

Who is Sherman  
Alexie?

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# Biographical Information

..... Sherman Alexie is a Native .....

American writer, poet, performer, and filmmaker. He grew up on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Wellpinit, Washington. He was born as hydrocephalic and underwent an operation to fix/improve it when he was 6 months old. When he was in 8th grade he moved to Reardan High School. After school he went to Spokane's Jesuit Gonzaga University in 1985. This is when he started to abuse alcohol but had a good academic career. Then he switched to Washington State University in 1987. That's when he started to write poetry and short fiction.

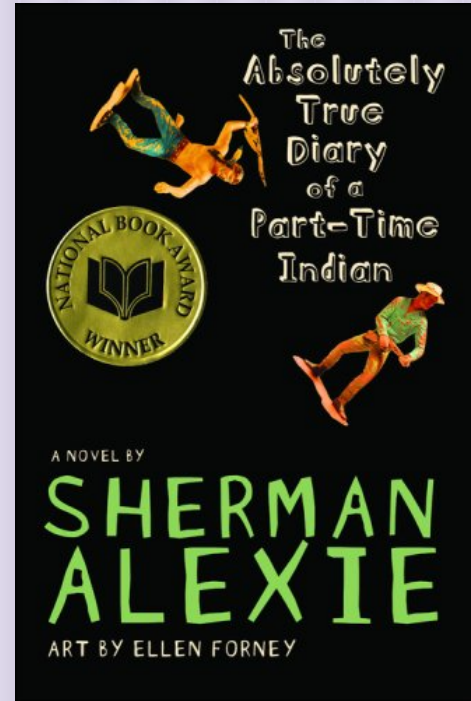
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# Literary Accomplishments

Sherman Alexie's literary accomplishments include having several of his stories made into movies. Some of his stories/books/poems include *The Lone Ranger and Tonto fist fight in heaven* which was published in 1993. This book also has a sequel called *Reservation Blues* that was produced in 1995. *Smoke Signals* was a movie made based on these books. He's also written *The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, *Indian Killer*, and *Flight*.

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# Literary Awards

Alexie received the PEN/Hemingway award for Best First Book of Fiction, the 1996 American Book Award, National Book Award, PEN/Faulkner Award, and the Native Writer Circle of the Americans Lifetime Achievement Award.

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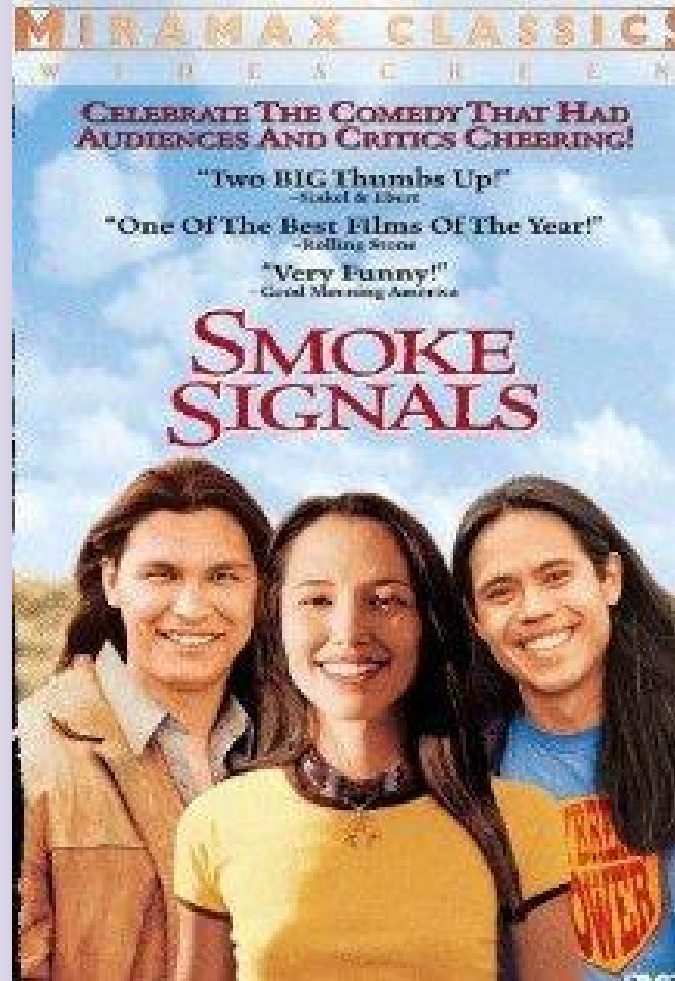


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# Other Writings

Some of his best known works are *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*, a book of short stories, and *Smoke Signals*.

His first novel, *Reservation Blues*, received one of the fifteen 1996 American Book Awards. His first young adult novel, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, is a semi-autobiographical novel that won the 2007 U.S. National Book Award for Young People's Literature and the Odyssey Award as best 2008 audiobook for young people. His 2009 collection of short stories and poems, *War Dances*, won the 2010 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction.



# Sherman Alexie quotes

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My only purpose is to teach children  
to rebel against authority figures.

Certainly I'm angry at the way Indians  
have been treated and continue to be  
treated. But I don't think it's a helpless  
emotion.

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