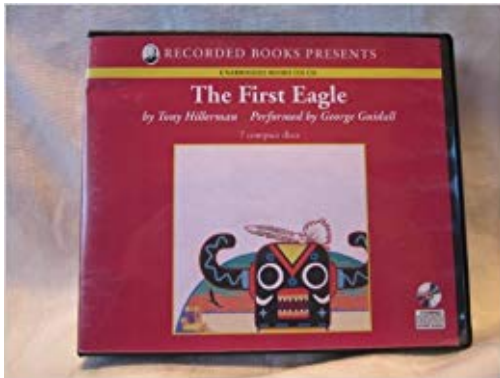


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**Reviews of the The First Eagle by Tony Hillerman  
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### Saithinin

I am climbing the ladder of the Hillerman series, and will continue on reading Anne Hillerman's continuance of his work, after I finish Tony Hillerman's works. It is the 13th story with similar characters, places, situations and the like and I have not tired of it at all. The main two characters--Leaphorn and Chee--are aging, but still have the wherewithal to accomplish the task.

The questions continue: how will the the widower retired Lieutenant settle down? Will Chee and Janet Pete reconcile?

Not all is old. In First Eagle we have the Bubonic Plague visiting the reservation. A Hopi native is involved in a an "open-and-shut case" that is not so "open and shut." Still, Hillerman spins a plot in the wide-open wilderness of New Mexico and Arizona, where time seems to have stood still. It's scary out there!

As much as I liked The Fallen Man, I liked First Eagle much more. There is more action, and we see positive qualities of two men, of one kind, yet also different.

### Vosho

Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee are working together again, even though Leaphorn is retired, and has just met the first woman he found interesting in the years since his cherished wife died. Plague researchers are collecting fleas and searching for information at various sites on the res; an eagle hunter is trying to gather feathers for an upcoming ceremony; one researcher has gone missing.....and those are just some of the complications the two encounter. Although the plot ties off just a little too neatly, this is another in a long line of very good reads.

### Shistus

This book is part mystery, part missing persons hunt, and part hunt for an eagle that may not exist. As always with these mysteries, the plot is satisfyingly intricate for a book the reader can, and certainly will, whip through in no time.

The obsessive scientists in the story give us an education on how viruses and epidemics spread, and nightmares about the rise of antibiotic-resistant diseases. The FBI agents in the story are as usual uninspired investigators, and sometimes downright obstructive. It takes the efforts of Chee and Leaphorn to see that justice is done.

Leaphorn, retired for a year now, is bored enough to accept a job from a rich old lady to find her niece, who was researching the Plague outbreak on the reservation and is now missing. Chee, who has just arrested a Hopi eagle poacher for killing the police officer pursuing him, is starting to fear he arrested the wrong man. The two men end up helping each other get at the truth. They are more comfortable working together in this book than ever before.

There are also further developments in the love lives of the two men. Leaphorn is getting closer to Louisa Bourebonette, the cultural anthropologist he admires. Chee is beginning to despair of his relationship with the beautiful, ambitious lawyer Janet Pete. It's hard not to get caught up in Leaphorn's happy moments and Chee's bouts of misery.

This is a wonderful series.

### Reggy

As if in anticipation of the end of his writing career or even the end of his personal life, Tony Hillerman artfully ties together intricate details from his previous novels of many of the events of his main characters in a way that feeds the insatiable appetites of his avid reader and, at the same time, allows the novice reader to weave together the raveled ends of this mystery novel, The First Eagle. Well done, Mr. Hillerman! I wish I had known you before your untimely demise so that I might ask you how you so deftly accomplished such an incredible feat.

### Pipet

Don't bother reading if you don't like great intrigue and vast arenas of the Southwest for your background. There is also a very real Center for Disease Control study going on within this mystery. That seems to tighten the screws of suspense just a bit more. Jim Chee is the big dog and at his most devilish as he tricks the FBI and gives a final test to his former love Janet Pete. Joe Leaphorn is also here in diminished capacity, but still very much in the thick of it. His need to solve his case parallels Chee's. Then they team up and get right to solving both.

Please do yourself the favor of reading Tony Hillerman, you will not regret it.

Hystana

Beautifully written, very knowledgeable about Navajo culture and history, a wonderful series of books. A series of detective stories, detective/ mystery stories set in the huge Navajo reservation, about two Navajo policemen. Read them in order.

Moogura

I love Tony Hillerman's books! Looked forward to every single one the first time I read them, and will probably look forward to them all over again the second and third times I read them.

Hillerman is a true conveyor of the culture of the Southwest and particularly of the Navajo nation. This book holds one to rapt attention while reading and dismay when the story is concluded. The reader wishes to continue to follow Leaphorn and Chee to learn their next activities and interpretation of clues. One can see the weather changes in one's mind as the sky of the Southwest develops as a background to the plot. Fans of this genre are sure to enjoy this contribution to the collection.

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