

About the Author



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Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve was born and raised on the Rosebud Reservation and is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. She attended Bureau of Indian Affairs schools and graduated from St. Mary's Indian School for Girls in Springfield in 1950. She received B.S. and M.S. degrees from South Dakota State University and then taught high school and junior high school English, speech and drama, and music in White and Pierre and at the Flandreau Indian School, and she later served as a counselor at Rapid City Central High School and as an associate instructor of Oglala Lakota College. Her first book was published in 1972, and she has published 25 books and numerous short stories, articles, and poems. She has also received numerous honors and awards, including the National Endowment for the Humanities Medalist Award from President Clinton, the Writer of the Year Award from the Western Hall of Fame, the South Dakota Governor's Award in the Arts for distinction in Creative Achievement, the Golden Spur Award from the Western Writers of America for *The Trickster and the Troll*, the South Dakota Living Indian Treasure Award, and the Native American Prose Award from the University of Nebraska Press. She is married to Vance M. Sneve, and they have three children and five grandchildren and are living in retirement in Rapid City.

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