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In 1896 A. Farnese was given a glimpse into the after life when a spirit contacted him and told him to write down this story. I do not claim to be the author of this book, since I have only acted the part of an amanuensis and endeavored to write down as truthfully and as carefully as I could, the words given to me by the Spirit Author himself, who is one of several spirits who have desired me to write down for them their experiences in the spirit world. I have had to write the words as fast as my pen could travel over the paper, and many of the experiences described and opinions advanced are quite contrary to what I myself believed to be in accordance with the conditions of life in the world of spirits. The Spirit Author Franchezzo I have frequently seen materialized, and he has been recognized on these occasions by friends who knew him in earth life. Having given the narrative to the public as I received it from the Spirit Author, I must leave with him all responsibility for the opinions expressed and the scenes described.

-A. Farnese

Examines how the ancient customs of constructing and keeping a house formed a sacred bond between homes and their inhabitants • Shares many tales of house spirits, from cajoling the local land spirit into becoming one's house spirit to the good and bad luck bestowed by mischievous house elves • Explains the meaning behind door and window placement, house orientation, horsehead gables, the fireplace or hearth, and the threshold • Reveals the charms, chants, prayers, and building practices used by our ancestors to bestow happiness and prosperity upon their homes and their occupants Why do we hang horseshoes for good luck or place wreaths on our doors? Why does the groom carry his new bride over the threshold? These customs represent the last vestiges from a long, rich history of honoring the spirits of our homes. They show that a house is more than a building: it is a living being with a body and soul. Examining the extensive traditions surrounding houses from medieval times to the present, Claude Lecouteux reveals that, before we entered the current era of frequent moves and modular housing, moving largely from the countryside into cities, humanity had an extremely sacred relationship with their homes and all the spirits who lived there alongside them--from the spirit of the house itself to the mischievous elves, fairies, and imps who visited, invited or not. He shows how every aspect of constructing and keeping a house involved rites, ceremony, customs, and taboos to appease the spirits, including the choice of a building lot and the very materials with which it was built. Uncovering the lost meaning behind door and window placement, the hearth, and the threshold, Lecouteux shares many tales of house spirits, from the offerings used to cajole the local land spirit into becoming the domestic house spirit to the good and bad luck bestowed upon those who seek the help of the "Little Money Man." He draws on studies and classic literature from old Europe--from Celtic lands and Scandinavia to France and Germany to the far eastern borders of Europe and into Russia--to explain the pagan roots behind many of these traditions. Revealing our ancestors' charms, prayers, and practices to bestow happiness and prosperity upon their homes, Lecouteux shows that we can invite the spirits back into our houses, old or new, and restore the sacred bond between home and inhabitant.

Adventurers Hap Wilson and Stephanie Aykroyd spent four years traversing 4,000 rugged kilometers of historic fur-trade routes and Ojibwa water routes, on foot and by canoe, in the creation of this astonishing photographic journal. Captured here are scenes of high adventure, world-class pictograph sites along the Bloodvein-Berens River corridors, all stripe of indigenous flora and fauna, life among Manitoba First Nations people in six locations, and representations from each of Manitoba's distinct bioregions. Presented from the perspective of wilderness preservation and ecotourism, Wilderness Manitoba: Land Where the Spirit Lives has the support of the Government of Manitoba, the First Nations People of Manitoba, scientific and anthropological societies, and regional tourism operators.

We, the Elders, have done our best to represent our Red Nation as Ojibway, Cree, and Dakota. We present this story knowing it is an attempt to capture the richness and beauty of the Red Nation a people of the heart and the land. We are an oral people. We cannot transfer our way of life through written words alone. Sacred law must be spoken and heard. Our way of life is meant to be lived and experienced. Our words are meant to inspire and guide our fellow human beings to follow the path of the heart. We believe that there is one Creator for all, that there is one Mother Earth that sustains all of us. We do not own the Earth. How can anyone own their mother? We owe our existence to Mother Earth. We believe that the spirit of the original Red Man was lowered to Mother Earth and our spirit chose to be born on Turtle Island. This story tells of our human life and journey until our return back to the spirit world. We believe the Creator has always been within our reach and that we have to return to the Earth to be guided to our true purpose.

