

A Book Review—

The Memoirs Of Chief Red Fox

Chief Red Fox, who celebrates his 102nd birthday this year, has written an evocative account of his life and the conquest of the American Indian.

THE MEMOIRS OF CHIEF RED FOX, edited by Cash Asher containing a 16-page photo insert, will be published by Fawcett Crest in a 95 cent paperback edition in February. The book appeared on The New York Times Best Seller List.

Chief Red Fox was born on June 11, 1890, in the foothills of the Big Horn Mountains, the home of the Sioux. He remembers the "wild and free" time of his childhood when he lived with his family in a teepee, when food was hunted with bow and arrow and when the white men who came among his people were counted as friends.

He remembers, too, when his uncle Crazy Horse was killed by U.S. Army soldiers; when he heard the firsthand reports of the Massacre of the Sioux at Wounded Knee; and when the smoke loomed above Custer's battle at the Little Big Horn.

Chief Red Fox ultimately left the reservation to travel around the world with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. But since the Wounded Knee Massacre, he writes "mentally and physically I have found enjoyment, but spiritually I have been a mourner at the bedside of a dying race."

THE MEMOIRS OF CHIEF RED FOX, distilled from over 75 years of notes, is the firsthand story of the red man's fight for survival, the loss of his rights, and his identity.

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