

BIG BEAR

An Epic Story of
Cree Chief Big Bear.
A four hour mini-series.



Based on the novel "The Temptations of Big Bear" by Rudy Wiebe, this epic mini-series recounts the **The dramatic story of visionary** tireless struggle of one man holding true to his vision while seeking justice for his people.



It is 1875 and the government is staking claim to the plains where the Cree have always hunted buffalo freely. As chief, Big Bear refuses to sign away rights to the land which has always been his home, but the odds are against him. His people are dying from starvation, government pressure is

relentless, even his sons reject his choice for peaceful negotiations.

Finally, after a six year struggle with temptations, Big Bear signs a treaty but refuses to move his people to a reserve. A

deadly confrontation ensues with the government and his warriors.

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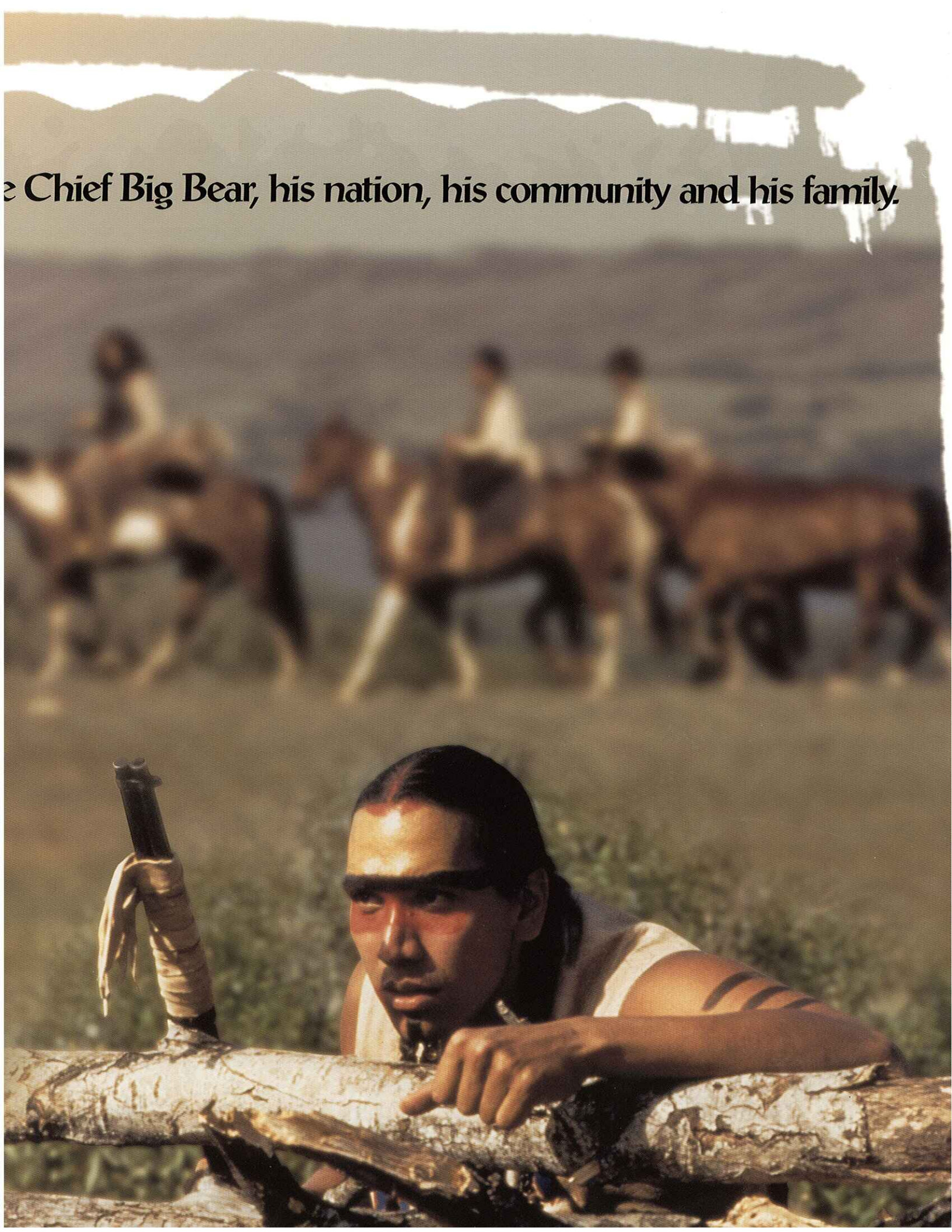
Big Bear, although innocent, is found guilty by association and imprisoned for treason.

Big Bear and his people's personal battle with the injustices of unfair treaties

still continues to inspire and affect change for the aboriginal people of Canada.



Chief Big Bear, his nation, his community and his family.



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Starring

GORDON TOOTOOSIS Big Bear
TANTOO CARDINAL Running Second
LORNE CARDINAL Little Big Man
KENNETCH CHARLETTE . . . Lone Man
PATRIC JAMES BIRD Kingbird
MICHAEL GREYEVES Wandering Spirit

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