

Cathy Lowinger, CBC's "Morningside" (transcription of her review of Where the Rivers Meet, November 8, 1989)

Where the Rivers Meet, Don Sawyer. It's published by Pemmican, and it's the story of about a girl, Nancy Antoine...

This is a very powerful book about a group of Native kids. Nancy Antoine is the heroine. Her friend commits suicide, as too many Native kids do, and she has to come to some sort of resolution for her difficult life. And the way she does it is with a spirit quest.

I have read many books that Pemmican has done, and they bring the Native reality beautifully to the rest of Canada; they share it beautifully with the rest of Canada. This, I think, is the most powerful novel they have done. Really well worth the read.

One of the things that puts young adult fiction into a category is the burning sense of justice you can have at that age, and this will light it. We need to have outrage, and this book will fuel it. Very, very good book.