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Sommario/riassunto	"The Cadotte family became involved in the fur trade during the French colonial period, and members of the family played key roles after the British takeover of the region and then during the American period. They worked with the North West Company, the American Fur Company, and other firms; they served in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and in numerous conflicts involving Native peoples,

usually working as interpreters and peacemakers rather than combatants. Focusing on the years from 1760 to 1840—the heyday of the Great Lakes fur trade—Robert Silbernagel delves into the history of the Cadottes, with particular emphasis on the Ojibwe-French Canadian Michel Cadotte and his wife, Esquaysayway (also Ojibwe), who for nearly forty years were traders and regional leaders on Madeline Island. Silbernagel sets out to understand the Cadottes through the places where they lived, the geography through which they traveled, the relationships they built, and the activities they engaged in. He studied extensively the Cadottes' journals and travel reports, examined their family ledger books, and met with descendants. In presenting his findings and contextualizing them, he deepens our understanding of the fur trade era."--
