

Emulation Handbook



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian / *Sherman Alexie* **by *Ivan Lopez JR***

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian is a book about the Author's early life. The story talks about his disabilities and how in his reservation he was bullied for them. He then asks his parents if he could go to an all white school to try and find some "hope" and a way to escape his poor reservation. When he goes there, it's completely different from his old school on the reservation. The rest of the book talks about his life and his experience there.

[Narration]

What's this element?

Sherman's style of narration is more like he's talking to us, the reader, to make a better connection.

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"Do you know what happens to retards on the rez?

We get beat up.

At least once a month.

Yep, I belong to the Black-Eye-of-the-Month Club."

Why does it matter?

It's to show that he is bullied because of his disabilities and so later, when Sherman's being beaten up by some Indian teenagers, you know why.

What's the impact on the reader?

It makes the reader feel the same as the writer because there are people that get bullied just like him for the same reasons in their neighborhoods and schools. They might not have someone to sympathize with besides their parents. So it's nice he talks about that to make the reader feel more connected.

[Writing]

What's this element?

He adds comedy to make a sad subject enjoyable. To make a sad moment have at least something nice and not just see torture.

Page. 3

"First of all, I had seizures. At least two a week. So I was damaging my brain on a regular basis. But the thing is, I was having those seizures because I already had brain damage, so I was reopening wounds each time I seized.

Why does it matter?

To tell the reader he's not afraid to open up and tell some personal things. Like how (on page. 4) he's okay with calling himself a "retard" and admit he is a little bit retarded.

Yep, whenever I had a seizure, I was damaging my damage."

What's the impact on the reader?

It makes us, the reader, know that he is not afraid of telling the truth about his life and the things he thinks and does. He wants to really tell the reader that he wants to tell his story to us and not hold back . But, at the same time, make it funny so it's not so bad.

[Feeling]

What's this element?

The way he structures the sentences show how he felt in the moment and the word "gagged" was really what gave off what should be felt when reading this sentence.

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"She could still write a book," I said. "There's always time to change your life."

Why does it matter?

The Indian Reservation has given him nothing but a hard life and being bullied for his disability. It's also destroyed his parents' chances of getting their dreams.

I almost gagged when I said that. I didn't even believe that. There's never enough time to change your life. You don't get to change your life, period. Shit, maybe I was trying to write a romance novel.

What's the impact on the reader?

He's telling us, the readers, that there's never enough time to change what you do in your life. Not enough time to chase after your dreams or even make one to begin with. All we can do is just accept our places and our limitations.

My Emulation: [Too sensitive]

Bombs are scary, so many wires and glowing lights. If you're not careful, you could cause a massive explosion that hurts or kills lots of people. Now, almost everyone one is a bomb and if you say one thing they don't like, you've triggered them. I know that something could set someone off if you say something offensive and say it like it's no big deal. But, then there's getting offended by someone saying almost anything and taking it as a threat.

I'm one to admit I laugh at some pretty dark and messed up jokes, even ones that poke fun at my religion and race. That's because I can take a joke and see it's not really trying to be serious, it's just making a joke and that's it. Like how Christians are easy to get angry the second they see an Atheist or someone who isn't a 100% down to just follow every rule in the bible. But, when I hear people like this,

" OH, so you don't like that there are female leads in modern day movies? YOUR A WHITE MALE SEXIST AND YOUR RACIEST. "

They don't even give you a chance to speak. They MIGHT let you speak your part, but even then they won't accept your OWN opinion. It really leaves me breathless as to how we got to this point, where did people like this is even come from? This leads me to believe that people of the older days should drop some " food for thought " to the people of today.

We should help by putting some sanity back into the world by working each other up, not down. I just find it funny how so many people can't accept other people's opinions and always like to play the " victim card ". Let's make the world right and fair not for one race/gender, but for all.

Annotations #1

I wanted to express how shocked and awe I feel when I see stuff like that. I hope that it makes the read laugh or find it somewhat funny and get a kick out of it.

Annotations #2

It's too let the reader know I'm like many other people who don't offended that easy and know what's funny and what serious. I'm hoping that they understand what I was trying to say there.

Annotations #3

It's to say that we need to bring back the idea of thinking for yourself and being a human being and not throw a tantrum when someone doesn't agree with you. They understand and try to express in a way what I'm trying to do.

About The Authors

Sherman Alexie is a very down to Earth type of person. He doesn't try to make himself look big and cool. He just writes his stuff and has fun with the things he loves to do. His outlook on life is very interesting and the way he writes his books, movies or anything really is a way people should try to have their stuff to feel like. His life on his reservation is very sad, yet inspiring to know he grew up from that harsh environment. He someone that people should try to be like or try to use his style of comedy

Ivan Lopez JR is someone who just likes to have fun and laugh. I go to Science Leadership Academy (SLA) and I love English and biochemistry. I want to be a writer or game maker, or if I think I can do it, I would like to be a comic book writer. I want to make entertainment because I like making stories that are interesting and fun. I like books like marvel and DC for their charcaters and their endless fun and creativity. I just want to aim high and feel like if I can succeed at that, then theres nothing on Heaven or Earth that can stop me.