The author of *The Professor and the Madman* and *The Perfectionists* explores the notion of property—our proprietary relationship with the land—through human history, how it has shaped us and what it will mean for our future. Land—whether meadow or mountainside, desert or peat bog, parkland or pasture, suburb or city—is central to our existence. It quite literally underlies and underpins everything. Employing the keen intellect, insatiable curiosity, and narrative verve that are the foundations of his previous bestselling works, Simon Winchester examines what we human beings are doing—and have done—with the billions of acres that together make up the solid surface of our planet. *Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World* examines in depth how we acquire land, how we steward it, how and why we fight over it, and finally, how we can, and on occasion do, come to share it. Ultimately, Winchester confronts the essential question: who actually owns the world's land—and why does it matter?

How does it happen? How does someone raised Roman Catholic find himself journeying to the spirit world, interacting with spirit guides, and performing soul retrievals? This book is Paul J. McAllister's answer to that question. What makes the book interesting is that, unlike many how-to shamanic books, *My Journeys To The Spirit World* focuses on the author's personal journeying experiences. Between June 2011 and June 2013 the author made approximately 200 journeys to the spirit world; journaling each visit immediately after it occurred. This book presents the thirty plus most memorable journeys. It includes details of his interactions with power animals and spirit guides, the intentions for each journey, and the beneficial results of contacting the spirit world. In Chapter One the author describes initial spirit contacts he had while vacationing in Hawaii in 2011. Back on the mainland two weeks later, Paul was awakened from a sound sleep by Hawaiian spirits and given the opportunity to follow a new path. He accepted their invitation. In Chapter Two, the author briefly describes his personal spiritual quest. Following Catholicism into adulthood, the author's life took a turn into alternative spiritual ideas including years spent studying Rosicrucianism, Buddhism, Transcendental Meditation, the Order of the Golden Dawn, and ultimately shamanic practice. Chapter Three relates how he began journeying on his own. The author describes purchasing *Awakening to the Spirit World* by Sandra Ingeman and Hank Wesselman, reading their instructions on journeying, and using the accompanying CD to journey easily into and out of the spirit world. After several months, he decided to verify his experiences and signed up for a class titled "Introduction to Shamanic Journeying" by Lauren Torres, a certified teacher of shamanic practices. Chapters Four and Five describe the author's success in confirming his own experiences through that training. Paul describes his journeys during four shamanic training courses as well as his own personal journeys during this timeframe. The author uses Chapter Six as an introduction to the process of healing by describing his experiences during three years as a practitioner of chakra healing. This chapter also sets the stage for discussions of soul retrievals and soul retrieval training which are covered in Chapter Seven. Chapter Eight describes four soul retrievals and includes positive post retrieval comments from each of the clients. Chapter Nine discusses the use of drums, rattles, dreams, omens, other forms of divination, and how these tools compliment healing and soul retrievals. Chapter Ten focuses on a discussion of our outmoded definition of reality, the fact that journeying is the inherent right of all human beings, and how journeying will help us discover our individual purpose which in turn will help us implement the destiny of all humanity. *My Journeys To The Spirit World*, is not a dry, intellectual approach to shamanic journeying. Rather it is an exciting, sometimes emotional retelling of the author's

personal view of the journeying process. It is the wonderful culmination of a life long spiritual search.

"In midlife Spear turned to the new revelation of spiritualism and came under the thrall of what he believed were spirit messages. Spear's spirits dictated that he and a small group of associates embark on plans for a perpetual motion machine, an electric ship propelled by psychic batteries, a vehicle that would levitate in the air, and a sewing machine that would work with no hands. As Buescher documents, Spear's spirit-guided efforts to harness technology to human liberation - sexual and otherwise - were far stranger than anyone outside his closest associates imagined, and were aimed at the eventual manufacturing of human beings and the improvement of the race. Buescher also examines the way in which Spear's story was minimized by his embarrassed fellow radicals. In the last years of his life, retired by the spirits and regarded by fellow Gilded Age progressives as a visitor from another age, if not another planet, Spear helped organize support for anarchist, socialist, peace, and labor causes."--BOOK JACKET.

The author of the bestselling "Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft" writes a handbook for anyone who wishes to communicate with spirits, as well as for the less adventurous who simply want to satisfy their curiosity about the subject.

