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Review

"The beginning of a trilogy, this tale is valuable for both its recounting of a historical tragedy and its immersive Choctaw perspective." KIRKUS, STARRED REVIEW --Kirkus Reviews, June 15, 2013

"...a thrilling caper . . . a recommendation for reluctant readers who like their history tinged with the otherworldly." RECOMMENDED --The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Literature

"Tingle, a Choctaw storyteller, relates his tale in the engaging repetitions and rhythms of an oft-told story . . . spare and authentic." --Dean Schneider, THE HORN BOOK MAGAZINE

2014 American Indian Youth Literature Award --American Indian Library Association, ALA

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2016 Sequoyah Master List Title --Sequoyah Master List Committee

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From the Inside Flap

Told in the words of Isaac, a Choctaw boy who does not survive the Trail of Tears, *How I Became a Ghost* is a tale of innocence and resilience in the face of tragedy. From the opening line, "Maybe you have never read a book written by a ghost before," the reader is put on notice that this is no normal book. Isaac leads a remarkable foursome of Choctaw comrades: a tough-minded teenage girl, a shape-shifting panther boy, a lovable five-year-old ghost who only wants her mom and dad to be happy, and Isaac's talking dog, Jumper. The first in a trilogy, *How I Became a Ghost* thinly disguises an important and oft-overlooked piece of history.

About the Author

Tim Tingle is an Oklahoma Choctaw, a storyteller, and the author of *CROSSING BOK CHITTO* and *WALKING THE CHOCTAW ROAD*. His great-great-grandfather, John Carnes, walked the Trail of Tears in 1835. In 1993, Tingle retraced the trail to Choctaw homelands in Mississippi and began recording stories of tribal elders. *HOW I BECAME A GHOST* was inspired by these memories. Tingle lives in Canyon Lake, Texas.

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