

FLEUR PILLAGER: CHIPPEWA WOMAN OF POWER IN LOUISE ERDRICH'S TRACKS

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ABSTRACT

Karen Louise Erdrich is acclaimed as one of the most significant Native American writers and a most accomplishing and promising novelist. Erdrich's skill in creating and developing fictional characters is a central aspect of her success as a versatile writer. Erdrich confronts the realities of Native American life in the Twentieth Century. Her fiction depicts the Anishinaabe culture in which present occurrences cannot be isolated from the past and her works often deal with the issues concerning Native Americans. Louise Erdrich is renowned for the portrayal of women characters, specifically as mothers and self made personalities. Her women project self confidence and stand in good stead for their community as a whole. Erdrich depicts Fleur Pillager as a self made woman who uses her powers and strengths absolutely to the fullest in order to stand tall as an individual and for her community at large.

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