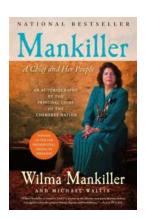
## The Inspiring Journey of Wilma Mankiller: A True American Hero



Wilma Mankiller - a name that epitomizes strength, resilience, and determination. Born on November 18, 1945, in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Wilma Mankiller grew up to become not only the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation but also a beacon of hope for Indigenous people all around the world.

#### **The Early Years**

Wilma's childhood was deeply influenced by her Native American heritage. As a member of the Cherokee Nation, she witnessed firsthand the challenges and obstacles faced by her community. Despite living in poverty and dealing with the consequences of a traumatic upbringing, Wilma's spirit remained unbroken. She understood the importance of education and pursued higher studies at San Francisco State University, where her thirst for knowledge was matched by her passion for social justice.



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#### **Activism and Leadership**

Wilma Mankiller's journey towards activism started in the 1970s when she joined the Occupation of Alcatraz Island. The movement aimed to reclaim Native American land rights and raise awareness about the injustices faced by Indigenous communities. This experience ignited a fire within Wilma, pushing her to become a vocal advocate for Native American rights.

Her activism took her all the way to Wounded Knee, South Dakota, where she stood beside the Native American activists who wanted to protect their land from intruders. It was through her involvement in these prominent events that Wilma

Mankiller's leadership qualities began to shine, earning her immense respect within the Cherokee Nation and beyond.

#### **Chief of the Cherokee Nation**

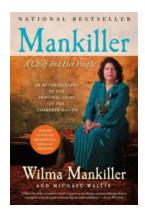
In 1985, Wilma made history by becoming the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. This groundbreaking achievement marked a turning point, not only for the Cherokee Nation but for women in leadership roles everywhere. Under her leadership, the Cherokee Nation experienced profound progress in healthcare, education, and economic development.

Wilma's dedication to her people and her relentless pursuit of equality brought national recognition to the issues faced by Native Americans. She worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for her community and fostered a sense of pride and unity among the Cherokee people.

#### **Legacy and Impact**

Although Wilma Mankiller passed away on April 6, 2010, her legacy lives on. Her unwavering determination and fearless leadership continue to inspire not only the Cherokee Nation but also the Indigenous population worldwide. The impact of her work can be seen in the advancements made for Native American rights, the increase in Native American representation in politics, and the continuous fight for social justice.

Wilma Mankiller's journey is a testament to the power of one individual to bring about significant change. Her indomitable spirit, commitment to justice, and unwavering dedication to her people have left an irreplaceable mark in history. Wilma Mankiller will forever be remembered as a true American hero, an exceptional woman who shattered barriers and inspired generations to come.



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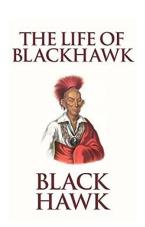
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#1 This book is the story of Wilma Mankiller, but it is also the story of the Cherokee people and their indomitable courage. The chapters weave together the story of one Cherokee woman with the history of all the people of the Cherokee Nation.

#2 Wilma Mankiller, the woman of the house, is barefoot and wearing a brightly colored dress. She sips a mug of coffee on the porch. The surrounding forests and hills conceal the animal life native to this eastern region of Oklahoma.

#3 The Cherokees were the first tribe to publish a newspaper in both English and their native Cherokee language. Wilma Mankiller, the first female chief of a major Native American tribe, was elected in 1980.

#4 Mankiller, who was elected chief of the Cherokee Nation in 1987, loved her land and her family. But she also loved serving the thousands of people she



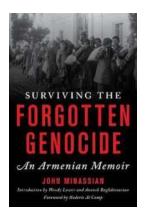
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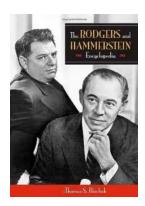
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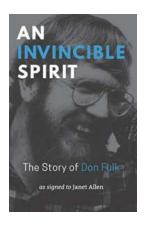
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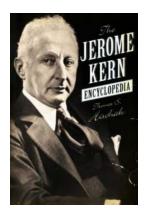
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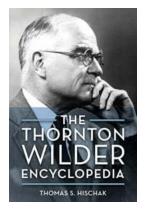
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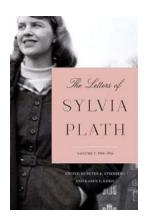
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