

## Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz blurbs for INDIAN GIVER:

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From: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz <address redacted for privacy>  
To: John Smelcer <address redacted for privacy>  
Sent: Mon, Mar 7, 2016 6:12 pm  
Subject: Indian Giver!

Dear Johnny,

Your beautiful book arrived just now. Thank you so much. Indeed I will spread the word about it.

Congratulations!

Roxanne

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From: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz <address redacted for privacy>  
To: John Smelcer <address redacted for privacy>  
Sent: Mon, May 11, 2015 9:11 pm  
Subject: Re: blurb for "Indian Giver" collection

Big hugs! You gave me a gift, not robbery.

I hope you will do readings all around the continent when this book is published.

Roxanne

On May 11, 2015, at 7:04 PM, [John Smelcer](#) wrote:

I wish I could hug you! I sure am sorry if I robbed you of your time today, but you sure made me happy at a time when I've been feeling so marginalized. Thank you, Roxanne.

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From: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz <address redacted for privacy>  
To: John Smelcer <address redacted for privacy>  
Sent: Mon, May 11, 2015 8:56 pm  
Subject: blurb for "Indian Giver" collection

John, I have just read the poems of Indian Giver. I am so blessed that you contacted and nudged me to read the collection today. Although the poems are dark in their truth, they elicit anger and determination, not hopelessness. I hope the blurb below is useful.

Thank you, Roxanne

Celebrated and prolific poet and novelist, John Smelcer, brings to the reader of *Indian Giver* a harsh truth about the continued genocidal colonialist noose around the neck of every Native American. This is not

just history, and perhaps the reality can be captured only through poetry wrought by the hand of one of our most brilliant poets.

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*

## Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz blurbs/foreword for STEALING INDIANS

-----Original Message-----

From: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz <address redacted for privacy>

To: John Smelcer <address redacted for privacy>

Sent: Wed, Aug 5, 2015 12:03 pm

Subject: Re: permission to recycle blurb

John, that's good except for one thing; I never use "America" or "American" to refer to the US or its citizens. So, please change American to United States.

Thanks, Roxanne

On Aug 5, 2015, at 9:52 AM, [John Smelcer](#) wrote:

Hello, Roxanne. Hope you're doing well. Summer's coming to an end. I assume you're gearing up to teach in the fall? I'd like your permission to rearrange and re-purpose a blurb you gave me for my forthcoming poetry book *Indian Giver*. I'd like to use it on the cover of my forthcoming YA novel about the Native American boarding school experience.

"One of our most brilliant writers, John Smelcer tells a harsh truth about the history of America."

--Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*

Here's the full original blurb:

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*Thanks in advance, JOhn*

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From: Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz <address redacted for privacy>

To: John Smelcer <address redacted for privacy>

Sent: Sat, Mar 12, 2016 8:49 pm

Subject: Re: Indigenous Peoples History

Yes, of course, I would be honored to have you quote the paragraph. I'm looking forward to your "Stealing Indians."

Thanks, Roxanne

On Mar 12, 2016, at 5:56 PM, [John Smelcer](#) wrote:

Hello Roxanne:

I was reading chapter eight of your Indigenous Peoples History in the sauna tonite and came across the paragraph on p 151 about the boarding school policy. As you know, I have a book about that coming out in a month or two, Stealing Indians. May I use your paragraph in my book with acknowledgement of source?

JOhnny