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Marwane says

what a short story! Few pages impacted on me in way which i didn't expect it would. it deserve five stars, and more for thomas.

Eg says

An interesting story about an alienated Indian man. The story has many stylistic devices, like zeugma linking different things together, metaphor for flames, ashes, etc. At the same time there are also humorous parts, including names of the characters like Norma Many Horses. Different lessons can be learnt, e.g., even if you break your bones after trying to fly, you did that - just for a time to make it real, make it come true or that sometimes no matter what some people are meant to stay strangers.

Alisha says

This man, Sherman Alexie, sexually abuses women serially and I will never support his work.

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Miranda H says

I adore Sherman Alexie's poetic prose. He feels like home. This is the short story which inspired the film, "Smoke Signals," one of my favorites. I'm sorry to say it has taken me years to read this particular story, but it was worth the wait.

Miguel Vega says

Read this one for class and thought it was pretty interesting overall. The main character is driven out to his reservation by an old friend that he hasn't seen in a while and must come to terms if he values this friendship enough.

Alyssa says

Interesting short story about two men who go to a different city to pick up the remains of one of the boy's father. There are memories and conversations. All in all interesting, but too short for my taste.

Marwa Mohammad says

I liked this story. I've been reading "American" literature for a while without passion because I've been reading some boring stuff. I had to because this is a class that I'm taking at my university. However, this story revived my passion towards reading more and more American literature. It shows how the indigenous peoples in the reservations don't give up their own culture. This is embodied by the fact that Thomas likes telling and hearing stories so much. Also, the fact that Victor goes through a hard time trying to keep their tradition when it comes to burying the dead. It got my attention how the writer emphasizes the absurdity of celebrating the Fourth of July because "it ain't like it was [their] independence" as Thomas puts it.

I think this is a story about not being Americanized. It's about sticking with the roots, not the routes. Regardless where one lives, I think it's important to keep one's culture and values.

" I have only my stories which came to me before I even had the words to speak. I learned a thousand stories before I took my first thousand steps. They are all I have. It's all I can do" Thomas Builds-the-Fire

I highly recommend this!
