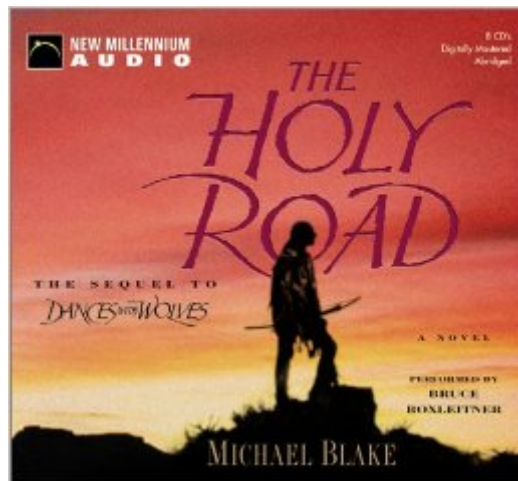


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Synopsis

In *The Holy Road*, sequel to *Dances With Wolves*, master storyteller Michael Blake at long last continues the saga. Eleven years have passed since Lieutenant John Dunbar became *Dances With Wolves* and married *Stands With A Fist*, a white-born woman raised as a Comanche from early childhood. With their three children, they live peacefully in the village of Ten Bears. But there is unease in the air, caused by increased reports of violent confrontations with white soldiers, who want to drive the Comanches onto reservations. Disquiet turns to horror, and then to rage, when a band of white rangers descends on Ten Bear's village, slaughtering half its inhabitants and abducting *Stands With A Fist* and her infant daughter. The three surviving great warriors - *Wind In His Hair*, *Kicking Bird* and *Dances With Wolves* - decide they must go to war with the white invaders. At the same time, *Dances With Wolves* realizes that only he can rescue his wife and child. Told with the same sweep, insight, and majesty that have made *Dances With Wolves* a worldwide phenomenon, *The Holy Road* is an epic story of courage and honor. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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In this sequel to "*Dances With Wolves*", we take a long, deep and suffering breath as characters we have grown to love and admire face the unstoppable, disheartening and inevitable encroachment of Indian land by white settlers and soldiers. Blake tells his story from many, mainly Indian perspectives: Ten Bears, the senior member of the village, who although intrigued by the marvel of the spectacles that somehow "make his eyes young again", can never forego his free life on the

Plains---- Smiles Alot, the young horse whisperer who through the tragedy that befalls the village, finds his place as a brave warrior and wins the girl of his dreams---Kicking Bird, the one Indian who wants to understand the whites, thinks white technological advancements may actually help his people---Wind-in-his-hair, born a warrior, he prefers to die free and wild rather than ever acquiesce to the whites and Dances With Wolves and his family--Stands With a Fist and their three children who have eschewed the ways of their cultural pasts for the communal mystery that embraces all the Comanches. Even though the outcome has been dictated by history, Blake does a great job of telling a story befitting the best campfire. He does not overlook the details, but rather allows us entry into each of the Indian minds --- we smile as an Indian delegation goes by train to Washington and one of the members has a panic attack as the train goes into a tunnel; we feel the pain of Dances with Wolves when white rangers intercept Stands With a Fist and try to reunite her with her blood relatives--we cringe along with Ten Bears as he discovers the way white men "make meat" and shutter when Smiles Alot and his family are carted off to the white man's jail.

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