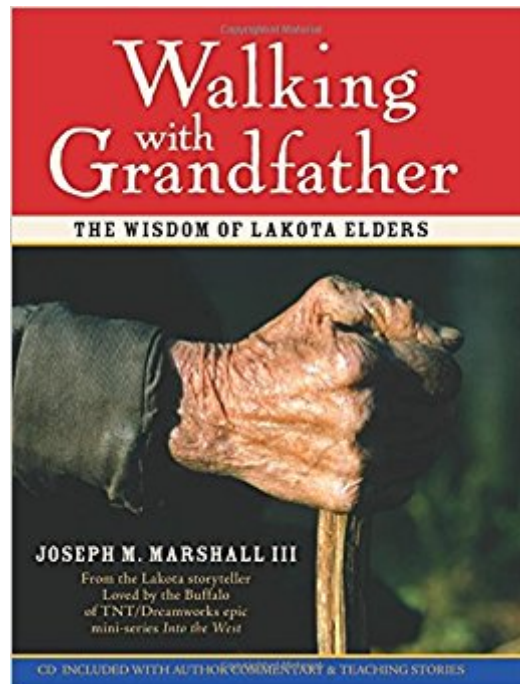




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Walking With Grandfather: The Wisdom Of Lakota Elders



Synopsis

"When we began our search for consultants for *Into the West*, we were looking for individuals with a deep knowledge of the culture and history of the Lakota people. In Joe Marshall, we found that person, but the happy surprise was that we also found a poet, a storyteller, and an educator who led us through challenging terrain with great patience and wisdom."-Michael Wright, executive in charge of production, *Into The West*

Native American lineage holders have long been cautious about sharing their spiritual truths because the essence of this wisdom has been so often misunderstood. In *Walking with Grandfather*, authentic Lakota lineage holder and award-winning storyteller Joseph M. Marshall breaks this silence with the very best from a lifetime of lessons passed on to him by his grandfather. With him, you will gain access to the timeless teachings that until now remained largely unheard outside the culture of the Lakota people. Part of an unbroken series of narratives dating back countless centuries, this rare new transmission includes Marshall's rendition of legendary stories such as: "Follow Me"-why it is not authority but character, compassion, and experience that make a good leader "The Way of Wolves"-surprising lessons about the meaning of family "The Bow and the Arrow"-the intricate dynamics of spiritual partnership "The Shadow Man"-how to honor the sacred warrior in all of us "The Wisdom Within"-the passage of truly becoming an elder Plus many more stories

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Customer Reviews

Joseph M. Marshall III is a teacher, historian, writer, storyteller, and a Lakota craftsman. He was

born on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota and raised in a traditional native household by his maternal grandparents. He has published nine nonfiction works including *The Lakota Way: Stories and Lessons for Living* and *To You We Shall Return: Lessons About Our Planet from the Lakota*, three novels, a collection of short stories and essays, a children's book, and was contributing author in five other publications; and has written several screenplays. Several of his books have been published in French, Hebrew, Korean, Japanese, German, Italian, Chinese, Romanian, Portuguese, Spanish, and Bulgarian.

Joseph Marshall has become one of my favorite authors, and I especially love the audio versions of his books. Many of them are available on CD or through Audible. Marshall narrates them himself. The hardcover copy of this book came with an audio CD narrated by Marshall that provides supplemental material and the background to the book. I could listen to him all day, and I have done so on several occasions. His wisdom is priceless and timeless. It is also rather unique in that it comes from a Native American who speaks Lakota fluently. I recommend all of Marshall's books that I have read, but "Walking with Grandfather" and "The Journey of Crazy Horse" are my favorites. Here is the link to his author page: [Joseph Marshall](#)

Awesome book. So much understanding on Lakota tradition and ethics can be found here. It changed my view of the world. Thank you Joseph M. Marshall III !!!!

I decided on this rating because this book deserves it. Indigenous cultures are more advanced than Western culture. That's my heart's conviction. Technology, democracy, nation states, education, science, and all that civilization touts as "progress" seem to me a cunning seductive lie. Humans have forgotten the wisdom of nature's plan, place and mastery over and beyond modern humanity's arrogance, insanity and the Wetiko (native American word literally meaning "insane cannibal") mindset that's epitomized by Western Civilization. Humanity is on a crash course to extinction. Brion Gysin (Google the name because you've no idea who he was) called modern man "the bad animal" because our species has become a menace to itself while threatening all life and the planet and nature itself we have near totally fallen into the prevalent mass delusion of thinking that humans are somehow and in some way being separate from and superior to. This is Wetiko. The wisdom offered in this book comes from a sane, indigenous human culture American culture at large cannibalized, leaving only a disenfranchised remnant of extant. If you're interested in the wisdom borne of Lakota culture's basic sanity, listen to these stories told by Elders from a more advanced,

yet endangered culture.

There are very relevant to our society issues that are being discussed in "Walking with Grandfather" such as the importance of Elders (in our modern society they stay aside in shadow, we mostly forget about them and consider them for example unable to learn new technology and old-fashioned but they are valuable source of wisdom and knowledge that we should keep, appreciate, use and respect). Another interesting thing in the book is the real meaning of a Leader, why we choose him, how we should choose him and what qualities a true leader must possess. As well as the simple truth that Everything that happen to us has meaning and can be lesson. These and many more pieces of wisdom are present in the book. A book about the life and our place and role in it.

I love Joseph M. Marshall III's writing style and his ability to get to the heart of the his subject matter. Sometimes I have to remind myself that I'm not reading the actual writing of the Lakota Elders he is writing on behalf of. The piercing insight of Native American wisdom has caused me to redefine my views on who I want to be and my relationship to the world around me. Thank you JMM III.

A wonderful read and the author's voice on the sound recording is a joy to listen to. This book brings out the special relationship between grandparents and younger generations in Native American cultures. The text is full of wisdom that everyone should take to heart. I've bought several copies as gifts and to replace one's that gently walked away with other readers.

Mr. Marshall has alot of thought in a small book here. From his walks with his grandfather to the questions of life and death. Wisdom and right action should be the goal of our lives. We spend too much time fighting to get "stuff" we think we need... How do we treat our elders who have cared for us as children? How do we treat eachother and the earth?The lakota views of life, death, and wisdom makes alot of sense to me at least. The CD that comes with the book is Mr. Marshall speaking these wisdom stories.. I really enjoyed the book and CD very much. It made me remember my own childhood and the time spent with my own grandparents. They taught me alot too, and years later the simple wisdom of their teachings shine true still. This would make a good gift for young adults I think.. Enjoy the stories and the teachings!

Absolutely a great read . It suggest how we should listen to our elders & learn from there experience . It also teaches us what a true leader is not just a person of authority , Loved the book & the bonus

cd that comes with the book , I recommend this book . Mike Bair

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