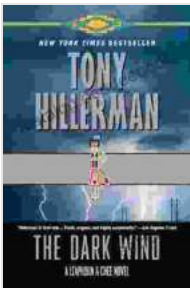


# The Dark Wind: A Leaphorn and Chee Novel

Tony Hillerman's *The Dark Wind* is a classic mystery novel that introduces Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, a Navajo Tribal Police officer, and Sergeant Jim Chee, his younger partner. The novel is set on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico, and follows Leaphorn and Chee as they investigate a series of murders and other crimes that seem to be connected to a local legend about a cursed wind.



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The Dark Wind is a must-read for fans of mystery novels and Native American literature. It is a classic novel that has stood the test of time, and it remains one of the most popular and beloved books in the Leaphorn and Chee series.

## **Plot**

The Dark Wind begins with the murder of Hosteen Tso, a Navajo medicine man. Leaphorn and Chee are called in to investigate, and they soon discover that Tso's murder is just one in a series of crimes that have been plaguing the Navajo Reservation. The other crimes include the theft of sacred objects, the desecration of graves, and the arson of a church.

Leaphorn and Chee quickly realize that the crimes are connected to a local legend about a cursed wind. The legend says that the wind brings with it evil spirits that cause people to commit violent crimes. Leaphorn and Chee must race against time to find the killer and stop the wind before it brings any more harm to the Navajo people.

## **Characters**

Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn is a Navajo Tribal Police officer who is known for his wisdom and experience. He is a respected member of the Navajo community, and he is often called upon to solve the most difficult cases. Sergeant Jim Chee is Leaphorn's younger partner. He is a quick learner, and he is eager to prove himself. Chee is also a Navajo, and he is proud of his heritage.

Other characters in The Dark Wind include Captain Largo, Leaphorn's superior officer; Manuelito, a Navajo medicine man who helps Leaphorn

and Chee with their investigation; and Mary Landon, a white woman who is working on a book about Navajo culture.

## **Setting**

The Dark Wind is set on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona and New Mexico. The reservation is a vast and beautiful land, but it is also a place where poverty and crime are rampant. Leaphorn and Chee must navigate the complex social and political landscape of the reservation as they investigate the crimes.

The novel's setting is also important because it provides a backdrop for the exploration of Navajo culture. Hillerman does an excellent job of portraying the Navajo people and their way of life. He shows the reader the beauty and strength of Navajo culture, but he also shows the challenges that the Navajo people face.

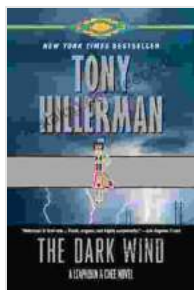
## **Themes**

The Dark Wind explores a number of themes, including the conflict between tradition and modernity, the importance of family and community, and the power of evil. Hillerman shows how the Navajo people are struggling to maintain their traditional way of life in a modern world. He also shows how the Navajo people are dealing with the problems of poverty, crime, and alcohol abuse.

The Dark Wind is a powerful and moving novel that explores the complex social and political issues facing the Navajo people. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in Native American literature or in the human condition.

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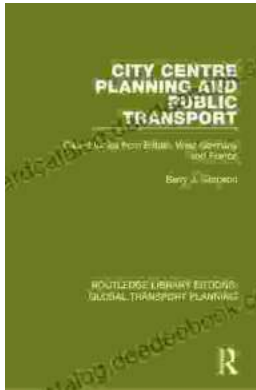
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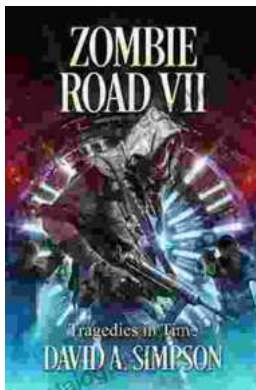
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