

Ceremony

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Tayo, a young Native American man, has come home after being a prisoner of the Japanese in WWII, and finds readjusting difficult. Other men have found alcohol and violence as a comfort, but Tayo does not find comfort in those activities, instead looking for an inner peace after feeling estrangement from his home. He explores the area and looks back to religion, the Indian past, witchcraft, and ancient stories from all his people, looking for a peace he had known before. This book, if it was not for it being mandatory to annotate in school, was an interesting read, and it touches topics not commonly talked about, such as PTSD after war and white Americans having supremacy over Native Americans. I would recommend this to teenagers and older.

Recommended Titles

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Guard of Honor by James Gould Cozzens