

Rain Is Not My Indian Name

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Summary: It's been six months since Cassidy Rain Berghoff's best friend, Galen, died, and up until now she has succeeded in shutting herself off from the world. But when controversy arises around Aunt Georgia's Indian Camp in their mostly white midwestern community, Rain decides to face the outside world again, with a new job photographing the campers for her town's newspaper. Soon, Rain has to decide how involved she wants to become in Indian Camp. Does she want to keep a professional distance from her fellow Native teens? And, though she is still grieving, will she be able to embrace new friends and new beginnings?

Publisher's recommended age(s): 10+



Teaching Resources/Ideas:

<https://cynthialeitichsmith.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Rain-Educator-Guide-3.pdf>

https://cynthialeitichsmith.com/kidbooks/kids_index/rain/00_rain_toc/

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