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Nominee for the Pulitzer and winner of the Spur Award, *Stone Song* is the classic, and extraordinarily told, story of the Lakota Sioux mystic warrior, Crazy Horse. Of all the iconic figures of Native American history, Crazy Horse remains the most enigmatic. To this day he strides across American history as a man who lived—and died—on his own terms. *Stone Song* is a deeply spiritual story about the soul journey of a great and mysterious American hero. ~ The Dallas Morning News. Ridiculed as a boy for his white-man looks, he called for a vision, and received a great one . . . a vision that would shape his life. He was to fight for his people. In order to be successful, he must not accept traditional Lakota finery, rewards, and would sacrifice the dream of a wife and children. By following his vision, and his destiny of that as a mystic warrior, he was able to lead his people to their greatest victory—the defeat of General Custer at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. Called to his monumental task, and tortured by his deeply passionate love of a woman, Crazy Horse found peace only in battle. Drawing inspiration from the eternal wisdom of his people, he discovered the means to defeat the U.S. Army at its own deadly game. Come enjoy this new 20th century Anniversary Edition with an intimate introduction by the author, Win Blevins.

From Publishers Weekly The life of Crazy Horse, the greatest war chief of the Sioux Indian nation, is the subject of this moving and authentically detailed novel from Blevins (Snake River). Widely considered to be the finest Indian cavalry tactician of all time, Crazy Horse spent his adult life waging war against the white man. Taught by his uncle, Buffalo Hump, Crazy Horse eagerly embraced the traditional warrior's skills, honor and purpose, believing that "war was not meant to be cold rage but exhilaration." Adorned with his distinctive war paint—streaks of lightning and spots of hail—and accompanied by his spirit guide, Hawk, the chief led his Sioux warriors in many of the frontier's most famous battles from 1865 to 1876, including the Battle of Little Bighorn. Crazy Horse and his two loves, Black Buffalo Woman and Black Shawl, tried vainly to maintain their freedom, dignity and pride in the face of white encroachment, but they were finally and ironically overwhelmed by jealousy and betrayal at the hands of Sioux rivals. A deeply thoughtful and persuasive tribute, Blevins's novel offers the compelling story of a man destined for triumph and betrayal, but ultimately for glory. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Crazy Horse, the enigmatic Lakota Sioux best known for his role in defeating Custer at Little Big Horn, is eulogized in a fictional account that comes highly lauded by the publicist. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist His Crazy Horse, known as Crazy Horse in contemporary American lore, was an enigma to his own people as well as to the outside world. Scorned from childhood for his light hair and spurning himself the finery and honors Lakota Sioux warriors seek, he was a loner who embraced Indian culture in its pristine state, before corrupting contact with the whites. Starting from a quest to understand His Crazy Horse, Blevins presents a fascinating, living history that he has fictionalized in order to explore freely the deeply spiritual life and culture that motivated His Crazy Horse. The novel is powerful because it transports nonnative readers to a world, to a vision of Native American life, that before had been a romance, or worse. And it is, to Western eyes, a brutal world, a primitive world, and many will not regret its destruction by the West. But this novel re-creates the time and the world of His Crazy Horse, the warrior who led his people to their greatest victory at the Greasy Grass (the Little Big Horn), remained true to his culture, and died his own man. Bonnie Smothers

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