

Ohitika Woman: Mary Brave Bird, a Symbol of Strength and Resilience



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Mary Brave Bird, an Ohitika Woman, emerged as a powerful voice for her people and a symbol of strength and resilience. Her story is a testament to the indomitable spirit of the Ohitika people.

Early Life and Education

Mary Brave Bird was born in 1903 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. She was a member of the Ohitika band of the Lakota Sioux. As a young girl, she witnessed the Wounded Knee Massacre, a tragic event that left a lasting impact on her life.

Despite the hardships she faced, Brave Bird had a passion for learning. She attended the Holy Rosary Mission School, where she excelled in her studies. She later attended Haskell Institute, a boarding school for Native American students.

Marriage and Family

In 1923, Brave Bird married Leonard Crow Dog, a Lakota medicine man. They had four children together. The family lived on the Pine Ridge Reservation, where they practiced traditional Lakota ways.

Brave Bird's husband was a spiritual leader and a strong advocate for Lakota rights. He was involved in the American Indian Movement (AIM) and the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973.

Autobiography and Activism

In 1990, Brave Bird published her autobiography, "Lakota Woman." The book became a bestseller and brought her national attention. In the autobiography, she shared her experiences as an Ohitika Woman, including the Wounded Knee Massacre and the struggles faced by her people.

Brave Bird became a respected elder and a spokesperson for Lakota culture and rights. She traveled extensively, giving lectures and speaking out on behalf of indigenous peoples. She was also involved in the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, working to free the wrongly convicted AIM activist.

Legacy

Mary Brave Bird passed away in 1993. She left behind a legacy of strength, resilience, and advocacy. Her autobiography continues to inspire and educate generations of readers.

Brave Bird was a powerful voice for her people. She spoke out against injustice and oppression, and she worked tirelessly to preserve Lakota culture. Her legacy will continue to inspire and empower indigenous peoples around the world.

Mary Brave Bird was a true Ohitika Woman, a symbol of strength and resilience. Her story is a reminder of the indomitable spirit of the Lakota

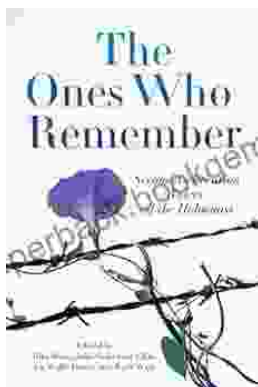
people and the importance of fighting for justice and equality.



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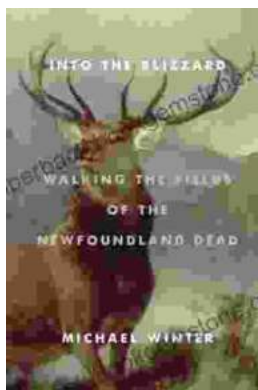
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