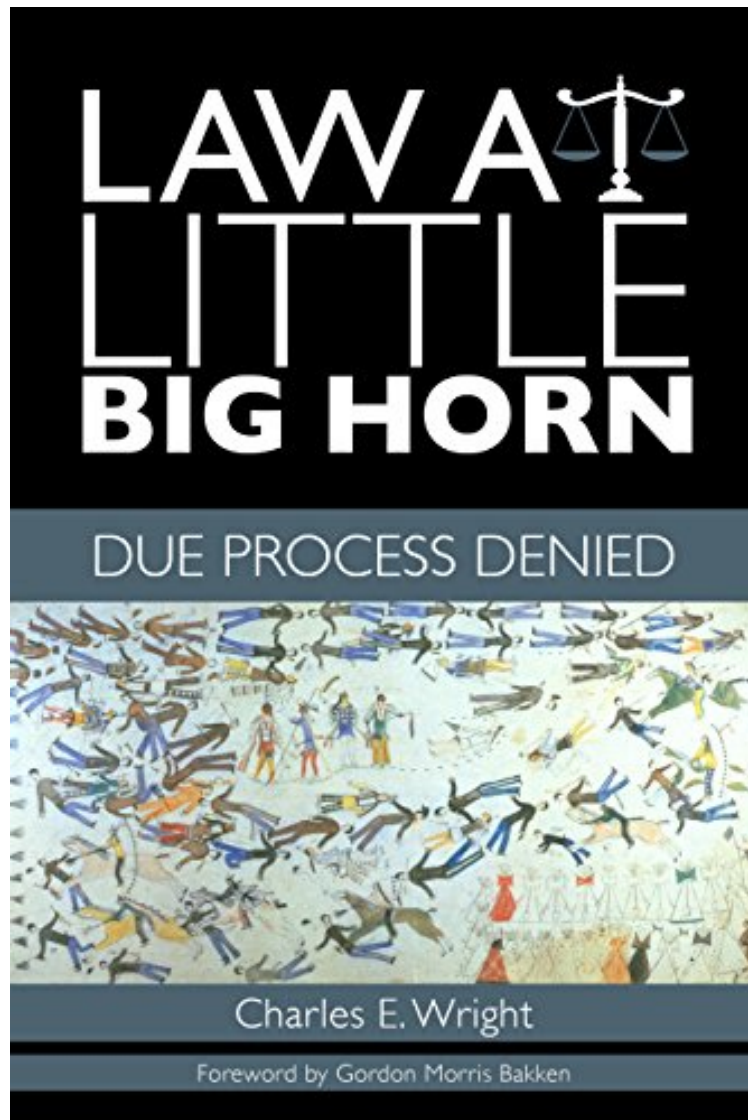


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With passion and clarity, Wright shows that Indian policy, especially that of the late nineteenth century, was not built on the bedrock of law that is the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution. Law at Little Big Horn is a thoroughly researched and powerfully presented work of history that merits a place in your bookshelf and warrants study of serious scholars and casual history buffs alike. Charles E. Trimble, past executive director of the National Congress of American Indians and principal founder of the American Indian Press Association