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Formed as a compromise, shunned as throwbacks, the Dreamspeakers now emerge from the mists to guide the world to an awareness of its ills. Kindly if possible, by force if necessary... Now all your crimes have come upon us, my friend, and there is nowhere to run. From the shadows of the "primitive" world, the shamans come, visions in their eyes and anger in their hearts. This book, Dreamspeakers, presents their side of the nine-fold debate called the Council of Traditions. From their uneasy beginnings to their resurgence in the modern era, the Dreamspeakers have walked a steady road. To join them, you must put aside your prejudices and follow the Dream Path... Let us Dream the World Anew! The path of the shaman explained; Divisions and specialties among the Tradition's ranks; new medicine, templates, characters and more.

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Okay, so this book was written for second edition instead of revised. Nonetheless, it still is a pretty good source of information if you intend to run a Dreamspeaker, regardless of whether your game is second edition or revised. The main story is of a Mohawk steelworker, Michael Skyhawk, who discovers he is a Shaman and is led through his Awakening. Throughout the book, his Awakening serves as an example of how Shamanism works. The first chapter gives us a rough idea of the historical traditions of various cultures within the Dreamspeaker Tradition: Australian Aborigines, African natives, followers of Voudon and Santeria, Native Americans (from North and South America), Pacific Islanders, Siberians, Mongols, Lapps and so forth. We then get to see the

Dreamspeakers form as a Tradition during the Grand Convocation, and the exploitation of the Dreamspeakers homelands (by both Technocracy and Traditionalists alike) up into the modern era. Following this is a really nice juicy section covering Shamanism in general. It gives the Shaman's journey, from his calling by the spirits onward. Great depth is given to how Dreamspeakers view (and respect) the Spirits, and there is a lot of useful metaphysical stuff here. There also are details on Dreamspeaker factions, such as the Contraries (sacred clowns), Red Spears (Native rights militants), Baruti (wandering storytellers), Keepers of the Sacred Fire (traditionalists who want to preserve their homelands) and Ghost Wheel Society (techno-shamans). We also get to see some areas of Dreamspeaker influence in the spirit worlds, including a couple Native American realms and a city that recreates Great Zimbabwe. The next chapter continues by giving insight into the Dreamspeakers relations with others.

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