

# Ohitika Woman Mary Brave Bird: A Legacy of Wisdom, Courage, and Resilience



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## A Daughter of the Lakota

In the heart of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, a young girl named Mary Brave Bird was born into the Ohitika ("Chosen") band of the Lakota people. Her childhood was steeped in the traditions and spirituality of her ancestors. Mary learned the ways of her people, from hunting and gathering to the sacred ceremonies that connected them to the natural world.

But life on the reservation was harsh. Poverty, discrimination, and government oppression cast a long shadow over the Lakota community. Mary witnessed firsthand the struggles and hardships faced by her people, a legacy of broken treaties and forced assimilation.

## Finding Her Voice

As Mary grew older, she became increasingly aware of the injustices suffered by Native Americans. She joined the American Indian Movement (AIM), a grass-roots organization fighting for the rights and dignity of Indigenous peoples.

Mary's voice became a powerful force in the movement. She spoke out against government policies that threatened Lakota culture and sovereignty. She participated in the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973, a landmark event that brought national attention to the plight of Native Americans.

### **A Bridge Between Worlds**

Mary Brave Bird's activism extended beyond the reservation. She traveled the country, sharing her experiences and advocating for the rights of her people. She became a bridge between the Lakota world and the world beyond, dispelling stereotypes and fostering understanding.

Mary's unique perspective and unwavering spirit earned her respect and admiration from people from all walks of life. She was recognized as a National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts and received numerous awards for her contributions to Native American culture and history.

### **Legacy of a Lakota Elder**

In her later years, Mary Brave Bird became a respected elder and spiritual leader in her community. She taught the younger generations about the importance of Lakota traditions and values.

Mary's legacy extends far beyond her lifetime. Her memoir, "Ohitika Woman," is a testament to the resilience and strength of the Lakota people. It has been translated into multiple languages and has become a must-read for anyone seeking to understand the history and culture of Native Americans.

## **A Timeless Voice**

Mary Brave Bird's voice continues to inspire and guide generations today. Her wisdom, courage, and unwavering commitment to her people serve as a reminder of the enduring spirit of the Lakota nation.

In her own words, Mary Brave Bird said, "I am an Ohitika Woman. I am a Lakota woman. I am a survivor. I am a warrior. I am a healer. I am a bridge between worlds." Through her life and her words, she left an unforgettable mark on the world, a legacy that will continue to inspire and empower for generations to come.



### **Call to Action**

Dive into the extraordinary life of Ohitika Woman Mary Brave Bird by reading her captivating memoir, "Ohitika Woman."

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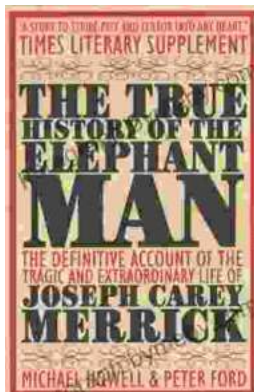
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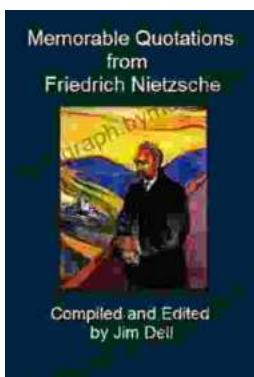
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