



Two Spirit Women

2nd Edition



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A note on the second edition

I am pleased that we were able to create a 2nd Edition for Two Spirit Women. As each year passes, Two Spirit women's issues are rising to the surface in more prominent ways. We are becoming more involved in fundraising, community events and leadership, but we are also becoming infected with HIV. We found that we needed to update this booklet to provide a more comprehensive reflection of our lives and experiences. We have included four more interviews with Two Spirit women to expand this edition and to break the silence and the mystery. I am going to put their quotes from interviews in italics throughout this booklet as well as in the last section entitled, "Two Spirit Women Speak More". I don't claim to know everything about Two Spirit women and our lives, but this is a reflection of what I have learned thus far.

Explore our world, find new sources and share them. Only through learning and sharing can we bring everything back to us that is sacred about our identities and ourselves in our communities and among our Peoples.

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Dedicated to all Two Spirit Women

To the Ancient Ones and the Future Ones: I would say, thanks for waking us up. Thanks for Being...thank you for existing, so that I can know I can exist and that I know what I need to do. And to the young people, please come and find us. Come and find people like us who are there and are proud and come to these things, we want you to be alive because we need you to carry on.

~Elaine

