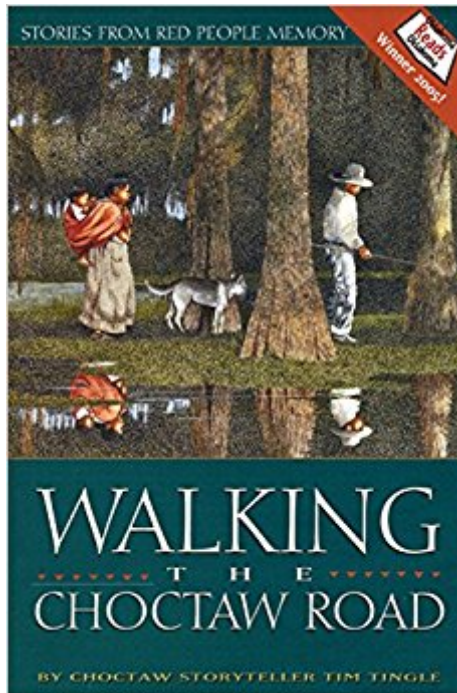




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Walking The Choctaw Road: Stories From Red People Memory



Synopsis

In *Walking the Choctaw Road*, Tingle reaches far back into tribal memory to offer this deeply personal collection of stories woven from the supernatural, mythical, historical and oral accounts of Choctaw people living today. Native American storyteller Joe Bruchac says, “For a good many years now, Tim Tingle has been one of my favorite American story-tellers. *Walking the Choctaw Road* . . . will stay with you and lend you some of its strength. Cross the river with these stories—they’ll give you safe passage.” Tim Tingle lives in Canyon Lake, Texas. His appearances throughout the nation push book sales. The cloth edition of this book sold out in little more than a year and is now in its second printing.

Book Information

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Age Range: 12 - 15 years

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Customer Reviews

Grade 8 Up Tim Tingle, Choctaw storyteller, performs his own collection of 12 stories from his book of the same title. His resonant and warm voice, leavened with occasional accents and colored by characters' varying moods, offers immediate intimacy and accessibility to listeners who learn more than a bit of history as well as enjoy several fanciful spins through folklore. The plots here range widely from the Trail of Tears and a slave escape to world mythology and Tingle's own adolescence during the Vietnam War era. Each CD presents three stories in their entirety and is clearly marked with the track number at which each begins. Tingle's presentation is elegant in its

simplicity, and he provides ample contextual details to promote full comprehension of his characters' dilemmas and personal victories without those same details seeming the least pedagogic. For all public and school collections, this audiobook can be satisfyingly promoted for both curricular and entertainment uses. --Francisca Goldsmith, Berkeley Public Library, CA --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Gr. 6-12. A true talespinner celebrates his heritage with 11 absorbing yarns drawn, recombined, and retold from oral sources. Tales of shape-shifters and healing magic share space with stories about tragedy and miracles along the Trail of Tears and about prejudice, friendship, and incidents that illuminate traditional Choctaw values and cultural practices. In "Trail of Tears," a child carries his mother's bones on his journey of forced migration; in "The Choctaw Way," a killer teaches an orphan a moral lesson by willingly paying the price for his crime. Sophisticated narrative devices and some subtle character nuances give these stories a literary cast, but the author's evocative language, expert pacing, and absorbing subject matter will rivet readers and listeners both. In a long introduction, which might have been better placed at the end, Tingle pays tribute to his sources and discusses motifs and historical events central to the Choctaw people. John PetersCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Recently a very powerful personal experience led me to discover my own distant connection to the Choctaw tribe, superb storyteller Tim Tingle and this remarkable, touching, eye-opening book. I had to pace myself reading it, despite its tidy length, for at the end of each story I was left overwhelmed and in tears. There is so much, far, far too much in fact, that we modern "Americans" have no clue about and take for granted. These are stories of the real history of this land. These are tales of real people who suffered unthinkable hardships and injustices in the names of "progress" and "civilization" in a sudden new country on their ancient ancestors' soil, which soaked with their blood, sweat and tears. But they are also tales of hope, strength and endurance. Reading "Walking the Choctaw Road" will lead you to begin to walk that road yourself and open your mind, heart and spirit to things that everyone should know and should never, ever be forgotten. It is simply yet beautifully and powerfully written and packs a whole lot of punch into even the shortest of the stories therein. I feel that this could and should be required reading for junior high and high school students. Hell, should be required reading for everyone! So please do yourself a favor and buy this amazing book and read it. Then read it again. Read it until the stories leave their tracks across your soul, like the bloody footprints in the snow on the Trail of Tears.

I really wish Tim Tingle would write more of these...

A lot of good messages in the stories Tim Tingle relays in the book, "Walking the Choctaw Road." It is a good history lesson as well.

Recently learned of my Choctaw heritage and became a tribal member. Anxious to learn more about the Choctaw history. The book was fair, I was interested in learning more about their daily lives.

Very touching stories which gave me a glimpse into Choctaw life. Having no Native American ancestry, and just wanting to educate myself about Choctaw culture I found this book very touching. Thank you for writing this book.

Purchased as a gift.

Tim Tingle is a terrific story teller and the book is one we will read over and over again.

I love stories told by elders and this book was just that. Mr. Tingle is a very good story teller.

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