# BOOKS ON SPIRITUALITY AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH

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Books About Black Elk Books on Peyote & the Native American Church

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Note: Black Elk (1863-1950) was an Oglala Sioux visionary and spiritual leader. During the 1930s and 1940s, he granted extensive interviews, first to John Neihardt and later to Joseph Brown, about his life, his vision, and the traditions and beliefs of his people.

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