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Between 1982 and 1983, in the name of anti-communism the military government of Guatemala prosecuted a scorched-earth campaign of terror against largely Mayan rural communities. Under the leadership of General Efraín Ríos Montt, tens of thousands of people perished in what is now known as *laviolencia*, or 'the Mayan holocaust.' Ríos Montt, Guatemala's president-by-coup was, and is, an outspokenly born-again Pentecostal Christian - a fact that would seem to be at odds with the atrocities that took place on his watch. Virginia Garrard-Burnett's book is the first in English to view the Ríos Montt era through the lens of history. Drawing on newly-available primary sources such as guerrilla documents, evangelical pamphlets, speech transcripts, and declassified US government records, she is able to provide a fine-grained picture of what happened during Ríos Montt's rule. Looking back over Guatemalan history between 1954 and the late 1970s, she finds that three decades of war engendered an ideology of violence that cut across class, cultures, communities, religions, and even families. Many Guatemalans converted to Pentecostalism during this period, she says, because of the affinity between these churches' apocalyptic message and the violence of their everyday reality. Examining the role of outside players and observers: The US government, evangelical groups, and the media, she contends that self-interest, willful ignorance, and distraction permitted the human rights tragedies within Guatemala to take place without challenge from the outside world.

China is facing many new business challenges as a result of rapid growth and a changing world economy. How can managers develop the skills they need to cope with these challenges in a changing world?

The girl you love vanishes - you search and search. No trace is found. You see someone who looks so like her - she looks at you but does not know you, no recognition flickers. Is it a mirage, dream or desperate hope? She likes you. You ask and she comes with you. Her mind sees only sunlight. You see dark shadowed edges. Can you remake your life with a person who holds no memory of you? An unknown girl appears on an aboriginal community in far north Queensland. She has no memory of any life before, no one knows her. The people in the community say she just arrived one day. Who is she? Where has she come from? She looks like a missing backpacker, Susan, but her name is Jane. Her past life is an unknown place from where she knows no one. She is trying to make a new life without any connections to her past. This is the final book of the Crocodile Spirit Dreaming Series. It tells the story of an English backpacker who went travelling in Outback Australia with a man who loved crocodiles, and how her life turned into a horror nightmare. She finally gets her freedom only to disappear. Her name was Susan. She was on trial for murder when she vanished. She had been just released on bail, despite pleading guilty, when new evidence indicating self-defense was found. She was also pregnant and expecting twins. Since she disappeared only a pair of shoes she was wearing have been found. They were next to a waterhole full of crocodiles. It is feared that she and her unborn children are dead, taken by crocodiles. More than a year has passed without any other trace of her. An inquest has made an open finding on her disappearance. Is there a link between missing Susan and this girl, Jane, who turns up out of nowhere, knowing no one, remembering nothing? Can this girl, Jane, build a new and happy life with her two small children. Can whatever tragedy haunted her past be overcome? This is the story of the remaking of a new life from the broken shell of the old - and how memories of the old threaten to tear apart the new. And at the dark edge lurks an ancient creature of the deep, a being whose lineage is the long lost Australian Aboriginal Dreamtime, the time when the spirits made this land. Yet beyond this dark is a new place where sunlit shadows dance.

From the myths and legends of the ancient world to the verified historical records of modern times, these inspiring volumes provide a window onto the past, enabling the reader to understand previous eras and the men and women who created them. A fascinating visual guide to the history and lives of America's native peoples from early times to the present day, encompassing unique tribal traditions, practices, and beliefs.

In the early 1990s three friends sat together to practice the art of meditation. Soon they were joined by a wonderful lady, Olive, who was then in her early eighties. She had experienced phenomena at the age of five - "remote viewing". In her mind she could see events occurring far away and would tell her mother. On 18th May 1992 the friends had achieved a state of awareness for spirit to talk to them, Peter stood up for the first time. There then was the exciting first message - the first "Words from Spirit" of many more that followed.

