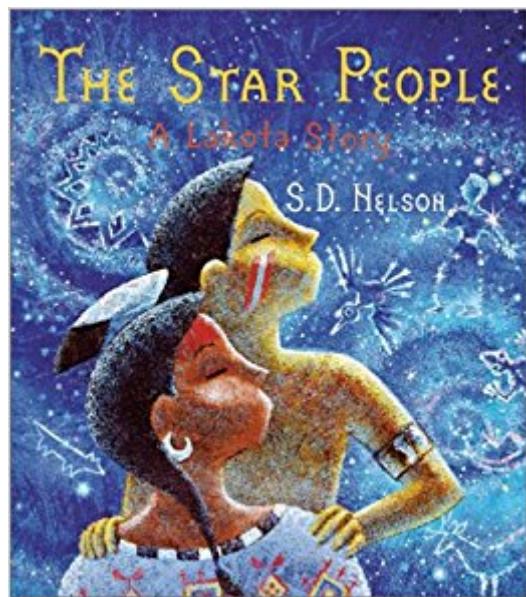


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# The Star People: A Lakota Story



## **Synopsis**

Sister Girl and her brother Young Wolf wander away from their village and soon find themselves far out in the surrounding prairie. They lie down in the grass and watch the clouds passing above billow to form an eagle, horses, and other creatures. Suddenly, animals begin to race past the children on the ground - followed by a wall of fire! Fleeing along with the frightened beasts, Sister Girl and Young Wolf save themselves by tumbling into a shallow stream. The fire leaves behind ash and a barren, forbidding landscape. The children realize that they are hopelessly lost. Night is coming, how will they get home to their parents? And why are the evening stars dancing so? Drawing upon traditional Lakota art, S. D. Nelson's illustrations bring to life a memorable new legend about the Star People.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Grade 1-4-A young Lakota Indian girl narrates the story of how she and her little brother, Young Wolf, survive a prairie fire. They had wandered away from their village, entranced by the changing cloud shapes created by the Cloud People. They fall into a river and are guided home by their deceased grandmother, one of the Star People, who are the spirits of the Old Ones. The acrylic illustrations are inspired by the Native American ledger-book art of the late 1800s, with figures in

profile, vivid colors, and bold shapes. The art enhances the text by blending the supernatural world with that of the children's reality. When Sister Girl and Young Wolf are lost, they are depicted in a heavenly space whirling and swirling with star groups outlined to show animals like the eagle, wolf, elk, and horse. According to the author's note, the Lakota Indians refer to clouds and stars as "Cloud People" and "Star People." A solid addition to collections of Native American tales and an enjoyable read-aloud. Linda M. Kenton, San Rafael Public Library, CA Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreS-Gr. 2. While exploring the land around their village, two young Plains Indians--Sister Girl and her little brother, Young Wolf--stray too far. After narrowly escaping a roaring prairie fire, the siblings find themselves lost and frightened in the dark, open land until the Star People, "the spirits of the Old Ones who once walked on the earth," offer comfort and guidance home. In clear, captivating language, Nelson, the creator of *Gift Horse* (2000) and a member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, tells a stirring, original story based on Lakota legend. An extensive author's note introduces Ledger Book Art, the nineteenth-century Plains Indian style of art that influenced Nelson's acrylic paintings. The graphic, stylized scenes tend to blur individual faces, but the swirling images of the celestial dance beautifully reflect the story's celebration and awe of the natural world. A fine choice for story hours, this will also find wide curricular use. Gillian Engberg Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Really enjoyed this. When I visited the Smithsonian Museum, I found a semi animated version of this being played in a section of the Native American museum.... alas the caretakers were ignorant as to the source of the video. I finally found it. A lovely story, highly recommend it. Art is gorgeous.

Loved this story. As we have some Native American Heritage in our family, I try to incorporate some of the lore and traditions. A lot of the stories I get are Lakota despite the fact that we are from a different group that is not nearly as well represented in available literature. One day, I hope to find those stories as well, but this is a very nice book none the less.

Great book, beautiful story and illustrations. My Son loves it and already tells the story by himself.

Very good book to explain when a loved one is lost. Also very nice pictures. Very nice traditional Lakota story telling.

The text is badly formatted -- lines overlap each other so the words are COMPLETELY ILLEGIBLE. It is irresponsible to sell the e-book in this condition. I really want my money back.

Marvelous story for grief stricken children and grief counsellors of children

good story

The pictures and the story are great. Our grandson loved the book and asked to "read it again Nanny." Of course we read it again. I highly recommend this seller.

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