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Complete information for publication fans. Better then never, though i am quite late in start reading this one. Its been written in an extremely straightforward way in fact it is just soon after i finished reading this ebook in which basically altered me, change the way i believe.

(Ellie Stark)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Maliseet Vocabulary The Maliseets have not a written language, nor have I been able to obtain any evidence that they ever used characters or symbols of any sort - neither letters nor hieroglyphics - for the representation of words. A few samples of their picture writing have been discovered, but these are extremely crude and simple and do not suggest any systematic methods for the conveyance of ideas. Nor was the so-called reading of wampum belts, that we have heard about, the rehearsal of a story told by characters on the belt. That was simply the recital of an oral tradition which depended upon the reader s memory for its accuracy. A few simple emblems, such as the insignia of the contracting tribes or clasped hands, signifying friendship, were worked into the belts in white beads, but there were not any symbols that represented sounds. These people having no alphabet, it was necessary when writing their language to invent an alphabet or, to be more exact, to arrange the Roman-English characters in a suitable system; for in English these characters are used to represent different sounds, but when writing an unwritten language each character must represent one sound only, and each sound must be represented invariably by the same character. I found no difficulty, however, in representing the sounds which occur in Maliseet by these familiar symbols with the aid of a few diacritical marks, and by giving to the vowels their continental values. In writing the present work I have changed my alphabet somewhat to make it conform more closely to that adopted by the Bureau of Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution. Thus far...



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