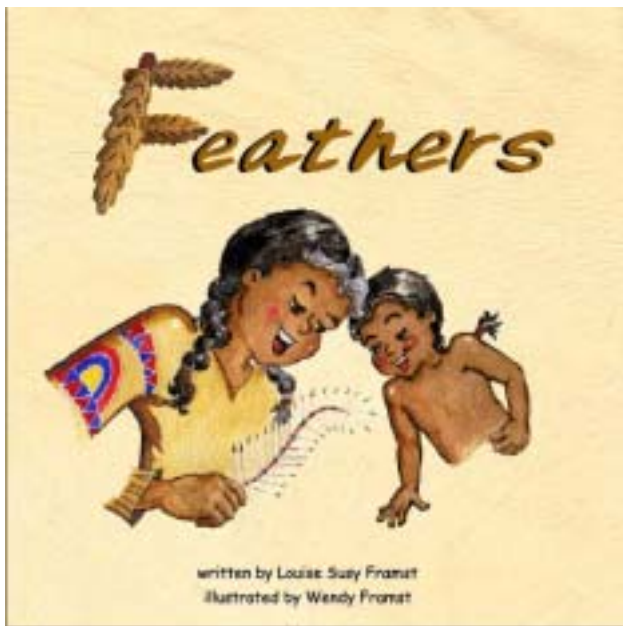


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Feathers

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*...based on an imaginary tribe of
natives from the plains of North
America...*

...Grandma begins to tell a story of a plains boy who is allergic to feathers.....



“You found a feather in the woods?
That feather is a gift to you, my child.”

“Why is it a gift, Grandma?”

“Our people, natives, say that you ‘found’ the
feather because it was left there for you as a gift.”

“Grandma, why do we think feathers are important?”

“Feathers have many different meanings to our
people.

“For example, in a cleansing ceremony, feathers might
be a fan which carries smoke to the people.

“The eagle flies highest and also it sees the farthest. So
a gift of an eagle feather is very, very special.

“All native groups are not the same. So it is that feathers
have different meaning for different groups of native people.

“People of the plains, for instance, are given feathers
when they do something important— like the badges Boy
Scouts and Girl Guides get when they learn a new skill. Girls
and women could have feathers, but it was much more
important for the boys and men to be given feathers.”

“Grandma, what would happen if a plains boy was
allergic to feathers? He would not be able to get
‘feathers.’ If he does not have feathers, would people
make fun of him? What would he do?”

“You know, I just happen to have a story about
such a boy, a boy of the Es-dene-duwe people...”

* pronounced Es-**den**-ne-**due**-we. See author's note
on page 32.



On the day
the boy was born,
he was as welcome
as the sun
in the morn.

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...The family is so pleased to have a baby boy after many, many years of waiting..



*...But they have a serious problem - their son is allergic to feathers!!!
And, so, a lot of sneezing goes on in this story.*

Sister Rainbow helps find a way for her little brother to have 'feathers' just like the other boys do.

...One day while the boys are practicing hunting grouse, they see "the enemy" near their village. They manage to "save the day", and, - well, you read the rest of their story in "Feathers", the book.



About *Feathers*, the book:

Size: 8 inches x 8 inches

Binding: softcover
saddle-stitched

Price: \$14.95

This light-hearted story is written to teach children to read. In plains Indian culture, boys and men were given feathers to mark achievements, similar to the way Boy Scouts earn badges. So what happens when a plains Indian boy is allergic to feathers? *Pure fun — that's what!!*

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