An exploration of the wild spirits that once roamed the lands and inhabited the waters and the pagan rites used to gain their good will • Explores medieval stories and folk traditions of

brownies, fairies, giants, dragons, will-o'-the-wisps, and demons • Explains the specific rites performed to negotiate with the local spirits and ensure their permission before building on new land • Shows how these beliefs carried through to modern times, especially in architecture Our pagan ancestors knew that every forest has brownies and fairies, every spring its lady, and every river malevolent beings in its depths. They told tales of giants in the hills, dragons in the lakes, marshes swarming with will-o'-the-wisps, and demons and wild folk in the mountains who enjoyed causing landslides, avalanches, and floods. They both feared and respected these entities, knowing the importance of appeasing them for safe travel and a prosperous homestead. Exploring medieval stories, folk traditions, spiritual place names, and pagan rituals of home building and site selection, Claude Lecouteux reveals the multitude of spirits and entities that once inhabited the land before modern civilization repressed them into desert solitude, impenetrable forests, and inaccessible mountains. He explains how, to our ancestors, enclosing a space was a sacred act. Specific rites had to be performed to negotiate with the local spirits and ensure proper placement and protection of a new building. These land spirits often became the household spirit, taking up residence in a new building in exchange for permission to build on their territory. Lecouteux explores Arthurian legends, folk tales, and mythology for evidence of the untamed spirits of the wilderness, such as giants, dragons, and demons, and examines the rites and ceremonies used to gain their good will. Lecouteux reveals how, despite outright Church suppression, belief in these spirits carried through to modern times and was a primary influence on architecture, an influence still visible in today's buildings. The author also shows how our ancestors' concern for respecting nature is increasingly relevant in today's world.

This aptly named book contains 22 selections by John Muir, John McPhee, Barry Lopez, and others on Alaska and to some extent on the neighboring Yukon, accompanied by a small but evocative collection of photographs of Eskimos. The pieces, most of which are top-notch, vividly describe the harsh climate, the Arctic and sub-Arctic habitats, and the animals of Alaska, and tell the stories of the Native Americans and others who have made their home or worked in the North. This excellent sampler of some of the best writing on Alaska is recommended for academic and, especially, public libraries.

Around 1970, the peaceful country of Kampuchea (now Cambodia) gradually began to change by the force of political power and corruption. At the same time, many parts of the world became influenced by the Communist system. The Communist party called the Red Khmer (also known as the Khmer Rouge) began to form. They spent years in the jungle recruiting and brainwashing anyone who joined. They believed they could change the country for the better by taking over the current government and changing everything to a system where everyone could become equal. They spent years fighting and claiming each region of the country until they successfully took over the entire country. Their main purpose was to eliminate anyone who'd caused the corruption and those who'd embraced the political powers. No one knew their main purpose until they began to execute their scheme. Tragically, they didn't just eliminate their initial targets. They went far beyond their original plans, and millions of innocent civilians also became their victims. My family lived through this gruesome and horrifying ordeal, and this book is our story of how we all managed to survive the Red Khmer and remain together.

This book covers the environmental, historical and cultural changes to the land and inhabitants of a little valley in the Highlands of Scotland, Badenoch, stretching from pre-history to the cessation of World War 1. Bounded by the Monadhliath and Grampian ranges, with River Spey flowing through to the sea, the topography, environment and climate dictated the number of people the valley could support. Control over land and resources was fundamental in maintaining social relationships and the folk from Badenoch did it well. Australia and New Zealand provided an opportunity and a lifestyle that they could only dream of in far-off Badenoch. Land was the key. Some returned to Badenoch, having made their fortune, whilst others settled into their new homes; this book tells their stories and the story of the land they left behind.

Indigenous cultures meticulously protect and preserve their traditions. Those traditions often have deep connections to the homelands of indigenous peoples, thus forming strong relationships between culture, land, and communities. Autoethnography can help shed light on the nature and complexity of these relationships. Indigenous Research of Land, Self, and Spirit is a collection of innovative research that focuses on the ties between indigenous cultures and the constructs of land as self and agency. It also covers critical intersectional, feminist, and heuristic inquiries across a variety of indigenous peoples. Highlighting a broad range of topics including environmental studies, land rights, and storytelling, this book is ideally designed for policymakers, academicians, students, and researchers in the fields of sociology, diversity, anthropology, environmentalism, and history.

