



We Will Secure Our Future: Empowering the Navajo Nation (Hardback)

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Brand New Book. Nearing graduation from Phoenix Indian
School, Peterson Zah decided he wanted to attend college. He
was refused the reference letters needed for college admission
by teachers who told him he would fail and thus embarrass
them. Several years later, these instructors would receive
invitations from Zah to a party celebrating his graduation
from Arizona State University. And so began a career that took
Zah to the presidency of the Navajo Nation. His life and
accomplishments have exemplified the ongoing efforts by
American Indian communities to gain greater control over
their lives and lands. He has made important contributions in
many areas, but education has always been one of his main
priorities. Perhaps no one in the Southwest has done more
than Peterson Zah to increase the recruitment, retention, and
graduation of American Indian students from colleges and
universities. Zah s presentations to Peter Iverson s classes at
Arizona State University, employed examples drawn from his
own experiences. Students praised his thoughtful, honest and
direct observations. He reinforced a central theme in Iverson s
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