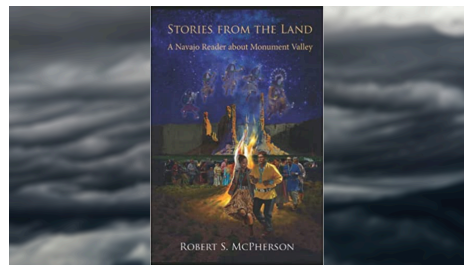


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people of Monument Valley and filtered through their unique cultural perspective. For the reader interested in authentic Navajo teachings, these people's ties to the land, and a very different perspective of the world and how it functions, *Stories from the Land* offers a fascinating insight that is fast disappearing from our world.

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