



Preface	xv
Historical Overview	xvii

CHAPTER ONE

IMAGES AND IDENTITIES

1

Reading Poems in Public	
<i>Maurice Kenny</i>	4
Indians Today, the Real and the Unreal	
<i>Vine Deloria, Jr.</i>	7
For Indians, No Thanksgiving	
<i>Michael Dorris</i>	16
13/16	
<i>Sherman Alexie</i>	20
The Truth Is	
<i>Linda Hogan</i>	23
The Two Lives	
<i>Linda Hogan</i>	26
Dear John Wayne	
<i>Louise Erdrich</i>	42
I Am Not a Mascot	
<i>Philip J. Deloria</i>	45
Sure You Can Ask Me a Personal Question	
<i>Diane Burns</i>	49
Plea to Those Who Matter	
<i>James Welch</i>	52
My Indian Name and Name Giveaway	
<i>Phil George</i>	54

The Delight Song of Tsoai-talee <i>N. Scott Momaday</i>	60
Adventures of an Indian Princess <i>Patricia Riley</i>	63
What I Am <i>Luci Tapahonso</i>	68

CHAPTER TWO

THE SPIRIT WORLD	75
------------------	----

Carriers of the Dream Wheel <i>N. Scott Momaday</i>	79
The Creation: Iroquois Myths <i>Harriet Converse and Arthur Parker</i>	81
Origin of the False Face Company: Seneca Myths <i>Arthur Parker</i>	86
The Origin of the Long House: Seneca Legend <i>Arthur Parker</i>	93
The Council of the Great Peace <i>Arthur Parker</i>	98
The Creation or Age of Beginning: Diné (Navajo) Origin Myths <i>Hastin Tlo'tsi hee and Aileen O'Bryan</i>	103
White Bead Woman Marries the Sun and The Story of the Twin Brothers and the Giant Yeitso	109
The Coming of Horses <i>Sandoval</i>	117
The War God's Horse Song <i>Tall Kia ah ni</i>	120
A Prayer of the Night Chant	122
The Sun Dance <i>Luther Standing Bear</i>	125
Alone on a Hilltop <i>John Fire Lame Deer and Richard Erdoes</i>	134
All My Relations <i>Linda Hogan</i>	140
Old Man, the Sweat Lodge <i>Phil George</i>	144

The Origin of Eternal Death: Blackfoot Myth	146
The Fawn, the Wolves, and the Terrapin: Creek Myth <i>Karl Kroeber</i>	150
The Vampire Skeleton: Onondaga Myth <i>John Bierhorst</i>	153
Raven Steals the Light: Haida Myth <i>Bill Reid and Robert Bringhurst</i>	156
Naanabocho and the Gambler <i>Gerald Vizenor</i>	161
Soul Catcher <i>Louis Owens</i>	166
Rite of Encounter <i>Russell Bates</i>	175

CHAPTER THREE

CRISIS IN THE HOMELAND 185

The Man from Washington <i>James Welch</i>	189
An Address to the Whites <i>Elias Boudinot</i>	192
from <i>Pushing the Bear</i> <i>Diane Glancy</i>	201
In 1864 <i>Luci Tapahonso</i>	214
The Navajo Long Walk <i>Howard W. Gorman</i>	219
Voices of the Invisible <i>Debra CallingThunder</i>	226
Black Kettle National Grasslands, Western Oklahoma <i>Diane Glancy</i>	232
Buried Alive <i>Sarah Winnemucca</i>	236
from <i>Yellow Wolf: His Own Story</i> <i>Yellow Wolf</i>	242

Return to Bearpaw <i>Janet Campbell Hale</i>	252
December 29, 1890 <i>N. Scott Momaday</i>	264
The Ghost Dance War <i>Charles Alexander Eastman</i>	266
Three Thousand Dollar Death Song <i>Wendy Rose</i>	277

CHAPTER FOUR

THE REMEMBERED EARTH 283

from "Waiting at the Edge" <i>Maurice Kenny</i>	285
I Still Trust the Land <i>Leslie Silko</i>	291
Giant Bear <i>Leslie Silko</i>	297
The Time We Climbed Snake Mountain <i>Leslie Silko</i>	300
Slim Man Canyon <i>Leslie Silko</i>	302
Indian Song: Survival <i>Leslie Silko</i>	304
Hawk Nailed to a Barn Door <i>Peter Blue Cloud</i>	308
Buffalo Poem #1 <i>Geary Hobson</i>	311
Time <i>Joseph Bruchac</i>	312
We Are the Land <i>Paula Gunn Allen</i>	315
The Strange People <i>Louise Erdrich</i>	318
Skunk Dreams <i>Louise Erdrich</i>	321

Morning Glories and Eastern Phoebes	
<i>Louise Erdrich</i>	325
Snow Country Weavers	
<i>James Welch</i>	328
Five Rounds	
<i>Lorenzo Baca</i>	330
from <i>Solar Storms</i>	
<i>Linda Hogan</i>	332
Song of the Sky Loom	
<i>Brian Swann</i>	341

