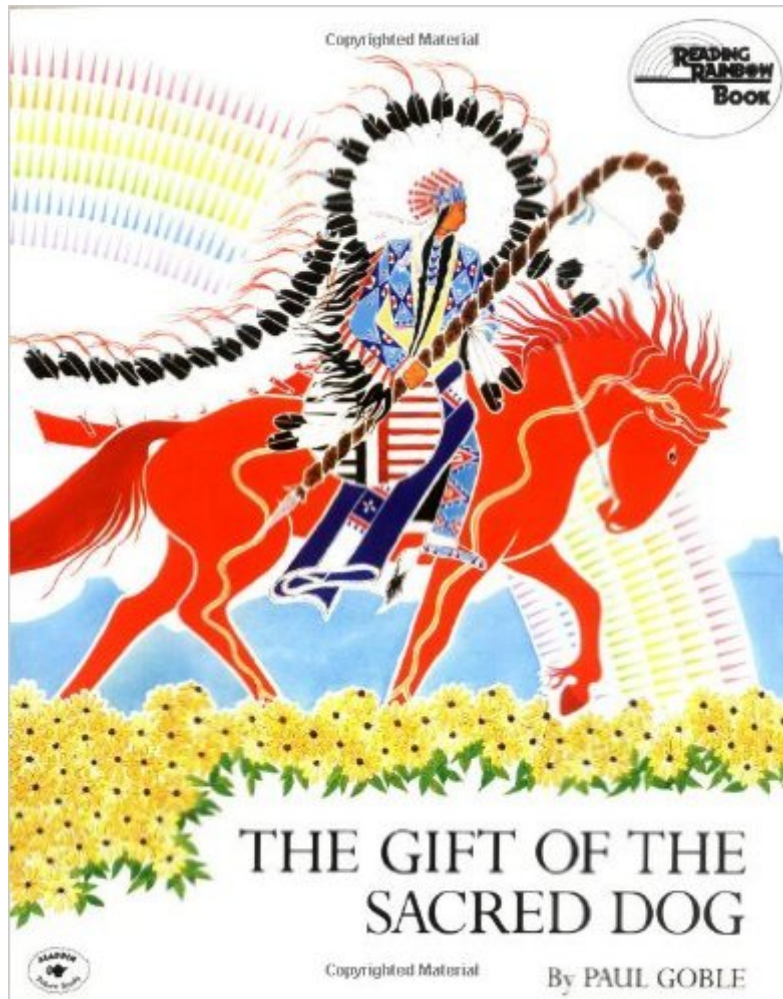


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# The Gift Of The Sacred Dog (Reading Rainbow Book)



## Synopsis

A brave boy goes into the hills and prays for help for his people. A rider on a magnificent animal comes to him and says: "This animal is called the Sacred Dog. He can do many things your dogs can do and also more...He is as the wind: gentle but sometimes frightening." The clouds close and suddenly one by one countless Sacred Dogs course down from the sky. And so the courage of one determined boy is rewarded by the Great Spirit: The horse, or Sacred Dog, is given to his tribe.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I want to state outright that I bought this book around twenty years ago with my allowance money when I was a young child (no more than seven). I still have it, and all those years have adored it so much that I've kept it in mint condition. For those of you with children, that should tell you how much I loved it as a child- it's not even gotten dirty, even though I read it often. Now that I'm older and work with children, I share the book with them, and get a great response from basically all age groups. For very young people, the bright, highly-stylized images are exciting and eye-catching. The pictures leave nothing to be desired- their detail is exquisite, and many a little one has been happy to help me find a bird or chipmunk 'hiding' somewhere in the pictures. For older children, I use this in

conjunction with Native American studies. They are interested in the story, and often mull over calling a 'horse' a 'sacred dog'. I'm getting ahead of myself. The story is about a young man who goes and asks the Great Spirit for help when his tribe can not find/keep up with the buffalo, resulting in great hunger. The Great Spirit gives him the 'gift of the sacred dog', being horses, so that they can catch the buffalo. The people are then able to hunt, thank the buffalo and Great Spirit, and the book is over. Now, back to my young'ns. Not only are they pleased with the story (somehow not too long or short for any age group), and the illustrations (beautiful, with just the right amount of words on a page), but they're also happy to talk about the story, which is what story time is really about for us. It's an easy story to ask questions on, and get to know the children- what they're thinking, feeling, what they believe in and don't, etc.

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