

EXPLORING THE CHEROKEE FROM *THE EDUCATION OF LITTLE TREE*

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My research is on the Cherokee people from *The Education of Little Tree*, which is the autobiography of Forrest Carter, a Native American, and the authenticity is quite reliable. Little Tree was adopted by his half-Cherokee grandfather and Cherokee grandmother when he was eight years old. Little Tree learned the Cherokee ways from his grandparents and Willow John, a Cherokee seer; while his Granma taught him reading with very advanced vocabulary strategies. Later Little Tree was forced to live in the Indian boarding school where he suffered the cruelty of the white people who tried to assimilate him and take away his culture and tradition. Little John learned the two cultures from his experience with the white people in the church, in the country grocery store and in the boarding school. I am exploring the Cherokee ways from this book and the movie played in the beautiful Tennessee Mountains.