Possess the Land: The Believer's Guide to Home Buying parallels the journey that the Children of Israel took with the journey of home buying. This step by step guide will teach you how to apply biblical principles to conquer the giants that have inhabited your promised land, increase your credit scores, decrease debt, and grow your savings account so that you can walk in the authority of God and receive the property that He has promised you.

This meditation by an award winning historian calls for a new way of looking at the natural world and our place in it, while boldly challenging the assumptions that underlie the way we teach and think about both history and time. Calvin Luther Martin's In the Spirit of the Earth is a provocative account of how the hunter-gatherer image of nature was lost--with devastating consequences for the environment and the human spirit. According to Martin, our current ideas about nature emerged during neolithic times, as humans began to domesticate animals and farm the land. In the hunter-gatherer mind, animals and plants were spiritual beings and the earth a reliable provider. But in neolithic innovations Martin finds the roots of our own curiously alienated relationship with other living things and with the earth itself. This alienation is revealed not only in our artifice--the technology that moves us further and further away from nature--but even in the way we speak about the world. It is revealed most dramatically, perhaps, in the horrific destruction we have visited on animals and landscapes. Martin sees the shift to agricultural economies as a change in spiritual imagination. This new approach to food getting meant a new understanding of ourselves and the world--a new, powerful image of the self relative to plants and animals. It led to food surpluses, a population boom, the appearance of cities and ceremonial centers, and the emergence of priestly classes and ruling elites--in short, to all the achievements, follies, and horrors of "civilization." Martin argues that history--his own discipline--and human centered historical consciousness lie at the heart of this ultimately destructive ideology. Notions of order and progress, of a chosen people and linear time, fuel our sense that the world is ours to improve, exploit, and even destroy. We need to rediscover the wisdom and sanity of less presumptuous ideas of nature--a process that demands a much larger narrative than historians have been writing and telling. Without calling for a return to hunting and gathering, Martin asks if some of what

we lost--or left behind--in the distant past might be reclaimed and used again. To make peace with the earth. To make peace with ourselves. "Many will respond with that oft heard reply, But we cannot go back! To which I respond, But we never left--never left our true, real context, that is. Homo is still here on this planet earth, abiding in our most fundamental and necessary nature by its fundamental and necessary terms. We left all of that only, really, in our fevered imagination. It all began as an act of imagination, an illusory image--most fundamentally, an image of fear--and so the corrective process must likewise begin with an image. Let us re-learn, as hunter-gatherers knew to the core of their being, that this place and its processes (even in our death) always takes care of us--that Homo's citizenship, and errand, rest not with any creed or state, but with 'that star's substance from which he had arisen.'"--from *In the Spirit of the Earth*

It is common knowledge that, in rich societies, the poor have worse health and suffer more from almost every social problem. This book explains why inequality is the most serious problem societies face today.

This provocative and timely text advocates an expanded ethic oriented toward ecosystem sustainability and focuses on the role of nature in maintaining the human spirit. Diverse views are put forth in 38 chapters by 49 authors who represent all types of users and interests. This text presents a balanced, in-depth perspective on this difficult topic of hard-to-define values. The text encourages a sense of awe about the complexity of natural systems as it redefines the words spirit and spirituality by redirecting the reader from the realms of the sectarian, religious, or mystical toward a nature-based meaning. This perspective encompasses the physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, social, and economic well-being of people and communities, emphasizing the sameness of humans and land, and it lays the groundwork for an understanding of, and a need for an expanded land management ethic.

Malidoma Patrice Some was born in a Dagara Village, however he was soon to be abducted to a Jesuit school, where he remained for the next fifteen years, being harshly indoctrinated into European ways of thought and worship. The story tells of his return to his people, his hard initiation back into those people, which led to his desire to convey their knowledge to the world. *Of Water and the Spirit* is the result of that desire; it is a sharing of living African traditions, offered in compassion for those struggling with our contemporary crisis of the spirit.

This book is a story about my life and how the supernatural gift to "See" helped sustain and strengthen me through the many hardships and poverty in my life's struggles.

