

Book festival Northern Arizona

***Skins* by Adrian Louis Review by Judy Mathews**

Skins, by Adrian Louis, is a heart moving story about two brothers that grew up, and live on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. It's stark raw portrayal of life on the reservation, and could not be anymore realistic unless one went to the reservation and spoke with the people there. The book is not only about Indian people, it reflects the human condition on this earth. We are drunk with blindness, and we are stone cold sober with the truth of who and what we are. It touches the deepness of what it means to love another person, and what it means to struggle with an addiction no matter what that addiction is.



The book has that raw Indian humor that is seen in the movie *Smoke Signals*. If you're Indian and know your culture you'll get it. If your not Indian but know Indians who know their culture you might get it. If you're in touch with your humanity and know how to love and hate at the same time you'll understand it. *Skins* goes beyond the boundaries of just being Indian people it touches upon the human beings this whole world encompasses! It is a beautiful composition that every human being could relate to.

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