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Although less known nationally than the Iroquois or Sioux, the Anishinaabeg were equally influential. "Masters of Empire" follows the story of one Anishinaabeg group, the Odawa, who settled at the straits between Lakes Michigan and Huron, then a hub for trade and diplomacy throughout the Midwest. Telling the story from the Native-American point of view, Michael McDonnell--an associate professor of history at the University of Sydney--shows how the Odawa both controlled their own destinies in the face of colonialism and influenced events as iconic as the American Revolution.

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