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Destiny"". Among its victims were Native Americans. The Sioux resisted, eventually claiming that Indians, not the whites, were the chosen people. The destruction of Indian culture paved the way for the U.S. empire building. Frank Fiske observed this confrontation firsthand in North Dakota, where Sitting Bull was held, then killed, and Fiske"s photographs enliven his account.