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In the 1920's, black janitor Sylvester Long reinvented himself as Chief Buffalo Child Long Lance, and Elizabeth Stern, the native-born daughter of a German Lutheran and a Welsh Baptist, authored the immigrant's narrative *I Am a Woman--and a Jew*; in the 1990's, Asa Carter, George Wallace's former speechwriter, produced the fake Cherokee autobiography, *The Education of Little Tree*. While striking, these examples of what Laura Browder calls ethnic impersonator autobiographies are by no means singular. Over the past 150 years, a number of American authors have left behind unwanted
