

Photo by Diane Rodriguez

The Yaquina Bay Bridge glows in the sunlight on March 8 as coastal residents enjoyed a brief prelude to spring. Things looked decidedly different on March 13, however, as winter roared back into Lincoln County. Up to six inches of snow fell in Siletz (opposite page, top) and other areas of the county. By March 16, the Siletz River (opposite page, bottom, about one mile north of Siletz) had threatened to flood again. It stayed within its banks, though, despite running fast and brown.



Over a hundred years ago Black Elk had a vision of the time when Indian People would heal from the devastating effects of European migration. In his vision the Sacred Hoop which had been broken, would be mended in seven generations.

The children born into this decade will be the seventh generation.

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**When the Children Grow Old ...
We Want Them to Know We Fought for Them**

There are many ways to fight to protect our children - one of those ways is by being a foster parent.
The Siletz Tribal Indian Child Welfare Department is accepting and recruiting foster homes on behalf of our Tribal children.
For more information, call Christy Hurt, foster care certifier, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1338, or 541-444-8338.

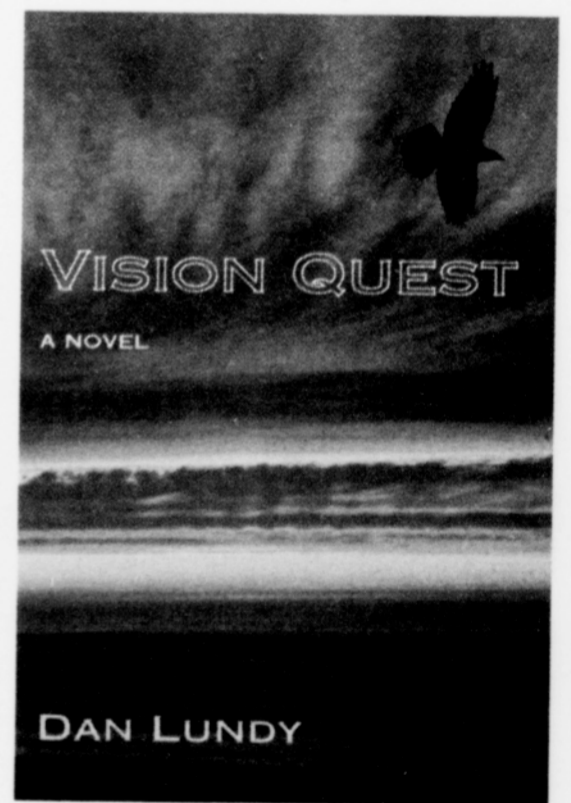
**JARED HAD RUN OUT OF CHOICES.
HE HAD NOWHERE TO GO BUT UPSTREAM.**

Vision Quest is the story of Jared Spotted-Horse: a young man caught between two competing worlds, lost in a haze of drugs and alcohol, deprived of a heritage, and facing a bleak—and likely short—future. He faces a crucial decision: will he go on feeding the evil wolf, or will he find the strength and the courage to feed the good wolf? His life hangs in the balance.

He must seek his answer on the rugged Tolhut Tahilee—the Rogue River, the homeland of his ancestors.

Vision Quest is a powerful novel of life and death, despair and hope. The author, a Siletz Tribal Elder, introduces us to the harsh realities of the lives of today's Oregon Coast Native Americans. He relates the story of a man who personifies the history of his people, from the past—they were masters of their own land in those days—to the present, in a world stripped of its traditions and laws. The book begins as Jared sits in a talking circle: compelled by court order to be there, he holds the eagle feather that confers the right to speak but he believes he has nothing to say. It ends as he struggles to rebuild his life as a man and as a member of his tribe.

Vision Quest is the story of the redemptive power of going to the source.



Vision Quest also can be purchased at Dee-Ne Gifts, 146 S Gaither St. in Siletz.

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