

Chipeta



“Inside the largest wigwam, propped up on animal skin blankets, and continually refreshed with water wrung out from a cloth, Chipeta labored through the birthing process. To her right, Qaletaq, an elder of the tribe who guarded his people since his early years, held fast to Chipeta’s grip. With his other hand he rubbed oil on her forehead and prayed for the health of the child and mother.”