

Mankiller: A Chief and Her People; Wilma Mankiller, Michael Wallis; 9780312206628; 310 pages; Macmillan, 2000; 2000

Includes bibliographical references (p. 275-281) and index. The story of the Cherokee Nation is told by Wilma Mankiller, who recounts her life and the racism she faced in her fight to lead it. Wilma Mankiller has been the principal chief of the Cherokee Nation since 1985. She tells her personal story (her political awakening came during the 1970 occupation of Alcatraz island), interwoven with the complex history of the Cherokee Nation. Roots -- Turmoil: Hard times -- Trail where they cried -- Child of the Sixties -- Indian Territory -- Balance: Revolution -- Searching for balance -- Full circle In this book, she weaves her own biography into a larger history of the Cherokee people while starting each chapter with short excerpts that are related to the creation myths and values of the Cherokee people. From reading this book, I learned that the Cherokee syllabary was not created until the early 1800s by Sequoyah. She did accomplish a lot Wilma Mankiller was the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation for 10 years. She was also the first female to be Principal Chief and so far, the only one. While the book is mostly the autobiography of Wilma Mankiller, she explains that it is not just her story she's sharing, but also the story of the Cherokee. Mankiller : A Chief and Her People, Paperback by Mankiller, Wilma Pearl; Wallis, Michael, ISBN 0312206623, ISBN-13 9780312206628, Brand New, Free P&P in the UK An updated edition of this best selling memoir reviews not only the experiences of a former Chief of the Cherokee nation, but also the shifting events of the last five years, which have included a kidney transplant and political struggles within the nation. Reissue. Read full description. See details and exclusions - Mankiller : A Chief and Her People, Paperback by Mankiller, Wilma Pearl; Wall See all 2 brand new listings. Qty Mankiller's life unfolds against the backdrop of the dawning of the American Indian civil rights struggle, and her book becomes a quest to reclaim and preserve the great Native American values that form the foundation of our nation. Now featuring a new Afterword to the 2000 paperback reissue, this edition of Mankiller completely updates the author's private and public life after 1994 and explores the recent political struggles of the Cherokee Nation.