



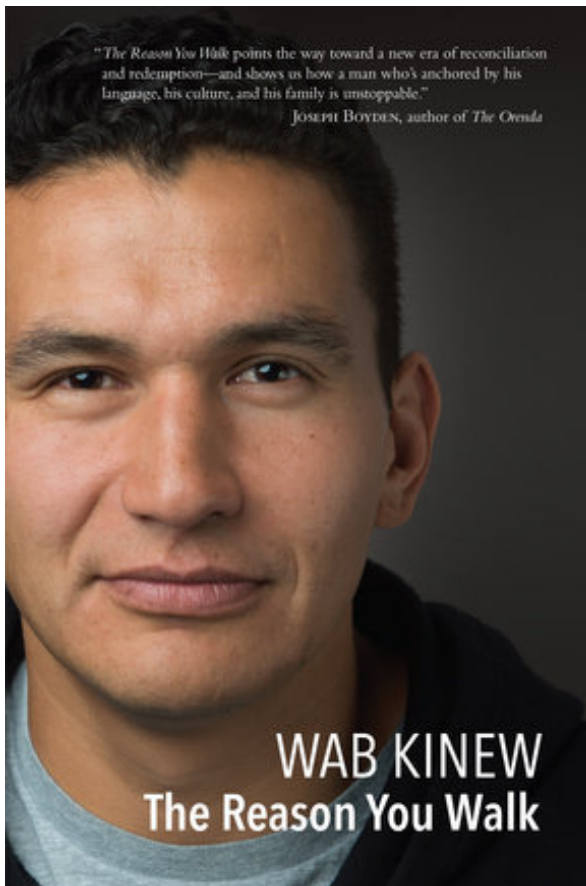
Wab Kinew's *The Reason You Walk* Honoured with Provincial Award

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In 1967, The Ontario Historical Society (OHS) established an awards program to recognize individuals, organizations, corporations, and authors who have contributed significantly to the preservation and promotion of Ontario's heritage.

The Joseph Brant award honours the best book on multicultural history in Ontario published in the past three years. The recipient of the 2015 Joseph Brant Award is **Wab Kinew** for his book *The Reason You Walk*, published by Viking, an imprint of Penguin Canada.



Wab Kinew was born into the Onigaming First Nation in Northwestern Ontario, and grew up in Winnipeg.

The book tells the story of Kinew's family history, of Anishnaabe culture in northwestern Ontario, and of the intergenerational impacts of residential schools. It is a story of how a residential school survivor reconciled his own history and faith, as well as a story of reconciliation between a father and a son. The book inspires hope, healing and forgiveness.

Kinew's memoir builds empathy and bridges the gap between Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people, and as Kinew notes, "empathy is the beginning of reconciliation." At a time when so many Canadians want to know about this dark chapter in Canada's history, *The Reason You Walk* is a beautiful story that leaves a lasting impression on all those who read it. It is a gift that Kinew has shared his father's knowledge and his story with us.

The award was presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Historical Society at the Ontario Legislative Assembly in Toronto, Ontario.

Founded in 1888, the Ontario Historical Society is a non-profit corporation and registered charity dedicated to the preservation and celebration of Ontario's history for people of all ages and cultural backgrounds.

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