CHAPTER FIVE

ALL MY RELATIONS 345

My Father's Song	
<i>Simon Ortiz</i>	347
Remember	
<i>Joy Harjo</i>	350
The Power of Love	
<i>Michael Dorris</i>	353
A Second Adoption	
<i>Michael Dorris</i>	357
Halfbreed	
<i>Maria Campbell</i>	361
"Introduction" from <i>The Way to Rainy Mountain</i>	
<i>N. Scott Momaday</i>	367
Neon Scars	
<i>Wendy Rose</i>	374
A Special Treat	
<i>Luci Tapahonso</i>	384
They Were Alone in Winter	
<i>Luci Tapahonso</i>	387
Lullaby	
<i>Leslie Silko</i>	389

Wake Up! Do Not Be Idle!
Maria Chona and Ruth Underhill.....398

In the Hour of the Wolf
Betty Bell.....402

Ellis Island
Joseph Bruchac.....408

CHAPTER SIX
GROWING UP

411

A Son of the Forest
William Apess414

At Last I Kill a Buffalo
Luther Standing Bear423

from *The Arapaho Way*
Carl Sweezy and Althea Bass.....430

Beets
Tiffany Midge442

from *Interior Landscapes*
Gerald Vizenor450

The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven
Sherman Alexie463

Rayona's Ride
Michael Dorris.....467

Growing Up
Michael Dorris.....478

Notes of a Translator's Son
Joseph Bruchac482

The End of Childhood
N. Scott Momaday.....488

CHAPTER SEVEN
AFFAIRS OF THE HEART

493

A Classic Drop Off
Luci Tapahonso495

Tiny Treaties	
<i>Sherman Alexie</i>	498
Raisin Eyes	
<i>Luci Tapahonso</i>	501
The Bingo Van	
<i>Louise Erdrich</i>	504
Love Song	
<i>Donna Whitewing</i>	516
Songs of Divorce	
<i>Traditional Chippewa</i>	518
High Horse's Courting	
<i>Black Elk and John Neihardt</i>	520
Going to School	
<i>D'Arcy McNickle</i>	527
Groom Service	
<i>Michael Dorris</i>	537
from Stoney Creek Woman	
<i>Mary John and Bridget Moran</i>	550
The Marriage of Red Paint and White Man's Dog	
<i>James Welch</i>	559
Earth and I Gave You Turquoise	
<i>N. Scott Momaday</i>	580
Love Poem	
<i>Leslie Silko</i>	583

CHAPTER EIGHT

LANGUAGE AND LEARNING
IN TWO WORLDS

587

Lakota Language	
<i>Albert White Hat, Sr.</i>	592
First Days at Carlisle	
<i>Luther Standing Bear</i>	598
The School Days of an Indian Girl	
<i>Zitkala-Sa (Gertrude Bonnin)</i>	611
Indian Boarding School: The Runaways	
<i>Louise Erdrich</i>	624

Indian Education	
<i>Sherman Alexie</i>	626
Tlingit Concrete Poem	
<i>Nora Dauenhauer</i>	630
Enchanted Enchanted Rattlesnake	
<i>Larry Evers and Felipe S. Molina</i>	633
The Man Made of Words	
<i>N. Scott Momaday</i>	635

CHAPTER NINE

WE SURVIVE

651

Indian Humor	
<i>Vine Deloria, Jr.</i>	654
I Give You Back	
<i>Joy Harjo</i>	663
An Indian's Looking-Glass for the White Man	
<i>William Apess</i>	666
The Game Between the Jews and the Indians Is Tied Going into the Bottom of the Ninth Inning	
<i>Sherman Alexie</i>	672
The Man to Send Rainclouds	
<i>Leslie Silko</i>	674
Metamorphosis	
<i>Joy Harjo</i>	679
The Woman Hanging from the Thirteenth Floor Window	
<i>Joy Harjo</i>	684
The Big Snow and Flood Rampage of 1892–1893	
<i>Mourning Dove (Christine Quintasket)</i>	688
Street Kid	
<i>Duane Niatum</i>	696
Battle Won Is Lost	
<i>Phil George</i>	698
We Saw Days	
<i>Ted Palmanteer</i>	700
Captured by the Enemy	
<i>Chahadineli Benally</i>	702

CHAPTER TEN**MEMORY ALIVE****715****Skeleton of Winter***Joy Harjo*717**The Warriors***Anna Lee Walters*720**Water Witch***Louis Owens*732**The View from the Mesa***Shonto Begay*738**Seeing, Knowing, Remembering***Linda Hogan*747**Of All Tomorrows***Peter Blue Cloud*751**Proviso***Phil George*755**Celebration***Alonzo Lopez*757**I Remember***James Welch*.....759**The Voyagers***Linda Hogan*762**Acknowledgments****769****Author-Title Index****775**