Helen Davenport, governess for a wealthy London household, spots an advertisement seeking young women to marry New Zealand's honorable bachelors and begins correspondence with a gentleman farmer. When her church offers to pay her travels under an unusual arrangement, she jumps at the opportunity. On the ship, she meets Gwyneira Silkham, traveling to meet a New Zealand baron who won her in a game of blackjack. When their new husbands turn out to be very different than expected, the women must help one another find the life they'd hoped for.

Today, practicing shamanism doesn't mean you have to live in a rain forest or a desert. Thanks to a modern renaissance of shamanic spirituality, practitioners from all walks of life now use powerful indigenous techniques for healing, insight, and spiritual growth. With *Awakening to the Spirit World*, teachers Sandra Ingerman and Hank Wesselman bring together a circle of renowned Western shamanic elders to present a comprehensive manual for making these practices accessible and available in our daily lives, including: How the original practice of shamanism shaped the world's spiritual traditions and why it is still relevant today. The art of the shamanic journey--a time-tested meditative method for experiencing important spiritual lessons and truths. Guidance for avoiding common pitfalls of shamanic practice. Instruction for working with your dreams, connecting to your spirit guides, healing yourself and your environment. The core of shamanism is the experience of direct revelation-- to communicate firsthand with your spiritual allies and discover your own power. *Awakening to the Spirit World* takes you through each step of developing a personal connection with your helping spirits to receive wisdom, insight, and healing energy. From an overview of shamanism, to your first journeys and encounters with your power animals, to expanding your skills and insight through long-term practice, here is an in-depth resource for the shamanic arts that includes: Creating rituals and ceremonies for healing and transformation Reconnecting with nature to heal ourselves and the planet Working with your dreams, songs, and artistic vision to strengthen your practice Traditional wisdom for children-- healthy rites of passage for each phase of a child's journey to adulthood Honoring the cycle of life and death-- shamanic practices to prepare for and celebrate our final transition in this life Excerpt Shamanism is the most ancient spiritual practice known to humankind and is the "ancestor" of all our modern religions. As a method, it is a form of meditation combined with a focused intention to accomplish various things, as well become apparent in this book. As a spiritual practice, shamanism can become a way of life that may utterly transform the one who practices it. The word "shaman" comes from the language of the Evenki peoples, a Tungusic tribe in Siberia. This is a word whose meaning has to do with esoteric knowledge and extraordinary spiritual abilities and as such a shaman is often defined as an intermediary between the human and spirit worlds. In shamanic cultures, the word "shaman" has come to mean "the one who sees in the dark" or "the one who knows." There are certain commonalities in a shaman's worldview and practice across the world that allow us to make certain broad generalizations about shamanism. In the majority of indigenous cultures, the universe is viewed as being made up of two distinct realms: a world of things seen and a world of things hidden, yet that these two worlds present themselves together as two halves of a whole. The shaman is the inspired visionary, a man or a woman who learns through practice how to enter into this "world of things hidden," and once there, he or she typically encounters extra-mundane personalities or archetypal forces that the indigenous peoples refer to as spirits, ancestors, or even gods. Reviews "*Awakening to the Spirit World*" takes a deep look at tapping sources of invisible power in daily life. So much of what Sandra Ingerman and Hank Wesselman write about is lost to modern medicine: listening to the weather and the elements, understanding death, and more. This is a courageous book that will appeal to all who long to explore the unseen world." —Judith Orloff, MD, author of *Emotional Freedom* "In an era when chaos, confusion, and uncertainty take center stage, the ancestors, focused on balancing the energies of life, call forth calm, clarity, and pragmatic direction for accessing the medicine needed to heal the individual and collective psyche. In this moment in time, we are invited into "*Awakening to the Spirit World*," where we are reassured that we are not alone. We are in good company, indeed." —Malidoma Patrice Some, PhD, author of "*Of Water and the Spirit, The Healing Wisdom of Africa*," and "*Ritual: Power, Healing, and Community*."

Sydney Long (1871-1955) was Australia's foremost Art Nouveau painter and one of our major symbolist artists. He created haunting scenes of the Australian landscape. His Art Nouveau works are like reveries, an escape from the everyday. He populated the prosaic Australian bush with nymphs and fauns whose poetic world was paralleled in the literature of Australian writers. Seeking an imagery which conveyed the 'lonely and primitive feelings of the country', he captured the soul and tenor of the Australian bush. Long also painted many delightful

landscapes and cityscapes in Australia and Britain, in which he continued to demonstrate his interest in strong form. And from 1918 he became a leading printmaker, devoting much of his time to printmaking in the succeeding twenty years.

