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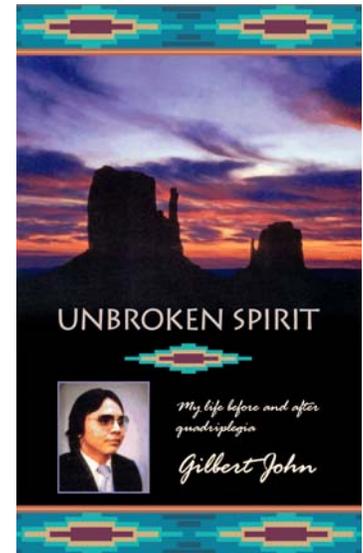
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Writing about his life as a Navajo, especially one with a disability, was a radical act for Gilbert John. But then, his very survival is radical.

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In 1957 Gilbert John was born to the Navajo People in Gallup, New Mexico. He was named in Navajo *Hashke' Yitaaswod* — He ran amongst the warriors. After an accident in the summer of 1975 left Gilbert a quadriplegic, he finished his high school education at the rehabilitation school of Carrie Tingley Hospital and was able to graduate with his classmates from Tohatchi High School in 1977. Gilbert continued his education despite numerous obstacles and interruptions. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of New Mexico in 1988.

In Gilbert's young life before his accident, he had many experiences and accomplishments in school academics and athletics, rodeo competitions and Native American arts. After his accident, Gilbert met many more challenges, and undertook a surprising number of activities and travels. Eventually he returned to his family in the Four Corners area of New Mexico, began writing his autobiography, and became an advocate for people with disabilities. He has served in the following advocacy and advisory positions:

2003 - 2005, vice president/acting president, Navajo Nation Advisory Council on Disability (formerly Navajo Nation Handi-Capable; the name was changed under Gilbert's leadership)

2004 - 2010, Board member, Governor's Commission on Disability, New Mexico Technology Assistance Project of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

2006 - 2012, two-term Board member, Statewide Independent Living Council, representing Northwest NM.

About this edition: This title was originally published in print in 2010 by Acacia Publishing of Arizona. Not long after, the author reached out to Amador Publishers with concerns about distribution. Although it has taken time to assume the publishing rights, we have been committed to bringing this valuable work back into circulation. The first task has been to issue an affordable digital edition as quickly as possible, to fulfill Gilbert's mission to offer his story to those most in need of his encouragement and experience. This expanded edition combines text from the first print publication with that of an updated manuscript that Gilbert provided to Amador Publishers in 2016. It includes, as Prologue and Postscript, significant passages written after the book's initial release. This Amador Publishers revised version of *Unbroken Spirit* will be released in print in 2021.