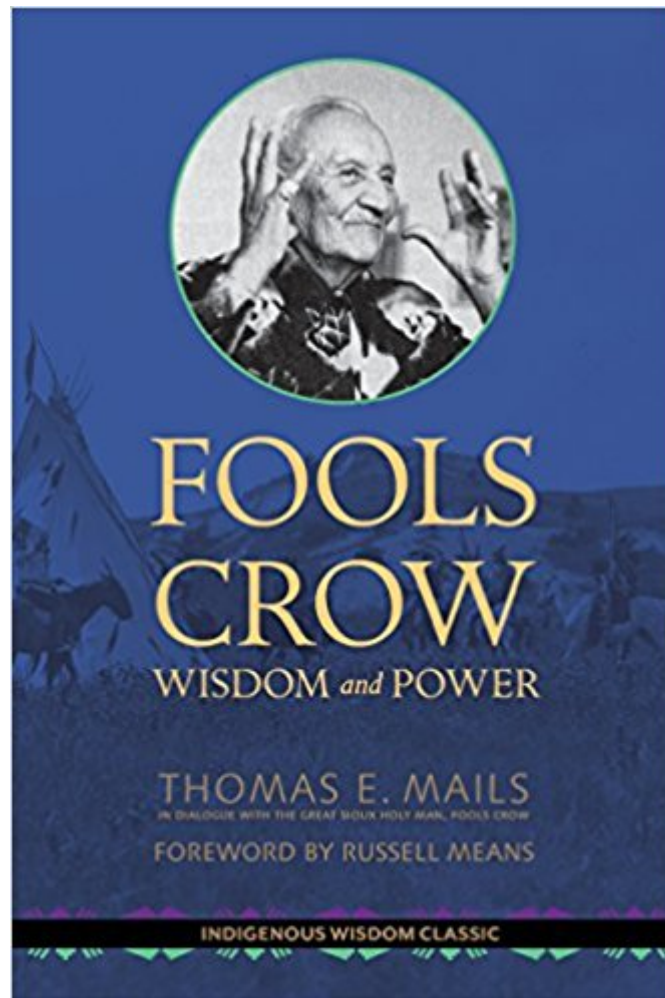




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# Fools Crow: Wisdom And Power (Indigenous Wisdom Classics)



## Synopsis

Frank Fools Crow is regarded by many as the greatest Native American holy person of the last hundred years. Nephew of Black Elk, and a disciplined, gentle, spiritual and political leader, Fools Crow died in 1989 at the age of 99. *Fools Crow: Wisdom and Power* is the only book to reveal, often in his own words, the philosophy and practice of this historic leader. Over a period of years beginning in 1974, author Thomas E. Mails met many times with the remarkable Sioux holy man Frank Fools Crow, and was entrusted with the powerful, transformative and healing teachings of this important leader. Fools Crow healed and touched many lives, and continues to do so in this cherished classic of Native American spirituality. This edition of *Fools Crow: Wisdom and Power* includes additional photos of Fools Crow (some previously unpublished), an afterword with an overview of the great teacher's Seven Ways of Healing, and a foreword by Russell Means.

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## Customer Reviews

I knew the old Ceremonial Chief of the Teton Sioux well, having been in six annual sun dances all led by Chief Fools Crow. Other ceremonies I also served as his helper. Mails portrays the spirit and intellect of the powerful holy man quite well. --Ed McGaa, Eagle Man, Oglala, author of "Mother Earth Spirituality" and "Rainbow Tribe"

In this astounding book, Frank Fools Crow, ceremonial chief of the Teton Sioux and one of the

greatest Native American holy persons, explains traditions and practices that bring spiritual power to ordinary lives. Mails says of his subject: "No other eminent holy person has ever, or perhaps could ever, so plainly have revealed how he knew what he knew and how he did the things he did". --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I have not read Mails' other book *Fools Crow*. Mails writes he does not repeat what was in the first *Fools Crow* book except what is needed to make this book flow, however the book didn't seem to lack anything to make it understandable. Mails says he did his best to keep as close to what *Fools Crow* actually said and not change or embellish his words/answers. The book is not indexed and even if it is short I would have liked an index. I appreciated Mails' sketches illustrating some of the tools and rituals *Fools Crow* used. *Fools Crow* like his uncle Black Elk was a Catholic, but both men also preserved the Sioux spiritual ways and decided they should share some of the Lakota spiritual ways with the world and wanted to set some of the Sioux ways down to preserve them. Mails states he did not reveal everything in the book and kept some things for himself so this book should be viewed as a basic primer to help readers get some understanding of *Fools Crow's* basic healing methods and point of view. Don't expect anything too deep or detailed. I doubt I would use these methods as they are best fitted to the Sioux way of life, but the book offers basic insights into their spiritual practices. I would have wished for a bit more depth on that end, but the book is fine as a starting point. There is a newer edition of this book which is referred to as expanded *Fools Crow: Wisdom and Power*. I have not read it so I can't tell you if the additional information is significant enough to warrant a new purchase. *Fools Crow* expressed he was only a servant of the "Creator God", the Wakan Tanka. He sought to bring himself as close to the Wakan Tanka as possible, perhaps to what some might view as Cosmic Consciousness or God Consciousness. He said that all who wished to live as he did could achieve what he did. Some of the thoughts expressed in the book about the nature of healing are similar to what I have experienced. One is that healers are supported with long lives. I would specify though these are people working as lightworkers, generally humble, and are at peace within. They also conduct their healings properly and manage their energy. It was great to read healers of another culture have similar experiences even if we have different methods. Some may find parts of the book too fantastic to believe such as a feather or a piece of fur could turn into a living creature. I have not witnessed such things. I can only say I have had brief contact with a couple of medicine people from the Indian Nations (Ojibwa and Mohawk) and they have done things I can't explain, such as predict things that could not have been an educated guess or coincidence or otherwise "cold reading" method. Interwoven within the book

