

N. Scott Momaday Bio

Born on 27 February, 1937, in Lawton, Oklahoma, Navarre Scott Momaday spent the first year of his life growing up on the Kiowa Indian reservation where his father was born. His mother, author of children's books, and father, a painter, made an important impression on Momaday's cultural exposure and his interest for literature.

Educated at the University of New Mexico and Stanford University, Momaday holds a Ph.D. in English literature and is presently the Regents' Professor of the Humanities department at the University of Arizona, Tucson. Momaday has also designed a Native American Studies department at the graduate level at the University of California, Berkeley. His works include the Pulitzer Prize winning *House Made of Dawn*, *The Way to Rainy Mountain*, *The Names*, *The Gourd Dancer* and *The Ancient Child*, all of which have made Momaday a celebrated figure in literature.