

Hello,

My name is Colin Mustful and I am a Minnesota-based author, historian, and publisher. I'm seeking back cover blurbs for my upcoming novel, *Reclaiming Mni Sota: An Alternate History of the U.S. – Dakota War of 1862*. In the novel, the Dakota and Ojibwe join forces to defeat the U.S. army and exile the white-settler colonialists from the region thereby reclaiming Minnesota as Mni Sota Makoce, a native held and governed land. The intention of the novel is to illuminate the wrongs done to Native peoples by imagining those same wrongs done to the white settler population. It's meant to engender empathy.

Blurbs and endorsements are vital to the success of any novel and I would really appreciate it if you would take a look at the manuscript and consider providing a brief, but positive statement on the novel's behalf. In doing so, you'll also be supporting a grant initiative I'm launching called *The Reclaiming Mni Sota Indigenous Writers Grant*. My personal goal is to raise \$10,000 in order to provide one Indigenous writer from Minnesota the funds necessary to write and publish their own stories from their own perspective. To raise funds for the grant, I'll be donating \$1 from the pre-sale and sale of each copy of *Reclaiming Mni Sota*. Additionally, I will donate 100% of all my speaking fees toward the grant.

To learn more about the grant, please visit the grant's GoFundMe Page:

<https://gofund.me/d53ad1ac>

To learn more about why I'm launching this grant, please visit my website here:

<https://www.colinmustful.com/indigenous-writers-grant/>

To learn more about the application process, please visit my website here:

<https://www.colinmustful.com/indigenous-writers-grant-application/>

The novel is set for publication on October 10, 2023 by my own press, [History Through Fiction](#). Print galleys won't be available until March, but I'd be happy to provide you with an uncorrected proof as a Word document or PDF.

Attached is a synopsis in case you'd like to know more about the story. If you'd like to read a chapter that was cut from the novel, you can find it published as short story here:

<https://simily.co/all-stories/cmustful/wapetonhonska-the-long-trader/>

If you know of anyone else you think might be interested in providing a blurb or endorsement, please let me know. Finally, if there is anything I can do to support your work please don't hesitate to ask.