

If you like the Joe Leaphorn – Jim Chee novels by

Tony Hillerman

for their sense of place, Navajo customs, clash of cultures, well developed characters and little violence, try:

Peter Bowen

Gabriel Du Pre, Montana cattle brand inspector and deputy sheriff; part Metis; recurring shaman character; strong sense of place; strong characterization; more humorous. **B66849**

Margaret Coel

Jesuit missionary John O'Malley on the Arapaho Reservations; Native American customs in contemporary setting; little violence; sense of place. **C649515**

James D. Doss

Charlie Moon, Ute Reservation; mystical; more humorous than Hillerman. **D739**

Jean Hager

Molly Bearpaw, investigator for the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; deals with the conflict between tradition and modernity; romance; strong sense of place. **H119**

Sharyn McCrumb

Ballad series; doesn't deal with Native Americans but has a very strong sense of place and the traditions of Appalachia; mystical; character centered. **M136644**

Dana Stabenow

Kate Shugak, Aleut freelance investigator; strong sense of place; not as much of the culture and customs; very strong heroine; funnier than Hillerman. **S7741**

Aimee and David Thurlo

Ella Clah, member of the Navajo Tribal Police; single mother; strong picture of life on the Rez; character driven. **T41133**