



VIDEOS THAT  
EXPLAIN THE  
ORIGIN OF THE  
PULITZER PRIZE

1) American Genius, PBS, Joseph Pulitzer

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ns\\_hAsS\\_IkU&list=PPSV](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ns_hAsS_IkU&list=PPSV)

2) Short History: The Pulitzer Prize

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# Tommy Orange

## About

- Tommy Orange is an American novelist and writer from Oakland, California.
- His first book, *There There*, was a finalist for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize and received the 2019 American Book Award.
- Orange is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.
- **Born:** 1982 (age 42 years), [Oakland, CA](#)
- **Education:** [Institute of American Indian Arts \(IAIA\)](#)
- (from Wikipedia)

# *Native Americans and Addiction*

- 10% of Native Americans have a substance use disorder.
- 4% of Native Americans have an illicit drug use disorder.
- 7.1% of Native Americans have an alcohol use disorder.
- Nearly 25% of Native Americans report binge drinking in the past month.
- Native Americans are more likely to report drug abuse in the past month (17.4%) or year (28.5%) than any other ethnic group
- Unfortunately, many Native Americans have limited access to substance abuse services due to transportation issues, lack of health insurance, poverty, and a shortage of appropriate treatment options in their communities

(from <https://americanaddictioncenters.org/addiction-statistics/native-americans>)



# What Do Opioids Do?

Reduce and relieve pain

Can sometimes create a sense of euphoria

HIGHLY habit-forming and addictive

## **SIDE EFFECTS:**

Drowsiness and sedation

Mental confusion

Nausea and vomiting

Constipation

Pinpoint (constricted) pupils

Slowed or depressed vital signs

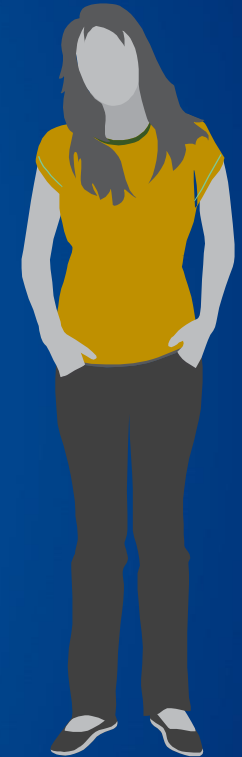
Body temperature, blood pressure, pulse  
and respiration rates

Overdose and Death





- Opioids receptors are nerve cells in the brain, spinal cord, gut, and other organs.
- When these drugs attach to their receptors, they block pain messages sent from the body through the spinal cord to the brain.
- Opioid receptors are also located in the brain's reward center, where they cause a large release of the neurotransmitter dopamine.
- This causes a strong feeling of relaxation and euphoria (extreme good feelings).
- Repeated surges of dopamine in the reward center from drug-taking can lead to addiction.



# Sand Creek Massacre

## Ken Burns video about the Sand Creek Massacre

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# Alcatraz occupation

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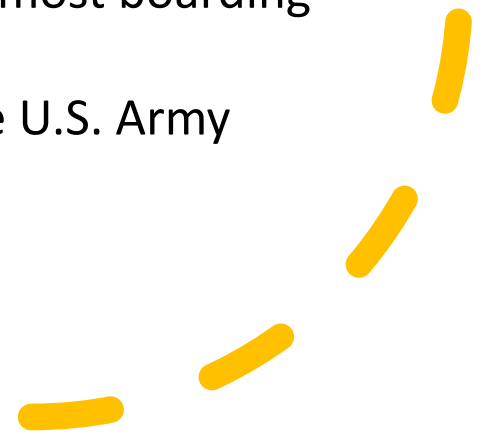


# The Carlisle Indian Industrial School

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be/HKF9wfCS  
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- The Carlisle Indian Industrial School was the first federally funded boarding school for Indigenous children in the United States, operating from 1879 to 1918:
- Location: The school was located at Carlisle Barracks, an old military base in Carlisle, Pennsylvania
- Mission: The school's mission was to assimilate Native American children into Euro-American culture through forced English-speaking, Anglo-American clothing, and adherence to U.S. values
- Founder: Captain Richard Henry Pratt founded the school in 1879
- Enrollment: The school enrolled nearly 7,800 students before closing in 1918
- Legacy: The school's model set the standard for most boarding schools across the country
- Current use: The campus is now occupied by the U.S. Army War College

