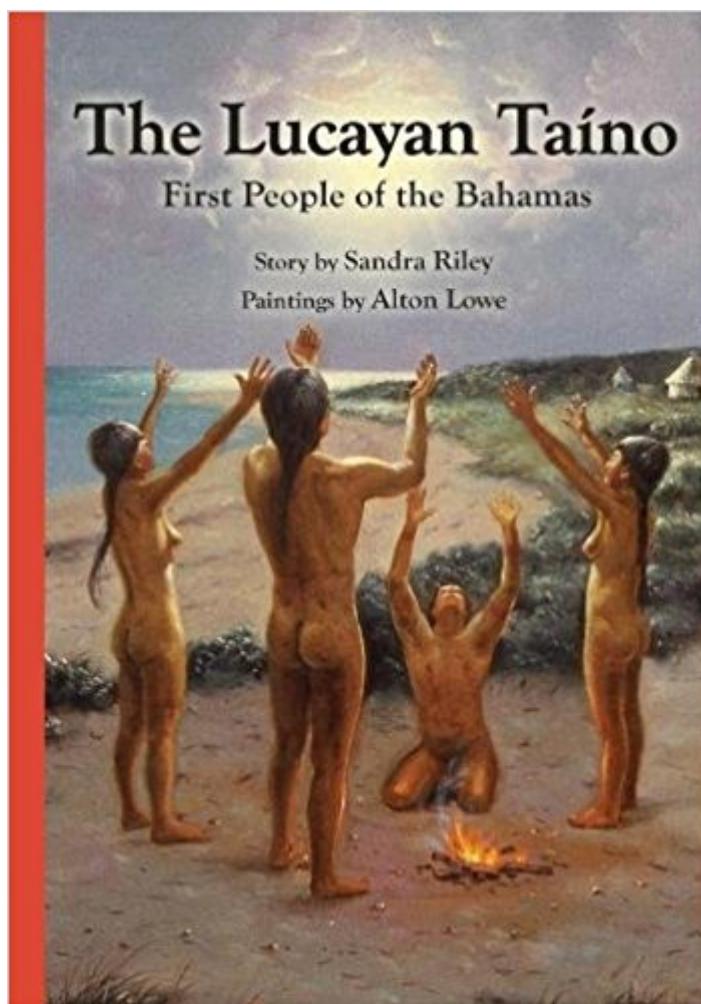


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When Christopher Columbus stepped ashore on the Lucayan island of Guanahani, the people greeted him with gifts of parrots and cotton. They gave all they had. Columbus later told Queen Isabella of Spain that these gentle, peaceful islanders seemed poor in everything but blessed with an abundance of love. Within fifteen years, the Spanish conquerors killed or enslaved everyone, depopulating the Lucayan Islands. The same fate awaited untold millions of indigenous peoples in the Caribbean Islands and Central and South America. The Lucayan Ta'no: First People of the Bahamas is told from their perspective prior to European contact. It is a story in words and paintings, told by Sandra Riley and Alton Lowe, about their culture and connection to their natural and spiritual worlds. It is a story created by filmmaker Travis Neff in his docudrama Full Circle: a Ta'no Story. It is a story told in bronze by James Mastin as a memorial to the Ta'no. These works of art will endure as reminders of the goodness and generosity of spirit that Columbus recognized from the moment he first met the island people.

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