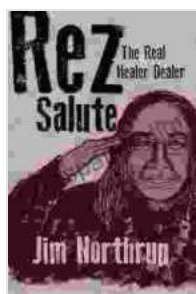


# Rez Salute: The Real Healer Dealer

Dr. Mary Kathryn Smith is a Native American physician who has dedicated her life to healing her community. Her memoir, *Rez Salute*, chronicles her journey from a young girl growing up on the reservation to becoming a respected doctor and community leader. The book is a powerful and inspiring story that sheds light on the challenges and triumphs of Native Americans in the United States.



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Smith was born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Her parents were both Lakota Sioux, and she grew up in a traditional Lakota household. As a child, she witnessed firsthand the poverty and health disparities that plagued her community. Many of her friends and family members died from preventable diseases, and she knew that she wanted to do something to help.

After graduating from high school, Smith attended college and medical school. She then returned to the reservation to work as a doctor. She quickly realized that the healthcare system was not meeting the needs of her community. The hospitals were understaffed and underfunded, and the doctors were often culturally insensitive. Smith knew that she had to do something to change the system.

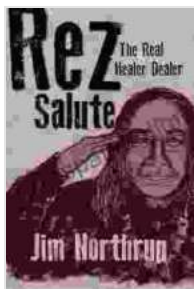
In 1994, Smith founded the Red Cloud Indian Health Board. The Board is a non-profit organization that provides healthcare services to Native Americans in South Dakota and Wyoming. The Board's mission is to provide culturally sensitive, high-quality healthcare to all Native Americans, regardless of their ability to pay.

Under Smith's leadership, the Red Cloud Indian Health Board has grown into one of the most successful Native American health organizations in the country. The Board now operates 12 health centers and provides a wide range of services, including primary care, dental care, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment. The Board also has a strong focus on prevention and wellness, and it offers a variety of programs to help Native Americans live healthy lives.

Smith's work has had a profound impact on the health of Native Americans in South Dakota and Wyoming. She is a respected leader in the Native American community, and she has been recognized for her work by numerous organizations, including the American Medical Association and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Rez Salute is a powerful and inspiring story that sheds light on the challenges and triumphs of Native Americans in the United States. Smith's

journey is a testament to the power of one person to make a difference. Her story is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Native American culture, healthcare, or social justice.



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