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Meet the residents of Gammage, NY, a town on the verge of declaring bankruptcy, when inspiration strikes. Why not go native, and open a casino? With *Not Enough Indians*, actor, writer, producer, and former Saturday Night Live cast member Harry Shearer joins the ranks of such comedian/authors as Steve Martin and Michael Palin, with a brilliantly funny, whip-smart satire of greed, collusion, distrust and betrayal in the halls of Washington and the casinos of Native America.

## **Not Enough Indians Details**

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### Mickie says

I love Harry Shearer and can see this as a terrific script for a tv series that I would definitely watch; but, as a read, it didn't work for me.

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### Lisa says

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### Chris says

The concept is what got me to pick this book up: a city on the verge of bankruptcy "discovers" its Native American heritage, gets recognized as a tribe by the government, attempts to start a casino, and wackiness ensues. Unfortunately, the characters have no depth. Each of the main characters is described in about two sentences at the start of the book, and that is all you ever get to know about them. Halfway through the book, I had trouble keeping straight which name went with which personality, but I honestly didn't care enough to go back and check. For me, this book didn't live up to its potential.

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### Mary Newcomb says

Gammage NY is in severe fiscal trouble. Their solution, becoming recognized as a tribe and opening a casino, is a bit unorthodox at best. This satire kept me entertained on a trip across the Prairie State.

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### Lesley says

I do not recommend this book, it is painfully stupid. That being said, I totally enjoyed listening to this audiobook. Harry Shearer is a brilliant satirist and his weekly radio program "Le Show" is fun to listen to if only because he doesn't like anyone!

This story has a great base... a bankrupt New York town has its citizens recognized as a native tribe to acquire a casino. Nobody is a native, though. The characters are so stereotypical and shallow! That being said, they all made me laugh. Harry Shearer is perfect as the reader... he is famous for doing many of the voices on the Simpson's cartoons. I think you have to be pretty quirky to like this book. That being said, I liked it.

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## **Kate says**

Hilarious! This novel is by Harry Shearer-- as in the Harry Shearer who is the voice of numerous Simpsons characters and was in movies such as Spinal Tap.

In a fictional, economically distressed town in upstate New York, local officials decide to pretend everyone in town is a member of a long lost Indian tribe in order to be able to put up a casino and get some revenue. This idea for a story is funny enough but I loved Shearer's goofy characters and descriptive writing. It was like each sentence contained a subtle, sly joke. The scenes with the small-town mayor and council members are perfect.

Read this book to chase away your Depression blues!

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## **H R Koelling says**

Just like the book I read by Chris Elliot, I thought this would be funnier. It was still a decent enough read, but it didn't match the wit and humor I expected from this very funny and intelligent person.

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## **Des says**

Shearer surely thinks he's being outrageous here, but the book is really the epitome of political correctness. Just frankly, not that interesting...

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## **Ashley says**

I love Harry Shearer, and the book started out promising. His dry humor appeals to me and I was ready for a hilarious, slightly-dark, dry book. Instead, I feel like it started out funny, never really rose to it's potential, and ultimately sputtered out at the end. It was short and a pretty quick read, but I was left feeling a little deflated at the end, muttering to myself, "That was it?"

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## **Renee says**

*Not Enough Indians*, by Harry Shearer (of Simpsons & Christopher Guest movies fame), has an interesting premise: a bankrupt town decides to save itself by requesting federal recognition as an Indian –ahem- Native American – tribe and subsequently setting up a casino there. Now, I was first attracted to this book because Harry Shearer is a hoot in his various incarnations, especially movies like Spinal Tap and A Mighty Wind – so I thought he would render a pretty funny/clever novel (even if it was his first). Well...while the book had some funny (not roll-on-the-floor-funny, but chuckle-funny) moments, it was rather insipid overall. The characters were two-dimensional, even stereotypical. Before I read it, I had put it on the potential selections list for our book club, but after reading it, I realized it was so content-lite that it wouldn't provoke much discussion at all. So, I retracted that particular suggestion.

Although not a horrible first effort, I was not really jazzed by Shearer's first novel. I'd rate this book a B- or C+.

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### **Jon says**

Harry Shearer tries to drop even more annoying uber-hip, po-culture references the that douche bag Tom Robbins. However, he still manages to put out a half-decent story with some funny satire. And I'm pretentious enough to feel good about myself for reading about "native american" culture.

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### **Jessica says**

I wanted so much to love this book and it kind of pains me to give it one star...but I couldn't even finish it. I love Harry Shearer and I could go on about his talents, just not his fiction writing talents.

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### **Don says**

A relatively short, but biting satiric story full of absurd characters marks Shearer's (The Simpsons, This Is Spinal Tap) debut as a novelist. The residents of the small upstate town of Gammage, New York are desperately looking for a way out of bankruptcy. They are reborn as the Filaquonsett tribe and open a humongous casino, with help from Las Vegas and Washington, and much to the disdain of the Wowosas (another spurious casino-owning tribe).

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### **Gerry says**

Harry Shearer is a gifted comedic actor, musician, and humorist. Unfortunately, he's not a good novelist.

The one-sentence plot summary of Not Enough Indians has great satiric potential: a bankrupt New York town has its citizens recognized as a native tribe to acquire a casino. All right, on with the funny.

But the funny never arrives. The characters are thin creations, like Shearer used Magnetic Personality Quirks to flesh them out. There's the guy with a Big Baby fetish who wears soiled diapers under his clothes, the guy who collects rare celebrity action figures, the crazy artist, and the obligatory lazy government worker. These and other annoyingly idiosyncratic characters vie for bite-size pieces of the humor pie and derail what little momentum the plot generates.

Skip the book and podcast Shearer's Le Show instead.

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### **Sharon says**

Read by the author, I felt I was being read to by Mr. Skinner and Ned Flanders. Social satire highlighting

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casinos, Native American status, big box stores, implants, dying small towns, and every caricature imaginable. I enjoy satire, and I laughed out loud at parts of this book, but overall, it wasn't a compelling listen.

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