

a "novel." Nonetheless, it is an interesting and worthwhile book, which should appeal to a variety of audiences.

One final point, which may seem minor but which I think is not, is that a much more impressive sense of Sadie's personality is conveyed by the photograph (facing page 174) than by the photograph used on the dust jacket. I wish that readers might have been introduced to Sadie through the other picture.

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### **Actes du Vingtième Congrès des Algonquistes**

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The scholarly genre usually labelled "proceedings" in English and "*actes*" in French has had a long and distinguished history. The volume under review fits comfortably into that tradition, updating as it does Algonquist conferences dating from 1968 and their attendant scholarship.

The 1989 proceedings/*actes* presents 26 papers (two in French, none in an Algonquian language). It also contains Christina Thiele's valuable "Cumulative Index: Papers of the Algonquian Conferences, 7th through 20th."

The topics addressed encompass an extraordinary range of anthropological interests: linguistics, literacy, values, morality, social organization, culture change, archaeology, religion/revitalization, history of scholarship, education, geographic spread, political leadership, museology, folktales, hatchets/knives, basketry, economics and midwifery.

The work impresses the reviewer as very well edited and thoroughly proofread. It contains almost no "padding" and virtually no typographical errors. The research which it reflects is modern, including linguistic materials based on contemporary theory, computer applications to teaching, Salishan and Northeastern connections, and aspects of Native Studies curricula. The range of authors is admirably broad: Anglophone, Francophone, Native American, academic and non-academic.

All in all, the volume strikes the reviewer as a sterling example of its genre. It makes available a sufficient number of papers which have been most competently selected for their relevance, variety and quality. Certainly the work will be valuable not only to Algonquistes but also to many others whose concerns include matters of Native American history, culture and intercultural relations.