

THE NATURE WAY

WISDOM FROM A WESTERN
SHOSHONE ELDER

CORBIN HARNEY

AS TOLD TO AND EDITED BY *Alex Purbrick*
FOREWORD BY *Tom Goldtooth*

PRAISE FOR *The Nature Way*

“It is a gift for humanity that Corbin Harney shares in *The Nature Way* as he recounts the beauty of his culture and the importance that indigenous knowledge has on the survival of our Mother Earth.”

—TOM GOLDTOOTH, executive director of the
Indigenous Environmental Network

Corbin Harney was born into a Shoshone family on the Nevada-Idaho border. His grandparents raised him in the traditional ways of their people teaching him the ancient spiritual beliefs that sustained their culture. As an adult, Harney found his calling as a traditional healer and spiritual leader, defender of Native American culture and rights, and an internationally known antinuclear activist.

In *The Nature Way*, Harney includes the tragic history of Native Americans in the Great Basin, his realization of his own identity as a Native American, and his long study of his people’s traditions and spiritual practices. He also relates his role as an antinuclear activist and his awareness of the human responsibility to protect the Earth, especially from the extreme danger posed by nuclear energy and nuclear weapons of mass destruction. Corbin Harney’s voice is one of the clearest expressions yet of the values, concerns, and spirituality of contemporary Native America. In this book, he offers all of us a powerful plea that we respect and cooperate with Nature to ensure the survival of the planet.



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The late CORBIN HARNEY (1920–2007) was a member of the Western Shoshone Tribe of Duck Valley, Nevada. He founded the Shundahai Network in 1994 to promote Native American issues and opinions, and in 2003 he received the Nuclear-Free Future Award for his opposition to nuclear arms and atomic energy. He is also the founder of the Poo-Ha-Bah traditional healing center in Tecopa, California, near Death Valley.

ALEX PURBRICK managed Corbin Harney’s speaking engagements and media interviews for four years, while she also filmed and photographed his activities and recorded his stories of his life. She currently lives in the Shetland Islands with her partner and two sons.

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