weaving styles puts forth the story of how the division of labor, based on sex, was transformed by the adoption of Spanish-introduced products and techniques, but concludes that a process of “Hopification” occurred that allowed these people to absorb these changes into their own cultural traditions. Another essay brings in the role of the Comanche in New Mexico. A series of rock art carvings depicting Comanche military activity and prowess make clear that most interactions throughout the colonial period occurred, not just between Hispanics and Indians, but between and among the native peoples themselves. Finally, a discussion of the archaeology of settlement patterns of a Spanish land grant shows that the melding of lifeways, from both indigenous and European origins, contributed to the rise of a new vecino identity that transcended ethnicity by the end of the colonial period.

Similar transformations are evident in the Pimería Alta as well, although for markedly different reasons. The archaeology surrounding the Presidio of Tucson makes clear that this isolated military garrison adopted many practices learned from the surrounding O’odham peoples. Nevertheless, they maintained their Hispanic identity by clinging to goods of European style tenuously supplied from central Mexico, even developing a rudimentary market economy for themselves and their neighbors. Using cultural and demographic sources, another essay shows that during the same era a much more impressive adaptation was evinced by the Akimel O’odham, or Gila River Pima community. Although remaining outside the direct political control of the Hispanics, the Pimas, hearkening back to their Hohokam ancestors, modified their own political structure to create a communally cooperative agricultural system that produced an enormous surplus of grain, to the extent that they dominated market economy of the region until the 1860s.

Taken altogether, this work offers many insightful and surprisingly readable contributions, given that it is written by experts for experts. In addition, there are numerous images, maps, and tables that enhance and clarify the narratives. While the price may be a bit steep, readers—both general and specialized—should find the investment of time and money well spent.