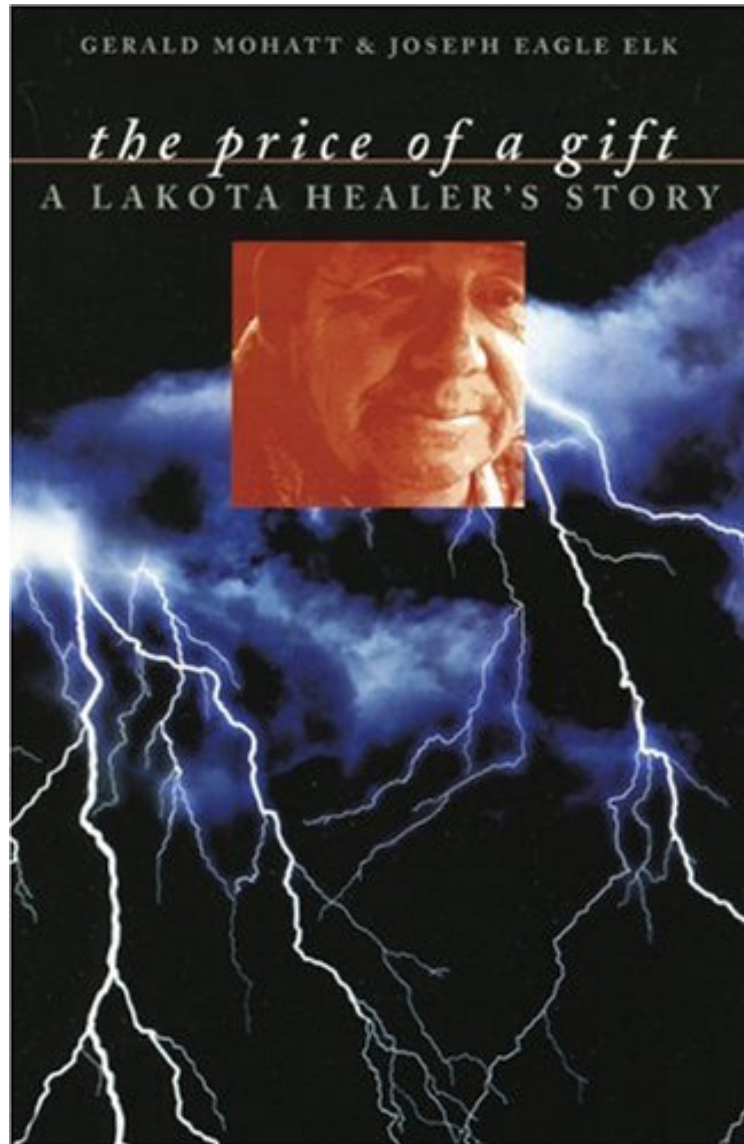


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**Gerald Mohatt, Joseph Eagle Elk : The Price of a Gift: A Lakota Healer's Story** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Price of a Gift: A Lakota Healer's Story:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant book about a humble man...By CustomerA humble man with an extraordinary gift. The gift to which I'm referring is his way of walking through this world - truly respecting all of our relatives and helping in whatever way might be needed without a thought for what he needed. Very honest and open about difficulties in his past, situations where he realized too late that he could have done things better. The

healing stories you'll read in other books about men of his time - that humility is unique in my experience. The writing is very accessible - as if you are sitting around a fire hearing Joe's words. It has been truly educational for me as well - made me recognize some of the things I need to learn, but also helped me realize some of what has already been given to me. My thanks to Gerald Mohatt and to Joseph Eagle Elk for this story. I wish I could buy dozens of copies of this - seems like every time I turn around I meet someone I think could benefit from it. I'm on my fifth copy as it is. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Good Place to Start By Dog Although written as a compilation, some of Eagle Elk's actual words, and views of him from others, it's written with respect for these ways, the teachings, and Spirit. Gives a glimpse into ceremony and one man's journey. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Honors the true voice By Ellen F. Lowery This is a remarkable work that honors the true voice of a Lakota medicine man and the voices of his people. Mohatt's labor is not to analyze or interpret so much as present an experience which can only begin to be appreciated or understood when the suffering, missteps, fears, and clowning of the healer are shown along with their transcendence. Eagle Elk was an ordinary man who resisted but finally gave himself over to his calling. There are many books that romanticize tokens of Native cultures or presume to make use of them; this is not that sort of book. Like Fadiman's, *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, this is a work of great reverence.

Joseph Eagle Elk (1931-1991) was an effective and highly respected traditional Lakota healer. He practiced for nearly thirty years, treating serious physical and mental illnesses among the people of the Rosebud Reservation and elsewhere. In 1990 he began collaborating on his memoir with Gerald Mohatt, a close friend and cross-cultural psychologist. Eagle Elk's story of his life, practice, and beliefs provides a uniquely introspective, demystified, and informative look at the career of a traditional Native American healer. We learn how a persistent vision and recurring visits by thunder spirits led Eagle Elk long ago to become a healer. On a more general level, we gain valuable insights into how Lakota healers practice today. Eagle Elk's story and teachings also demonstrate the importance of community support and consensus in the development of traditional healers. Gerald Mohatt's perspective as a cross-cultural psychologist enables him to highlight the psychological dimensions and efficacy of Eagle Elk's healings and place them within a cross-cultural context. Eagle Elk's life and career are presented in a way that brings together formative episodes from his life, selected teachings that emerged from those experiences, and case studies in healing. This arrangement allows readers to grasp the close relationship between the personal and cultural dimensions of traditional healing and to understand how and why this practice continues to affect and help others.

""""This is a powerful and meditative work to read slowly; it bears great gifts."-Patricia A. Moore, "Kliatt" About the Author Gerald Mohatt is a professor of psychology and education at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and the founding president of Sinte Gleska University, the Rosebud Sioux tribal college. He is the coauthor of *Transforming the Culture of Schools: Yupik Eskimo Examples*.