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Mongrel Empire Press

**Mongrel Empire Press Announces *Four Directions,* a poetry collectionby Joseph Bruchac**

Norman, OK [date]—Mongrel Empire Press, an Eclectic Publishing House specializing in regional and uncommon literary works, is happy to announce the publication of *Four Directions*, a poetry collection by Joseph Bruchac.

**[\*]** “Let us begin / by drawing a circle,” in which Joseph Bruchac illustrates the rich and storied culture of the Abenaki Indians through immediate poetry that is simultaneously tactile and spiritual. In spite of the limits of the English language, Bruchac takes readers on a journey into the sublime, recounting the stories of individuals, landscapes, and veins of knowledge invisible to the untrained eye and the calloused heart.

**[\*]** Prolific author Joseph Bruchac has brought together a compilation of dozens of his beautiful and thought-provoking poems, each of which speak to Native American heritage and experience. “For over thirty years Joseph Bruchac has been creating poetry, short stories, novels, anthologies and music that reflect his Abenaki Indian heritage and Native American traditions,” according to Bruchac’s website. “He is the author of more than 120 books for children and adults,” and *Four Directions* joins that massive collection with great critical acclaim. [This is meant as a transition to the blurbs]

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**[\*]** Joseph Bruchac grew up in Greenfield Center, New York, a town located on the foothills of the Adirondack mountains, where he continues to live today. The significance of that space to Bruchac and his art is important, as it was the land of his maternal grandparents and his Abenaki ancestors. This culture and heritage carries the greatest impetus of Bruchac’s writing and poetry, which is apparent throughout *Four Directions*. Bruchac has traveled internationally to share tales and folklore from his native land, which has earned him acknowledgements all across Europe and the Americas. He is a well-established defender of American Indian culture and posterity, which resonates throughout his work.

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