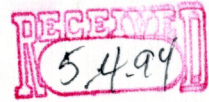


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Chief Wilma Mankiller
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Dear Chief Mankiller,

Though you must be deluged with demands on your time, still, I am hoping the enclosed manuscript will be of particular interest to you for its portrait of a strong Native American woman, and that you will wish to give it your endorsement.

KEEPERS OF THE DAWN, by Alfred Silver, is a biographical novel of the great Iroquois leader Molly Brant, and brings to vivid life as well her warrior brother Joseph, and the stirring events of the French and Indian War and the American Revolution.

Though the author is not Native American himself, his research is impeccable and his novels written with intelligence and respect. Alfred Silver's previous historical novels dealt with the Metis Nation of the northern Great Plains, near Winnipeg, where he grew up.

I do hope you will be able to fit a look at KEEPERS OF THE DAWN into your busy schedule, and need hardly say that any comment from you would be invaluable.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

P.S. Though I would love to hear from you soon, any comments received by the end of the summer would still make our production deadline.

