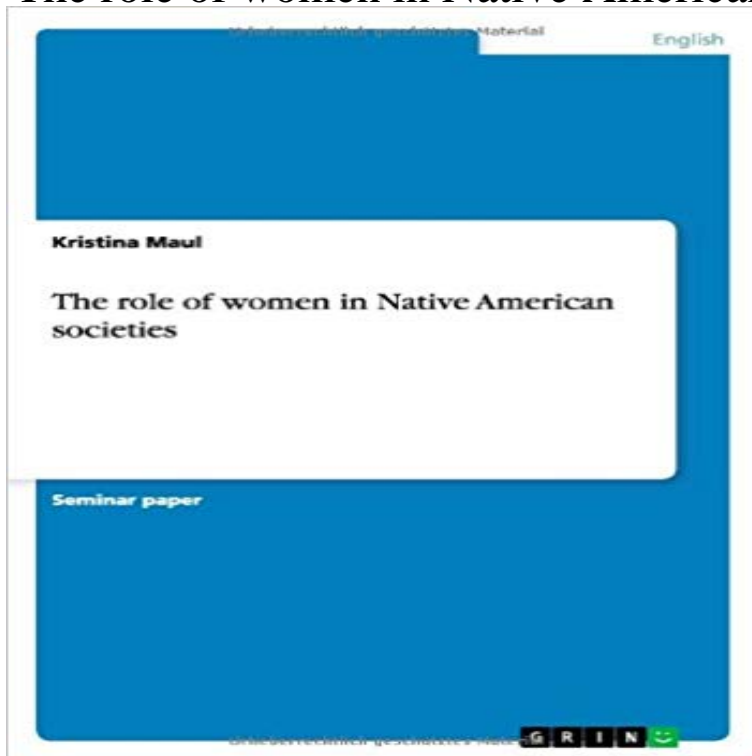


The role of women in Native American societies



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the original object. The question therefore is: How did and do Native women, along with others, create Native America? (Klein & A

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