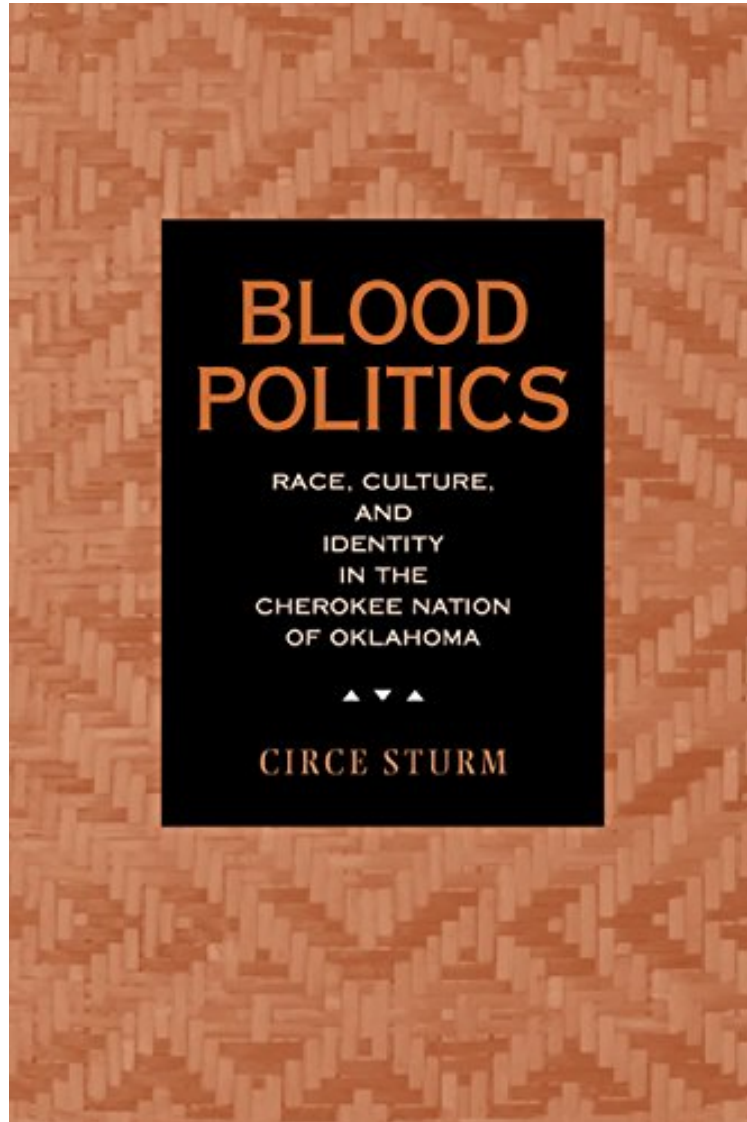


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average Cherokee citizens; and this proves to be no easy task. Additionally, this book touches on many different aspects of Cherokee racial politics while remaining accessible to non-anthropologist. And poses an interesting question: If the Cherokee Nation continues to rely on current racial policies will it lead to the eventual collapse of the Cherokee Nation itself? A lot has happened since this book, including the election (and re-election) of a non-white president. Given Barack Obama's popularity across Indian Country, it would be interesting to see how this new era in American society has impacted the Cherokee. If the author somehow happens to run across this comment, this reader would love to buy an updated, 2nd edition. 3 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Not enough research -- too much from already written info

By mytwocents  
This work has two central themes and limited Cherokee history: (1) enrollees with more than 1/64th blood quantum, (author calls them White Cherokees), and (2) the lack of acceptance of Black Freedmen into the tribe. There is no mention of blood quantum needed for Cherokee tribal services. I am offended the author considers my 1/28th blood quantum "a card carrying Cherokee". Really? Writer assumes the blood quantum in the Dawes Roll is correct -- again, Really? It was a White world, is it not possible that some Indian people admitted only to the amount of blood that would allow them land or compensation? My mother, the 2nd of 8 siblings was raised on my Cherokee grandfather's allotment close to Park Hill. During the war days we spent every other weekend on this farm. THE ORIGINAL ALLOTMENT, dated 1906, IS STILL IN OUR FAMILY. I also have wonderful photos of my Cherokee ancestors, including the gggrandmother who came to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears. Also, I, along with my mother and all her siblings and my cousins have inherited type 2 diabetes. Yuck. I'm slender, eat healthy, and have always been athletic -- where did this illness come from -- there is no history in my paternal family anywhere -- it comes from my 1/28th Cherokee ancestry. All this and a thesis writer thinks I'm "a card carrying Cherokee"? I am very proud to call myself Cherokee. 0 of 6 people found the following review helpful. quick and easy

By tinababe  
Order arrived within a week of purchase. It came in great condition and for a very great price! it was quick and it was easy.

Circe Sturm takes a bold and original approach to one of the most highly charged and important issues in the United States today: race and national identity. Focusing on the Oklahoma Cherokee, she examines how Cherokee identity is socially and politically constructed, and how that process is embedded in ideas of blood, color, and race. Not quite a century ago, blood degree varied among Cherokee citizens from full blood to 1/256, but today the range is far greater-- from full blood to 1/2048. This trend raises questions about the symbolic significance of blood and the degree to which blood connections can stretch and still carry a sense of legitimacy. It also raises questions about how much racial blending can occur before Cherokees cease to be identified as a distinct people and what danger is posed to Cherokee sovereignty if the federal government continues to identify Cherokees and other Native Americans on a racial basis. Combining contemporary ethnography and ethnohistory, Sturm's sophisticated and insightful analysis probes the intersection of race and national identity, the process of nation formation, and the dangers in linking racial and national identities.

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