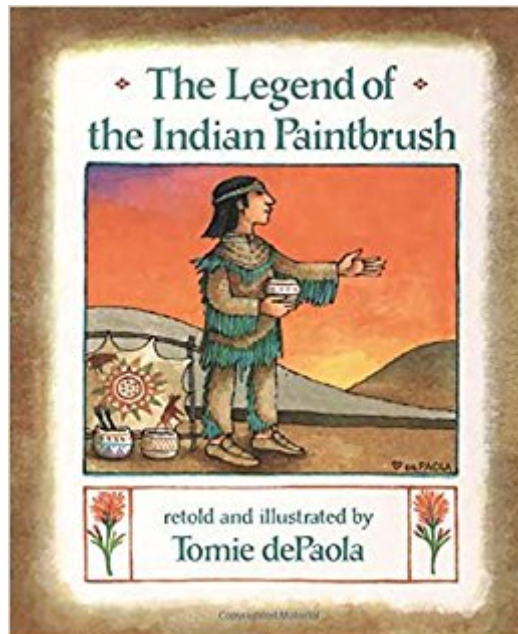




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The Legend Of The Indian Paintbrush



Synopsis

In spring, the hills and meadows of Texas and Wyoming are ablaze with the reds, oranges, and yellows of the Indian Paintbrush. How this striking plant received its name is told in an old Indian legend. Many years ago, when the People traveled the Plains, a young Indian boy had a Dream-Vision in which it was revealed that one day he would create a painting that was as pure as the colors of the evening sky at sunset. The boy grew up to become the painter of the tribe, but although he found a pure white buckskin for a canvas and made paints from the brightest flowers and the reddest berries, he could not capture the sunset. How the young Indian artist finally fulfills his Dream-Vision is lovingly told and illustrated by Tomie dePaola, in words and pictures that capture the spirit and beauty of this dramatic legend.

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Customer Reviews

In this companion to *The Legend of the Bluebonnet*, Little Gopher is smaller than the rest of the children in his tribe and can't keep up with those who ride, run, wrestle or shoot with bows and arrows. But, he has a talent of his own—he is an artist. When he grows older, a Dream-Vision comes to him: a young Indian maiden and her grandfather tell him that he will paint pictures of the great warriors with colors as pure as the evening sky. Little Gopher's paintings never satisfy him because

the colors are dull and dark, but he keeps trying. In the night, a voice tells him how to find paint-filled brushes; Little Gopher locates them, and they become brilliantly colored flowers known as Indian Paintbrush. This tale is related with deceptive simplicity by dePaola; he enhances the plainness of the story with his primitive illustrations, and, like Little Gopher, he finds inspiration in the colors of the sunset. Ages 2-7. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Little Gopher follows his destiny, as revealed in a Dream-Vision, of becoming an artist for his people and eventually is able to bring the colors of the sunset down to earth. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This could have been told much better. It uses stilted language that is used in so many pseudo-Native American legends. It makes it less accessible to kids. This is a very nice story. I don't know if it is a "real" legend or made up but it is a good story with reasonable plot and good for cultural learning but it could have been better written. Illustrations are fine for kids, clear and descriptive.

Very colorful illustrations that suits the title. I loved it as much as my kid.

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My aunt had this book when I was little and I read it all the time. 20 years later, I remembered the story, told it to my son, and he requested the book. Absolutely love it.

I just adore Tomie dePaola. His art is beautiful and his stories are wonderful.

I loved this book as a child, and being of Blackfoot heritage this book was special to me! My son is in first grade and I bought this book hoping that he would love it too! He loved it! And has been interested in Native American culture since reading the book. It has opened up a whole new interest in his own heritage, and I am excited to share it with him. He could also relate to Little Gopher, the boy in the story who had unique gifts and talents to share with his people. Such a great children's book to share with all children!

I love these books by Tomie dePaola. He tells the story that my kids love to read and listen on a regular basis. Ask them a question about state flowers and they can not only answer the question but tell you how the legend behind it. In this case, the Legend of the Indian Paintbrush.

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