In this New York Times Book Review Editors' Choice, the son of working-class Mexican immigrants flees a life of labor in fruit-packing plants to run in a Native American marathon from Canada to Guatemala in this "stunning memoir that moves to the rhythm of feet, labor, and the many landscapes of the Americas" (Catriona Menzies-Pike, author of *The Long Run*). Growing up in Yakima, Washington, Noé A. Álvarez worked at an apple-packing plant alongside his mother, who "slouched over a conveyor belt of fruit, shoulder to shoulder with mothers conditioned to believe this was all they could do with their lives." A university scholarship offered escape, but as a first-generation Latino college-goer, Álvarez struggled to fit in. At nineteen, he learned about a Native American/First Nations movement called the Peace and Dignity Journeys, epic marathons meant to renew cultural connections across North America. He dropped out of school and joined a group of Dene, Secwepemc, Gitksan, Dakelh, Apache, Tohono O'odham, Seri, Purepecha, and Maya runners, all fleeing difficult beginnings. Telling their stories alongside his own, Álvarez writes about a four-month-long journey from Canada to Guatemala that pushed him to his limits. He writes not only of overcoming hunger, thirst, and fear—dangers included stone-throwing motorists and a mountain lion—but also of asserting Indigenous and working-class humanity in a capitalist society where oil extraction, deforestation, and substance abuse wreck communities. Running through mountains, deserts, and cities, and through the Mexican territory his parents left behind, Álvarez forges a new relationship with the land, and with the act of running, carrying with him the knowledge of his parents' migration, and—against all odds in a society that exploits his body and rejects his spirit—the dream of a liberated future. "This book is not like any other out there. You will see this country in a fresh way, and you might see aspects of your own soul. A beautiful run." —Luis Alberto Urrea, author of *The House of Broken Angels* "When the son of two Mexican immigrants hears about the Peace and Dignity Journeys—'epic marathons meant to renew cultural connections across North America'—he's compelled enough to drop out of college and sign up for one. *Spirit Run* is Noé A. Álvarez's account of the four months he spends trekking from Canada to Guatemala alongside Native Americans representing nine tribes, all of whom are seeking brighter futures through running, self-exploration, and renewed relationships with the land they've traversed." —*Runner's World*, Best New Running Books of 2020 "An anthem to the landscape that holds our identities and traumas, and its profound power to heal them." —Francisco Cantú, author of *The Line Becomes a River*

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From the grandeur of the Great Plains to the solitude of the northern woods, from the intensity of a summer storm to the quiet redemption of a fresh blanket of snow, Kent Nerburn's *Native Echoes* pays homage to the power of the land to shape our hearts and spirits. An Ojibwe elder once counseled Nerburn to "always teach by stories, because stories lodge deep in the heart." Using skills learned from Native storytellers as well as a deep reverence for the world's spiritual traditions, Nerburn takes us to an Ojibwe burial, down lonely winter roads, and into landscapes where trees have presence and the earth is made alive by the mystical power of water and light. *Native Echoes* is a stark, poetic work that honors both Native American traditions and our western way of thinking and believing. NAPRA Review calls it a "beautiful book that will touch not only those who find Spirit in Native American paths, but anyone who has felt the presence of something powerful beyond the known."

Michael Dante played the title role in *Winterhawk* (1975), a Western about a legendary Blackfoot Chief's character and his principles. In this novella sequel, he pens an ageless saga about ruthless railroad executives trying to assassinate him in order to build their railroad directly through his territory, taking the Blackfoot land without provocation. *Winterhawk* and his tribe remain strong as long as they can, to protect the land of their people, the land they call home, before the invasion of progress imposes itself on America. This inspiring story of a brave man, who stands up to and fight against those who have their own agenda for his land, evokes the nostalgic atmosphere of Western series that Dante frequently appeared in during American television's Golden Era, such as *Death Valley Days*, *The Big Valley*, *Daniel Boone*, *Custer*, *The Texan*, *Bonanza*, *Maverick*, and *Cheyenne*.

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