

**Level 1: Emerging Writers**  
**Runner-Up: Lora Mobley**  
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Book: *My Spirit Soars*

Author: Chief Dan George

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Dear Chief Dan George,

Your book, *My Spirit Soars*, affected me at such a passionate level that it brought tears to my heart. I have a new and profound passion for God's creatures. You have taught me they belong here just as much as you, I, and other people. He made enough space for all of us. The Earth is a gift from God and we need to take care of it because once it is gone, it is gone.

Your words are similar to the Bible. Like the Bible, you talk about virtue, strength, and carrying the burden of others. Thank you for enlightening me. Our creatures are our future. If you hurt the land you also hurt mankind. And, what if the shoe was on the other paw?

*My Spirit Soars* is so profound and filled with truth. I now believe that if you look in the mirror then look onto the land you will see something in common.

Now that I have read this book, my appreciation for God's creatures has improved and I now want to learn more about my own Indian heritage and why Indians are more connected to nature than other cultures.

Sincerely,

Lora Mobley