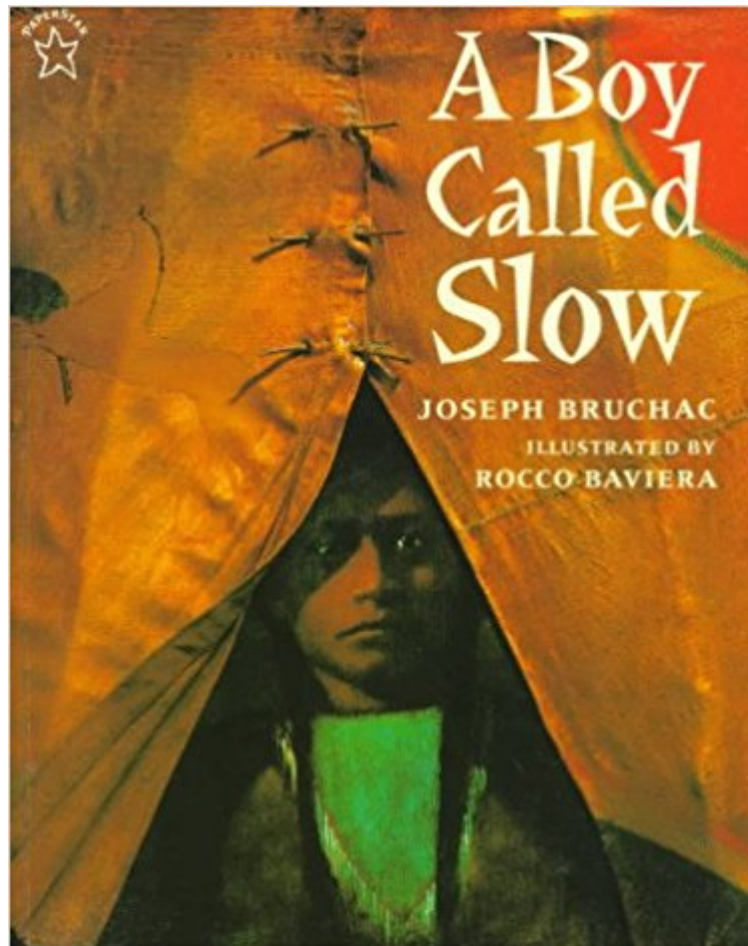




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A Boy Called Slow (Paperstar Book)



Synopsis

The True Story of Sitting Bull from multi-award-winning author Joseph Bruchac. Anxious to be given a name as strong and brave as that of his father, a proud Lakota Sioux grows into manhood, acting with careful deliberation, determination, and bravery, which eventually earned him his proud new name: Sitting Bull. An ALA Notable Book "Being named Slow and growing up in the shadow of a great warrior hardly dwarfed the prospects of this protagonist: he grew up to be Sitting Bull. Bruchac's sensitively told story of Sitting Bull's coming-of-age reassures young boys that success comes through effort, not birth." [Booklist](#)

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Customer Reviews

Like most Lakota Sioux boys, Slow yearns for the special vision or manly deed that will inspire his permanent, adult name. Encouraged by splendid stories of his father's bravery, wisdom and leadership, Slow focuses his energy on becoming a warrior. Friends gradually begin to associate his name with careful deliberation. When the moment of his manhood arrives, Slow rides heroically against Crow warriors, earning the name Tatan'ka lyota'ke (translated, on the final page, as Sitting Bull). Bruchac's (see *Gluskabe and the Four Wishes*, reviewed above) meaty yet cohesive narrative

is richly complemented by Baviera's large, atmospheric paintings. Employing a somber palette marked by radiant bursts, the first-time children's illustrator evokes the solemnity and awe of ripening adulthood. Satisfying for its attention to historical and multicultural issues; stirring in its consummate storytelling. Ages 5-up. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 1-6?This picture-book biography recounts the boyhood of a real Lakota Sioux named Slow, who grew up in the 1830s. Today's children of any background can empathize with his efforts to outgrow his childhood name and take his place as an adult among his people. The illustrations, oils that are rich and somber, convey details of traditional Lakota life, from the warm, close interiors of the family home to a pre-dawn assembly of warriors about to raid their Crow neighbors. The text creates an equally subtle portrayal of Plains Indian life. Many stereotypes of Native American culture are gently corrected, as when the author acknowledges that "women are the heart of the nation." The traditional Lakota explanation for the advent of horses is given alongside mention of their historical introduction by European explorers. Dialogue in the Native language helps to convey the richness of the culture. By the time Slow earns his new name, young readers will feel they know a real person?the man who was to become Sitting Bull, one of the great Sioux warriors and a hero at the Battle of Little Bighorn. This book works beautifully as historical fiction; it is less successful as biography as none of the dialogue is documented. An inspiring story.?Carolyn Polese, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CACopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Sitting Bull's (Iotanke Tatanka) childhood name, Slow will serve as great encouragement and enlightenment to students who see themselves as "slower" than their peers. This book not only provides a sensitive and well-researched treatment of a Native American hero but also the value of deliberate thinking. As an earlier reviewer pointed out, the book is a bit wordy for readers under 6, but for 1st through 5th graders the book serves as either a read-aloud or an in-depth look into Native American family life in the 1800's (a topic that gets almost as little treatment as current Native American life). It is rare indeed for children's books to both accurately capture Native American history and connect it so directly to the lives of modern-day children. This book by Bruchac is a must-have in any classroom. I would, however, pay the extra for a hardback version as the beautiful illustrations do seem rather dark in the paperback version.

I used this book as a read aloud before studying Native American History. Students begin to talk about how they received their names. Great connections.

I teach 6th grade and this is a great story about a Native American who was named "Slow" because as a child, he did everything slowly, taking his time. When he became a young man, he was determined to show his father, a warrior, that he deserved a more warrior appropriate name. Students are shocked at the end when they find out who "Slow" really is. It's a story of determination and how when you set your mind on a goal, it can be achieved. Wonderful story.

Very good story. My son enjoyed it. He is a 3rd grader and a strong reader. He read it in about 20-30 minutes though, so it is not that long. We started to read it together before bed. I had to get up, and when I had returned he had finished it. So, probably fine for younger readers. But he really liked it.

Beautifully illustrated and wonderfully written. Perfect for my classroom of third graders studying Indigenous Peoples.

Great educational book about Sitting Bulls childhood. As a child he was very slow and methodical in the things he did.

Don't let the title throw you, as you might guess, names can have many meanings. A fascinating look at how Native Americans name their children. In the end you will cheer him for how this attribute of slowness makes him one of the great Native heroes. Great pictures too. I love the historical accuracy of this story.

This is for adults or kids that feels pushed to go at the crazy pace the culture dictate. This shows that doing things "slow" can very well mean doing it mindfully and well as Sitting Bull most certainly did.

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