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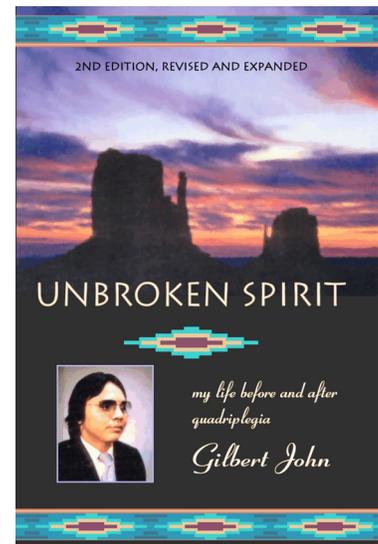
*He'd wished there was a book about someone who was like him, a role model who might help him face his new life as a Native American with a severe disability, but he had to write that book himself.*

**Announcing the Revised and Expanded Print Edition of  
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the autobiography of Gilbert John**

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**About Gilbert John:** After Gilbert John suffered a devastating spinal cord injury at the age of 17, he came to accept the many changes in his life: He would live in the white man's world, since the Navajo Nation in 1975 was not prepared either practically or culturally to provide for a quadriplegic youth. He would come to accept the care and oversight of others, to adapt to confinement and dependency — a complete reversal of the exuberant physicality and self-sufficiency that marked his childhood on the vast Navajo reservation. But what he would never accept was the label “paralyzed.” He was as alive and moving in his mind as he had ever been, and in the months and years that followed he undertook a surprising number of activities and travels. Eventually Gilbert John returned to his family in the Four Corners area of New Mexico, began writing his autobiography, and became an advocate for people with disabilities.

Gilbert John has served in the following advocacy and advisory positions:

2003 - 2005, vice president/acting president, Navajo Nation Advisory Council on Disability (formerly Navajo Nation Handi-Capable; the name was changed under Gilbert's leadership)

2004 - 2010, Board member, Governor's Commission on Disability, New Mexico Technology Assistance Project of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

2006 - 2012, two-term Board member, Statewide Independent Living Council, representing Northwest NM.

Gilbert John is named in Navajo *Hashke' Yitaaswod* — He ran amongst the warriors. He is currently based in Farmington, New Mexico.

**About this edition:** This revised and expanded 2nd Ed. of Gilbert John's *Unbroken Spirit* combines text from the first print edition (Acacia, 2010) with the author's insertions and addenda to that earlier text, along with new material, including a Prologue and a Postscript that were written after the book's initial release. While not a large-type edition, the paperback has been formatted easy reading and handling.

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