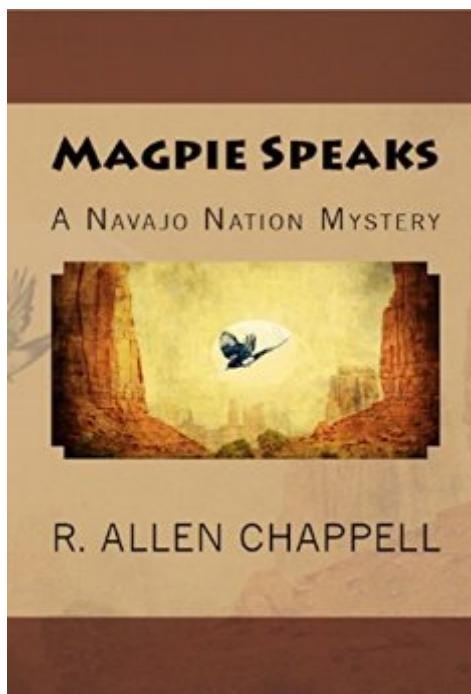


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Synopsis

Dreams tell old man Paul Tâ™Sosi heâ™s dying. So why is Navajo trickster, Magpie, trying to tell him a far more terrifying secret? Hungry for revenge, Maâ™iitsoh Dineâ™, the Navajo Wolf, is out for blood. Summoning his darkest powers, the Witch of Ganado circles tribal investigator Charlie Yazzieâ™s young son and close friends. Some may survive the witchâ™s evil vendetta, but others will die to settle an old score. The unexpected happens when a woman from the past re-emerges to take control in this fast paced thriller critics now hail as the best yet of Chappellâ™s sensational new southwestern mystery series. Critics describe R. Allen Chappellâ™s writing as âœembedded and close to the groundâ• with an intuitive knowledge of the Navajo people and their land. Magpie Speaks, number 5 in the series, cements Chappell's legacy and puts him in the forefront of modern day Navajo Mystery storytellers.

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Life gets a bit spicy for the Navajo boys on the reservation. Once again long time friends Charlie Yazzie, Harley Ponyboy, Thomas Begay, and Thomas' elderly father-in-law, Paul T'Sosi are reunited. This time it's a witch hunt, and someone may not survive. Paul, a Hatalii, known as a Singer or Holy Man amongst the Navajo, is getting old and has thoughts of his life nearing an end.

He is daunted by the same disturbing dream every time he falls asleep which is frequent as he ages. While tending the sheep he dozes off, and is awakened by the screeching of a live magpie. What is the obnoxious bird trying to tell him? Later the babbling bird causes some grief to Paul's daughter, Lucy Tallwoman. What message is the trickster bird trying to convey, and is it one of imminent danger to someone close to Paul? This Native American tale involves removing a curse put and held in place by Paul's younger half-brother. Paul and the brother are at the opposite ends of the spectrum. Paul is a singer, and Edward Bitsinnii, is a witch. Somewhere along the line, it is believed Edward has placed a spell upon those close to Paul. Something must be done, and Paul is determined to get the curse removed once and for all. Then a long time estranged family member shows up and things really get lively for all concerned. The characters are three dimensional, believable and likable, from the patriarch of the story to the children that play minor roles. The subject matter is well-researched. The storyline is well-developed, and moves smoothly. It is written in such a way to give the reader a good image of persons, places and things.

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