

Elatsoe Darcie Little Badger

"Elatsoe" is a captivating novel by Darcie Little Badger that weaves together elements of Native American mythology, supernatural abilities, and a thrilling mystery. Set in a contemporary world where Native American traditions and folklore intertwine with everyday life, the story follows Elatsoe, a teenage Lipan Apache girl who discovers her untapped abilities as a ghost talker.

Characters

Elatsoe The protagonist of the story, Elatsoe is a 17-year-old Lipan Apache girl with a quick wit and a strong connection to her cultural heritage. As a ghost talker, she has the ability to communicate with spirits, which sets her on a dangerous journey to uncover the truth behind a murder.

Edison Bill Elatsoe's enigmatic and charming love interest, Edison is a member of the Mescalero Apache tribe. He possesses the rare ability to see ghosts without the need for Elatsoe's assistance, and his skills prove invaluable in their investigation.



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★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

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Screen Reader : Supported
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
X-Ray : Enabled
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Rowdy Elatsoe's loyal and protective dog, Rowdy is an integral part of her life. He can sense the presence of ghosts and helps Elatsoe navigate the supernatural realm.

Clayton Littletree The murdered boy at the heart of the mystery, Clayton was Elatsoe's cousin and best friend. His untimely death triggers her ghost talking abilities and sets her on a quest for justice.

Plot

The story begins when Elatsoe discovers Clayton's ghost wandering aimlessly around her family's ranch. Despite her reluctance to embrace her latent abilities, she reluctantly agrees to help him find peace by solving his murder.

As Elatsoe investigates, she uncovers a complex web of secrets and betrayals that implicate both human and supernatural forces. She encounters enigmatic spirits, confronts ancient curses, and uncovers a dark truth that threatens to tear her community apart.

Along the way, Elatsoe's relationship with Edison deepens as they work together to solve the mystery. Their shared experiences and mutual attraction create a delicate balance between danger and romance.

Themes

Native American Identity and Culture "Elatsoe" celebrates Native American culture and traditions, incorporating elements of Lipan Apache

mythology and beliefs into the story. Elatsoe's journey of self-discovery is intertwined with her exploration of her heritage and the importance of upholding cultural values.

Justice and RetributionThe novel explores the themes of justice and retribution, as Elatsoe grapples with the desire to avenge Clayton's murder. She faces moral dilemmas as she navigates the complexities of justice, forgiveness, and the consequences of her actions.

The Power of BeliefElatsoe's belief in her abilities and the power of her traditions is a central aspect of the story. As she embraces her role as a ghost talker, she challenges societal norms and demonstrates the strength and resilience of Native American culture.

Literary Devices

Imagery and AtmosphereBadger's writing is rich in imagery and atmosphere, creating a vivid and immersive world. She skillfully blends the natural beauty of the Lipan Apache reservation with the haunting presence of ghosts, creating a sense of mystery and wonder.

SymbolismThe novel uses symbolism to explore its themes and characters. The ghost of Clayton represents the unresolved trauma and injustice that haunts Elatsoe's community, while the animals that inhabit the reservation symbolize the interconnectedness of all living beings.

Foreshadowing and SuspenseBadger uses subtle foreshadowing and suspenseful moments to build tension and keep readers engaged. The mystery surrounding Clayton's murder unfolds gradually, revealing clues and secrets that keep readers guessing until the final twist.

Critical Reception

"Elatsoe" received widespread critical acclaim upon its publication in 2019. It was praised for its vivid writing, captivating plot, and exploration of Native American culture. The novel was awarded the 2020 Nebula and Locus Awards for Best Young Adult Novel and was nominated for the 2020 Hugo Award for Best Novel.

"Elatsoe" is a haunting and evocative novel that transports readers to a world where Native American mythology and contemporary life collide. Darcie Little Badger's compelling storytelling, exploration of important themes, and vivid characters create a memorable and thought-provoking read. As Elatsoe unravels the mystery surrounding her cousin's murder, she not only brings justice to the dead but also embraces her own identity and the enduring power of her culture.



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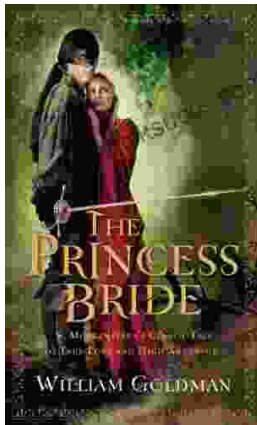
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