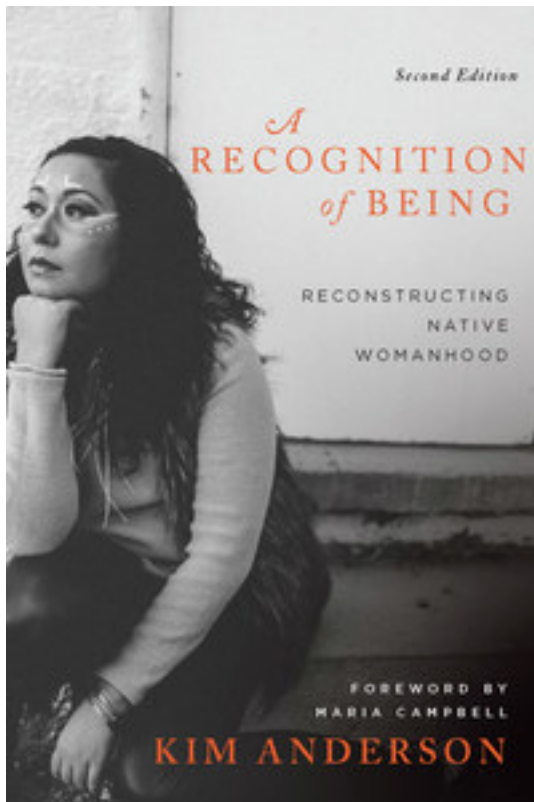


# A Recognition of Being, Second Edition

## Reconstructing Native Womanhood



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