Mails writes about the conditions at the reservation and the ensuing politics. It isn't the main thrust of the book, but I can understand why Mails includes this as for the Indians all are interwoven and the way Fools Crow conducts himself shows more of who he is on a personal and spiritual level. Some may feel these parts are political statements and would probably prefer the book had just kept on the subject of spirituality/healing. It is clear that Thomas Mails had a great affection for Fools Crow and admired him. While Fools Crow declares Black Elk as the greatest Sioux holy man, Mails declares that Fools Crow was the greatest Sioux holy man above his uncle Black Elk. I think if they were both here they would both say they served the Wakan Tanka and neither was greater than the other for all comes from the Wakan Tanka.

I purchased this book several years ago shortly after I began my studies of Native American Medicine people. The author had an agreement with Mr. Fools Crow and the information that is contained wasn't published until after Frank Fools Crow crossed over. This is the second book written by Thomas Mails. I enjoy the authors writing style, this book will keep your attention and it is difficult to put the book away. There is a significant amount of sacred knowledge shared in this book, I believe Grandpa Fools Crow shared this knowledge to show people what a medicine person is capable of doing, keep in mind that these were Franks ways and he had a beautiful connection with Spirit to do what he did. My favorite chapter is about Stone medicine, I had a really unusual event that was connected with the book occur while reading that chapter. This book belongs on the top shelf of your book shelf, this is a book that will enjoy reading over and over again over the years. A great book!

This book is unparalleled on its insight, told by a rare American who befriended the inimitable Grandfather Fools Crow. We are fortunate to possess such a treasure. Read this and know a way of thinking, a way of seeing, that cannot...ought not...be passed by unnoticed. Nourished by a purpose & dignity unsurpassed, Fools Crow made a gift of his perspective with a Minister whose friendship was genuine. The late Mails was a rare man. Fools Crow was a man Beyond men. Be wise by obtaining and cherishing a copy. This is more than a mere "book".

I was deeply moved by Fools Crow story, what an example of a man connected to earth and spirit who really walked a true path.

This book explores the healing ways of generations and a culture that is vanishing. When we as a

society search for new ways to heal, we overlook the tried and true ways of our elders that are powerful not only in their healing powers but in their emotional and tradition values that are just as important to the healing process. Fools Crow was a great healer who credited his healing to Wakan Tanka and the Great Helpers. He did not glory in himself but understood that there is creative power all around us that can assist us in accomplishing great things if we let it become a part of who we are in everyday life. This book makes you review your beliefs and opens new doors to the simplicity of healing that is such a wonderful gift from the Creator as practiced by Fools Crow throughout his life and in his legacy.

This is one of the most remarkable books I have ever read! If you want a book that will draw you closer to God, regardless of your religion or beliefs, this is the book. Frank Fools Crow will teach you by his example what a holy life truly is and the power that will naturally flow from living this type of life. The beauty of the traditional way of the Sioux is also captured in this book. Yet Fools Crow reaches to the heart of all people with the love he freely gives. Fools Crow's many gifts are laid out here - his healing ability, his compassion. It is made clear these are gifts that come from God, not man, and as are to be shared with all.

This is what I wanted to know from Fools Crow's biography. It is the meat left off the bone. Exactly what I wanted to know.

This book has enhanced my personal spirituality like no other book. So simple and beautiful. Very well-presented by the author. Frank Fools Crow was one of the few to walk this earth that truly tapped into the Power that most of us identify as God. And he used this Power ONLY to help others, not for his own gain. I read this book whenever my own spirituality needs refocusing. I've also given copies to several people in my life. I highly recommend these amazing teachings of this amazing man.

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