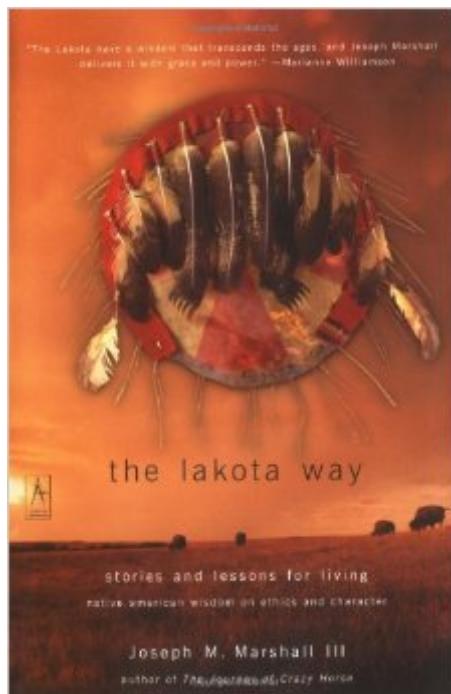


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The Lakota Way: Stories And Lessons For Living (Compass)



Synopsis

Joseph M. Marshallâ™s thoughtful, illuminating account of how the spiritual beliefs of the Lakota people can help us all lead more meaningful, ethical lives. Rich with storytelling, history, and folklore, The Lakota Way expresses the heart of Native American philosophy and reveals the path to a fulfilling and meaningful life. Joseph Marshall is a member of the Sicunga Lakota Sioux and has dedicated his entire life to the wisdom he learned from his elders. Here he focuses on the twelve core qualities that are crucial to the Lakota way of life--bravery, fortitude, generosity, wisdom, respect, honor, perseverance, love, humility, sacrifice, truth, and compassion. Whether teaching a lesson on respect imparted by the mythical Deer Woman or the humility embodied by the legendary Lakota leader Crazy Horse, The Lakota Way offers a fresh outlook on spirituality and ethical living.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book because I was interested in the Lakota way of life, and their belief system. Not only was I enlightened in that aspect, but I gained some insight into the kind of life that I want to live, and the person I want to be. Joseph M. Marshall III, does more than simply list the qualities that are important to the Lakota people. He draws the reader a picture of each quality with stories that have been passed down to him through his family. Not only do these stories show that strength and tenacity of the Native American People through all their hardship at the hands of the whites, but they show people overcoming human weaknesses, and their lives being richer and happier for it.

Marshall also describes the outcome of the Native American struggle against the whites differently than I've ever heard it described, that the Native people in this country were never defeated! Through everything the whites put them through, they emerged with a strong sense of where they came from and where they are going. I highly recommend this book.

This book is an outstanding resource for parents of Lakota children and for teachers, teacher education professors, journalists, counselors, social workers, or anyone who works with Lakota people. Joseph Marshall is an authentic voice bringing back old stories and contemporizing them for his readers as a way of sharing and passing on Lakota wisdom and values for future generations. So many "experts" on the Lakota culture are really just scholars who cannot reach the true center of the culture because they haven't lived it. Joe is the real thing, and his voice is both humble and eloquent as he relates his life to the stories his grandparents told him. I used the book in my summer course for teachers and they have taken it back to their classrooms to use with their students as a way of encouraging Lakota children to write their own stories. I just can't say enough about how great this book is. There is also a CD of Joe reading some of the stories, which is extremely helpful in a classroom setting. His other short story collections "The Dance House" and "On Behalf of the Wolf and the First Peoples" are excellent also.

If I were still teaching my native language: Lakota, I would use this book in my classroom. I recommend this book to all of my family and friends. It is a must for all, especially to my people as a lot of us need to relearn these ways or to learn them new! I have read "Dance House" also and can only applaud Mr. Marshall for his great writing. Pilamayaye ksto!

this is one of the most enlightening books about not only the native path but everyday interaction. I purchased the book and have re-read and re-read. For those of native heritage it quietly and forcefully moves you to reawaken your heritage and for others shares insight into our beliefs. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to live a better life.

I live near and work on a reservation in SD. I wanted to read this book to understand the viewpoints of my Native American friends better. The way Marshall is able to explain the virtues from a historical, traditional perspective and relate them to modern day is wonderful and easily understood. This is a great book!

After years of listening to insufferable white posturers and Indian writers beating the tom-tom just a bit too loudly, I have finally come upon a writer who has produced a humble, honorable, knowledgeable book that reflects the application of Indian traditions to the situations that all of us face today. This is not a book for the confused seeker, the desperate wannabe, or the trafficer in the newest new age philosophy du jour. Rather, it is a book for the caring, thoughtful human being who looks into the heart as well as the mind for guidance on life issues. An added benefit is that it is full of wonderful and illustrative stories, lightly told. If you don't feel that the Great Spirit has ordained you to wear eagle feathers and take an Indian name, but you value the rich, earth-embracing philosophy of the Lakota people, please get this book. You will find yourself quietly enriched and illuminated, all in a way that New Age self help books can never begin to provide. Thank you, Mr. Marshall. You remind us that wisdom whispers, it doesn't shout. Keep up the good fight. Kent Nerburn

I am not Lakota, however, I do have an interest in their history. This book was a suggested title through a reading program at our church. While the book contains many traditional stories from the Lakota people, it contains many lessons for life for everyone. It is good to see that these traditional stories have been recorded. As culture has changed, fewer and fewer of our stories are being passed from generation to generation. Stories such as these are timeless. They are relevant now and will be in the future, they are relevant for both Lakota and non-Lakota alike.

I don't normally read anything that isn't put in front of my face, I have 3 pages left to this book and I do not want to finish it yet, it's that good. This book is a reminder of how we should live and treat other beings. It has great Native American stories/history ages old and new ones by the author. Whether you just want something to read, interested in history, or want motivation - this book is definitely what you are waiting for!

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