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Collection Overview

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of three stories by Sam Peters, handwritten in Meskwaki syllabary, with English translations by Horace Poweshiek. The first story tells of a Meskwaki woman who is captured by Sioux; who escapes with the help of one of two Sioux women who are kind to her, and by virtue of a childhood fasting vision; and whose brother later leads a return raid against the Sioux. The second tells of a boy who could understand the speech of dogs; a nearly hairless dog who is despised and mistreated by everyone takes refuge with him and his own sleek dog, is well cared for by him, and helps him become a great hunter. The third is a winter story recounting the adventures of the hero Red Leggings.

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