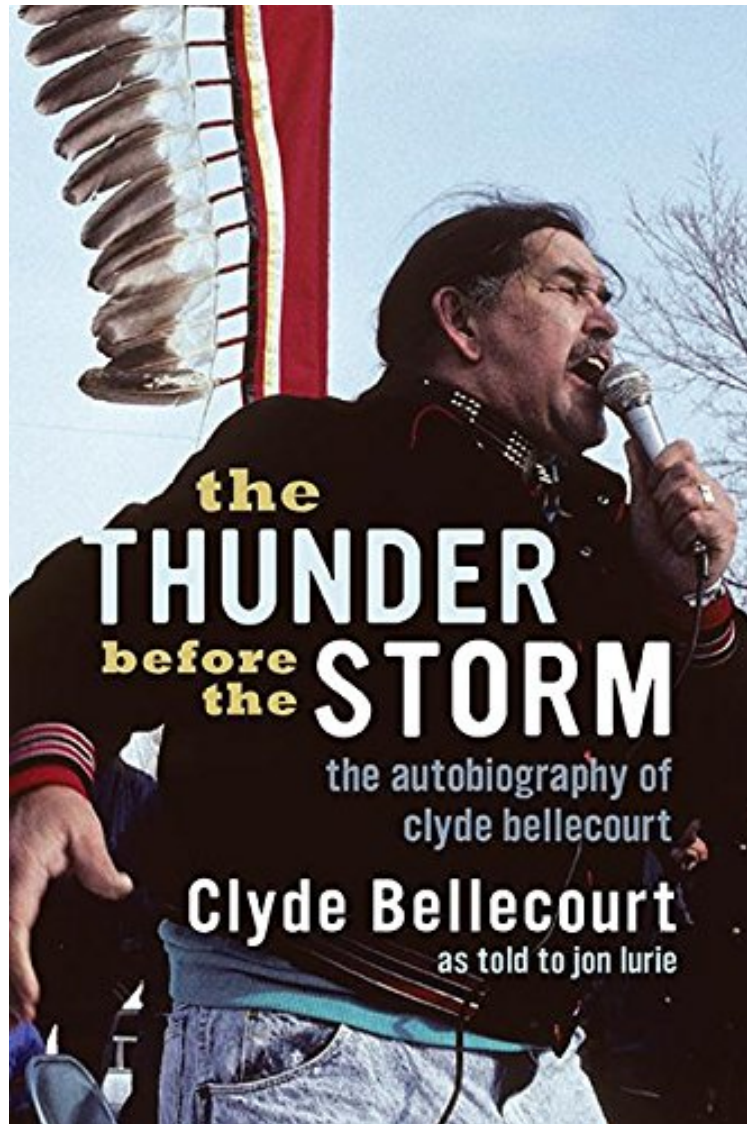


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The American Indian Movement burst onto the scene in the late 1960s as indigenous people across the country began to demand what is rightfully theirs. Clyde Bellecourt, whose Ojibwe name translates as The Thunder Before the Storm, is one of its cofounders and iconic leaders. This powerful autobiography provides an intimate narrative of his childhood on the White Earth Reservation, his long journey through the prison system, and his embodiment of confrontation politics in waging war against entrenched racism. Bellecourt is up-front and unapologetic when discussing his battles with drug addiction, his clashes with other AIM leaders, his experiences on the Trail of Broken Treaties and at Wounded Knee, and the cases of Leonard Peltier and murdered AIM activist Anna Mae Aquash. This gritty, as-told-to memoir also uncovers the humanity behind Bellecourt's militant image, revealing a sensitive spirit whose wounds motivated him to confront injustice and to help others gain a sense of pride by knowing their culture. The Thunder Before the Storm offers an invaluable inside look at the birth of a national movement—the big personalities, the creativity, and the perseverance that were necessary to alter the course of Native and American history.

As a young woman coming of age in 1977, I received guidance from Clyde and other leaders in the American Indian Movement, who saw a role for a young scholar like myself. His story of those courageous and challenging times honors both the hard work we did and those who made and continue to make history. Winona LaDuke, activist, environmentalist, economist, and writer Raw. Unapologetic. Transporting. . . . History without the bullshit. This book demonstrates that indigenous resistance in the face of government tyranny is a tradition that continues to this day. Simon Moya-Smith (Lakota and Chicano), culture editor at Indian Country Today From the Author Tribal affiliation--White Earth Ojibwe About the Author Clyde Bellecourt cofounded the American Indian Movement and has worked for Indian rights for decades. He lives in Minneapolis. Jon Lurie, educator and journalist, has worked in the Minneapolis Native American community for many years. He is a staff writer for The Circle and has written for numerous other publications.