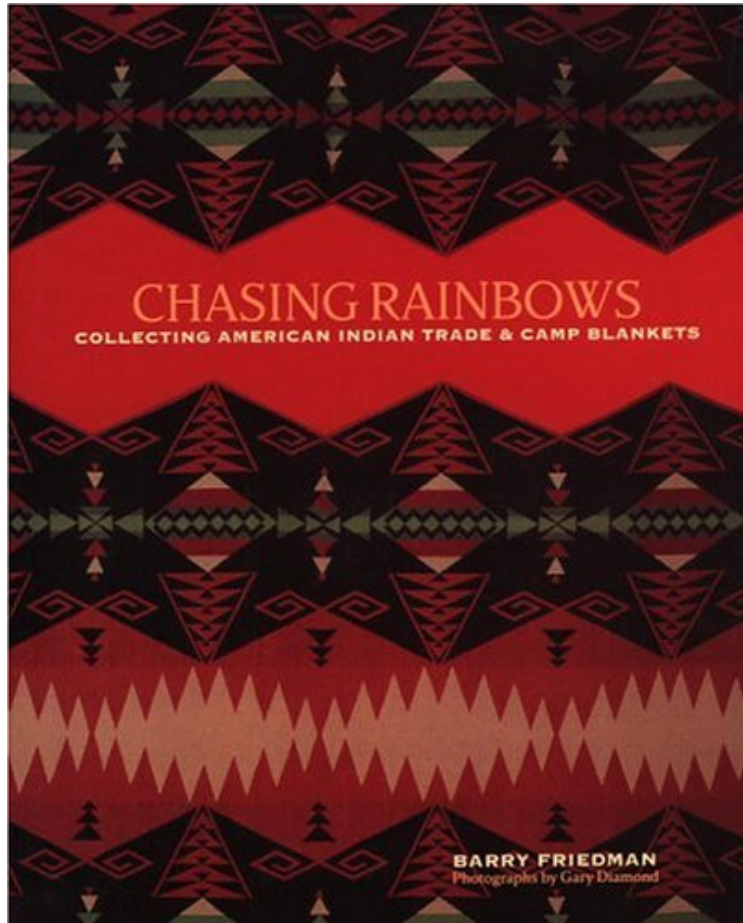


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The dazzling Indian trade blanket has become one of the hottest categories in collecting. Icons of Adirondack and Western décor, these stunning geometric-patterned blankets remain a staple of Native American life and are regularly featured in design and shelter magazines. CHASING RAINBOWS is the only book to trace both the fascinating story of the commercially produced wool trade blankets from the 1892-1942 "golden age" and the equally collectible 1910-1942 cotton Indian camp blankets. Illustrated throughout with hundreds of rare blankets, historic photographs of Native Americans and original blanket manufacturers' catalog pages, this definitive work advises where and what to collect and how to care for vintage blankets. The author, Barry Friedman, is known internationally as the ultimate authority on vintage Indian blankets and this book is unquestionably the collector's Bible. Formerly a highly successful Hollywood comedy writer, Friedman presents his information in a wildly entertaining style.

About the Author Barry Friedman is the pioneer collector/dealer of Indian trade blankets and has bought and sold a staggering 26,000 vintage blankets in his 40 year career. Stories about Mr. Friedman have appeared in hundreds of publications ranging from USA Today and the Los Angeles Times to the Antique Trader and he's been profiled on TV programs such as "Good Morning America". He has lectured at many institutions including the Baltimore Museum of Art and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and was the first non-Indian ever invited to give the keynote address at the Pendleton Woolen Mills national sales meeting. In a previous life he was a Hollywood television comedy writer and received six Emmy nominations and wrote stand-up material for scores of comedians ranging from Johnny Carson to Jerry Seinfeld. He lives in Phoenix, Arizona.