

About the Author



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Elizabeth Cook-Lynn is an enrolled member of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe. She was born in Fort Thompson, and raised on the reservation. She did her undergraduate work at South Dakota State University, graduating with a B.A. in English and Journalism, and she later studied at New Mexico State University and Black Hills State University and obtained her Masters of Education from the University of South Dakota in Education, Psychology, and Counseling. She did doctoral work at the University of Nebraska and was a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow at Stanford University. She taught in high schools in South Dakota and New Mexico and then had a long career as Professor of English and Native American Studies at Eastern Washington University, retiring in 1990 as Professor Emerita. She is a founding editor of an academic journal, *Wicazo Sa Review*, and in retirement she has been a visiting professor at universities around the country, including the University of California at Davis and Arizona State University. She has authored novels and books of poetry and essays, and her collection of essays entitled *Why I Can't Read Wallace Stegner: A Tribal Voice* was awarded the Myers Center Award for the Study of Human Rights in North American in 1997. She has also received the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mountain Plains Library Association, the South Dakota Living Indian Treasure Award, and the Distinguished Native American Alumnus Award from the Native American Club at South Dakota State University. Since 1993, she has served as mentor for the Oak Lake Tribal Writers' Society, a statewide organization of writers committed to culture-based writing. She now lives in retirement in Rapid City, South Dakota.

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