

STUDY OF A MAJOR AUTHOR: LOUISE ERDRICH

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"Power comes in the bloodlines, handed out before birth. It comes down through the hands, which in the Pillagers are strong and knotted, big, spidery and rough, with sensitive fingers good at dealing cards. It comes through the eyes, too, belligerent, darkest brown, the eyes of those in the bear clan, Impolite as they gaze directly at a person." So writes Turtle Mountain Chippewa writer Louise Erdrich, whose novel *The Plague of Doves* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. In November 2012, she received the National Book Award for fiction for her novel *The Round House*. One of the most popular members of the second Native American Renaissance, she was awarded the Library of Congress Award in 2015. INn2021, she received the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her novel *The Night Watchman*. In this class, we'll read some of Erdrich's best novels and poetry in order to uncover the wonders of her writing and explore your own.

