

BOOK REVIEW

STORM BOY

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A Young Boy Of A Native American Tribe In The Pacific Northwest Ventures Out To Go Fishing Alone. Through The Storm At Sea, He Becomes Thrown From His Canoe And Is Washed Ashore Before An Unfamiliar Village. His Arrival Had Been Anticipated By This Village Of The Unfamiliar. The Boy Is Nourished, Clothed, And Cared For By The Village. In Time, Many Things Reminded Him Of His Home Village And He Longs To Return. The Chief Of The Village, Aware Of The Boy's Thoughts, Leads Him To Return To His Own Village. There Is Great Rejoicing And Celebration Over His Return.

The Content Imparts The 3 Rites Of Passage: Separation, Initiation, And Return. The Mother Of The Boy Perhaps States It Best: "You Have Returned To Us From The Storm." There Are, Of Course, All Kinds Of Separations For Each Of Us. This Book Can Be Used To Venture Into Emotional And Physical Separations And Symbols That Represent Cultural Values. There Is Much Mythical Symbolism In The Story. The Text Is Richly Illustrated And The Story Simply Stated.