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### **South Dakota State Historical Society Press Book Wins Literary Classics Award**

PIERRE, S.D.—“Greet the Dawn: The Lakota Way,” a multi-award-winning original tale from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press, has won a Literary Classics Picture Book Early Reader Silver Medal.

Pickup trucks, yellow school buses, painted horses and Mother Earth all join together to greet the dawn in this fusion of modern and traditional storytelling. Written and illustrated by S. D. Nelson, “Greet the Dawn” encourages readers to marvel at their surroundings. A member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Nelson describes his book as “a serene, joyous appreciation of our place in the natural world.”

Dedicated to furthering excellence in literature, Literary Classics takes great pride in promoting classic literature that appeals to youth. Judging is based upon the criteria set forth by Literary Classics’ highly selective awards committee, and award winners educate and encourage positive values by promoting character, vision, creativity and learning.

“Greet the Dawn” is the first SDSHS Press book to receive an award from Literary Classics.

Nancy Tystad Koupal, SDSHS Press director, said, “We are very happy with the recognition the Literary Classics award brings to “Greet the Dawn.” S.D. Nelson’s book is beautifully illustrated and incorporates the Lakota language, making it a wonderful story for young readers.”

Nelson is the author and illustrator of numerous award-winning children’s books, including “Dance in a Buffalo Skull,” also from the SDSHS Press. His vibrant artwork can be seen in private and public collections across the country.

“Greet the Dawn: The Lakota Way” is available for \$18.95 plus shipping and tax and can be purchased from most bookstores or ordered directly from the SDSHS Press. Visit [sdshspress.com](http://sdshspress.com) or call (605) 773-6009.

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*administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*