(from google)

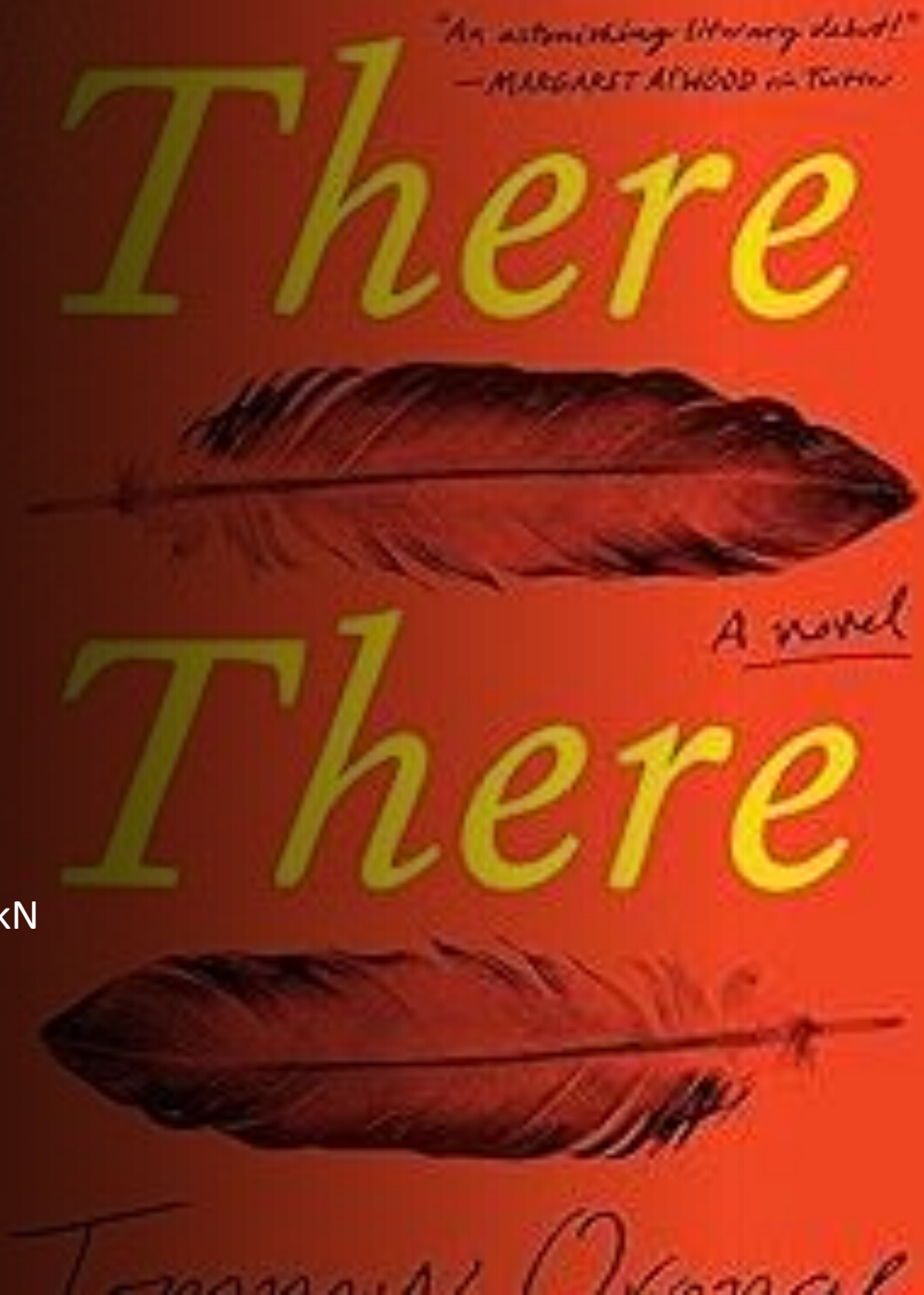






# Summary of There There

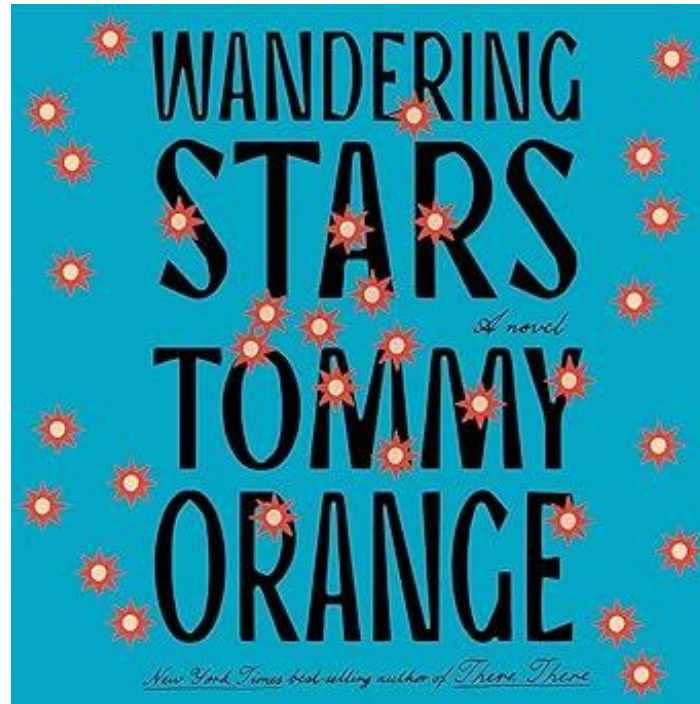
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# Powwow video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j1Vt1implE>





## Tommy Orange interview

<https://youtu.be/2qwrRqQIHk4>

# Wandering Stars reference

wild waves of the sea, churning up their own shameful deeds like dirty foam; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of darkness has been reserved forever.

- **What does Jude 1:13 mean?**


- In this passage, Jude has been describing how false teachers are rejecting the truth in favor of their own sins. As a result, they are like "hidden reefs" which threaten to damage the spiritual lives of those around them ([Jude 1:12](#)).

In this verse, Jude compares the false teachers to wild waves of the sea that carry froth to the shore. The false teachers' words were frothy and shameful. Jude's indictment echoes Isaiah's description of the wicked as "like the tossing sea...its waters toss up mire and dirt" ([Isaiah 57:20](#)).

Jude also pictures the false teachers as shooting stars. They give only flickering light as they wander trackless and momentarily across the sky. The deepest darkness—everlasting punishment—is reserved for them. This statement, in particular, emphasizes that Jude views these false teachers as lost; they are not merely confused believers. They do not, in fact, have a saving faith in Christ.

# — Why There There as a title

- Tommy Orange, author of *There There*, has said a few things about the title and the book itself:
