

# Choosing the road to follow

A REVIEW BY CARLA MCKAY

## Gray Rainbow Journey

By K.B. Schaller

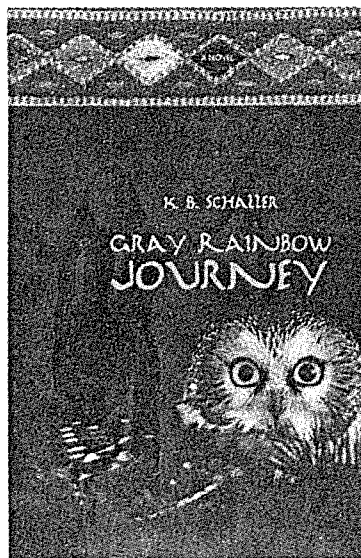
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Trade 223 pages

I have read many books but I found *Gray Rainbow Journey* by K.B. Schaller quite unique. It tells the story of Dina Youngblood, a Native American woman who goes back home to see why her mom Cheha Youngblood abandoned her family and community and disappeared. There is also her young sister Shana, Uncle Donnie and Marty Oscele, a boy who she had a crush on.

The main character, Dina, has to make a choice between following the Native Spirituality of her ancestors or follow Christianity, the “white man’s religion.” She has to choose the road she must follow.

This book explores questions like: “Who is the giant-winged creature that so terrified her mother, a Native Christian? Could any of these ancient tales



book to see what happens to Dina and see what happens if she follows the Jesus Way.

This book is endorsed by Craig Stephen Smith, author of *Whiteman’s Gospel* published by Indian Life Books. He writes, “An enlightening peek into contem-

tribal icon Dr. Betty Mae Jumper says, “The characters in *Gray Rainbow Journey* speak for so many of us.

K.B. Schaller is a Native Christian who organized and served as playwright/director of an ensemble theater for Native American youths at the former Chickee Christian Academy on the Florida Seminole Indian Reservation. An independent journalist, Schaller has written articles for *Indian Life* and the *Seminole Tribune Native* newspapers. She is also a poet whose poems appear in several anthologies.

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