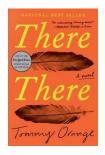


# Community Raving About Books (C.R.A.B.) Book Club Guide



# **There There by Tommy Orange**

Alfred A. Knopf, 2018; 304 pages/audio 8 hours

"In this vivid and moving book, Orange articulates the challenges and complexities not only of Native Americans, but also of America itself." – Kirkus Reviews, 4/1/2018

### **Summary**

Jacquie Red Feather is newly sober and trying to make it back to the family she left behind in shame in Oakland. Dene Oxedrene is pulling his life together after his uncle's death and has come to work the powwow and to honor his uncle's memory. Edwin Frank has come to find his true father. Bobby Big Medicine has come to drum the Grand Entry. Opal Viola Victoria Bear Shield has come to watch her nephew Orvil Red Feather; Orvil has taught himself Indian dance through YouTube videos, and he has come to the Big Oakland Powwow to dance in public for the very first time. Tony Loneman is a young Native American boy whose future seems destined to be as bleak as his past, and he has come to the Powwow with darker intentions--intentions that will destroy the lives of everyone in his path.

#### **Author Information**

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