- The title comes from a quote by Gertrude Stein, who said "there is no there there" about Oakland. Stein meant that Oakland had changed unrecognizably when she returned to it after leaving as a child. Orange uses the title to recast Oakland as a place of belonging for his Native American characters, rather than a place of departure.  
The nonfiction essay
- The book begins with a nonfiction essay that challenges the myth of the stoic Native American. Orange uses examples of violence against Native Americans throughout history to replace the iconic Indian head image.
- The characters  
The book follows 12 characters from Native communities in Oakland, California who are connected by centuries of abuse, challenges, and identity.
- The reception  
The book was a finalist for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize and won the 2019 PEN/Hemingway Award. Reviewers praised the book for its beauty, its ability to tell the truth of experiences that are often overlooked, and for its social relevance



The tragedy of it all will be unspeakable,  
the fact we've been fighting for decades  
to be recognized as a present-tense  
people, modern and relevant, alive, only  
to die in the grass wearing feathers.

Timothy O'Brien

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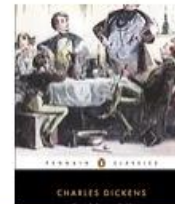
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November 29th

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, Pulitzer 2023

And...Dicken's David Copperfield, as it was Kingsolver's inspiration. We will read a summary



*December's Author*