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Gwynne, S. C. Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History

Gwynne covers a lot of history in his book. This is, in part, the biography of Quanah Parker, the last Comanche Chief. More than that, it's the history of Texas settlers spilling onto the open plains and their persistence in pushing the frontier forward despite vicious battles with southern plains tribes.

Included are the many historical mistakes made as the Mexican government, the Republic of Texas government, and finally the U.S. Government as they took on the Comanches, a little-understood tribe that had developed into the world's best mounted cavalry. Quanah Parker seems a historic anomaly as well. Considered the greatest Comanche war chief, he was the son of a white woman taken captive by the tribe at age nine and a respected war chief.

Recommended for fans of American history.

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