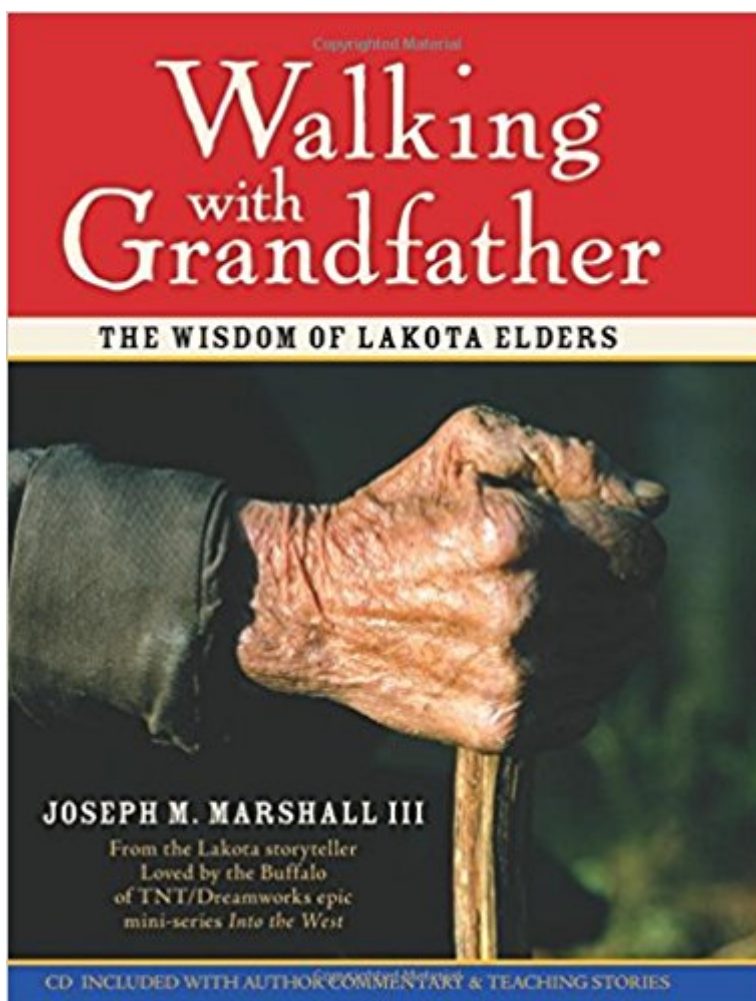




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Walking With Grandfather: The Wisdom Of Lakota Elders



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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Joseph Marshall III journeys into a wholly new literary world and presents his most unique and

valuable work to date with "Walking with Grandfather: The Wisdom of Lakota Elders." His early writings were mostly fiction, then non-fiction, and now philosophy. As a young boy, Marshall spent countless hours walking the trails along the Little White River in South Dakota with his grandfather Albert, a Sicangu Lakota. The knowledge Marshall gained during those intimate moments has served him well throughout his career and life. Marshall's writing is not the shoddy new-age-native-american-pyramid-consciousness-enlightenment philosophy that has hijacked real American Indian religious rituals and beliefs. Rather, Marshall's sharing of Grandpa Albert's understanding of life, people, and society is simple and straight forward, yet its benefits are powerful for one's soul. This philosophy is not just an American Indian philosophy but it is also valuable for all societies. Marshall's voice speaks from the heart, about living and death, the body and its spirit. He warns us that ignorance sometimes accompanies man's commanding intellect creating more harm than good. We must always remember where we come from to keep us humble. Humbleness ensures we move forward, generation after generation in a positive way. "Walking with Grandfather" is sculpted from Lakota wisdom, history, and mythic stories. Marshall shares wonderful tales of wolves, the greyhound and the rabbit, the bow and arrow, and more. All these tales of fiction accent an important point that provides great wisdom for living in a very busy world. We should slow down and always remember where we came from, our ancestors that walked before us, and learn from them.

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