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Where I come from, kids are divided into two groups. White kids on one side, Indians, or First Nations, on the other. Sides of the room, sides of the field, the smoking pit, the hallway, the washrooms; you name it. We're on one side and they're on the other. They live on one side of the Forks River bridge, and we live on the other side. They hang out in their village, and we hang out in ours.

## **Yellow Line Details**

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## From Reader Review Yellow Line for online ebook

### **Beth says**

This disturbing novel explores racism in a village abutting an Indian reservation. Divided physically by the yellow line on the road, native peoples and whites avoid one another, segregating themselves on the bus, in the community, in school. Then Sherry falls for a boy from the reservation, and folks get upset when the lines so carefully maintained begin to disintegrate.

The narration, from the point of view of Sherry's cousin Vince, allows a slightly objective viewpoint. Vince is torn between many things: the prejudice of his father against native peoples, the defection of Sherry to Steve, the catcalls about his hairy white skinny legs during a basketball game. When his two best friends brag about assaulting the native girl Vince can't stop thinking about, the one with the luscious lips and pretty eyes, the time comes for him to make some choices about right and wrong.

Too many characters and an abrupt introduction to the problem make it hard to keep the large cast sorted out, but a 100 page limit doesn't leave a lot of room for physical descriptions and character development. The author effectively writes scenes that leave the reader squirming for a positive resolution, and shine a light on intolerance and stereotypes. Kudos for addressing tough issues in a accessible manner,

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### **Felipe says**

I thought the book was nice of how detailed it is and how it makes you get the picture in your mind

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### **Richard Van Camp says**

If you want a short novel about reverse racism and a love story all wrapped into one, please check this unforgettable story out of love reaching across borders in a series designed for reluctant readers.

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### **Rachel says**

Olsen, Sylvia. (2005). *Yellow line*. Victoria, BC: Orca Book Publishers.

Yellow line is a high interest, low reading level novel about race relations. There are Indian teens and white teens and never the two shall meet. Well very soon, the line gets crossed. Sherry, a white teen, and Steve, a native boy from the reserve, start seeing each other. Vince, the narrator of the novel, feels slighted because he and Sherry used to be close friends and since she had become so pretty and is dating Steve, she won't give him the time of day. Vince ends up being bullied by the other native boys, and he deflects his mother's concern by telling them Sherry is "getting it on" with Steve. This concerns his parents a great deal, mainly because Sherry should know better than to date a native boy. Matters are further complicated when Vince

falls for Raedawn, a native girl from the reserve.

I enjoyed reading this novel and I feel that many of the students in my school will make a personal connection with the characters and the situations they encounter. In the library, we have a mature section. I will put this novel in that section because of teen age drinking and drunkenness, smoking joints, swearing and allusions of rape. Does anyone have any thoughts about a mature section?

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### **Stephen Jagba says**

It was a very good book and really enjoy full to read it...

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### **Adan Galindi says**

Its a very good book i recommend it. Its about 2 type of racie, the racie are white and native of americans. They are divided by a yellow line that is on the road. The white people think that theu shoud stay with there tyoe of racie.Eleventh-grader Vince He has lived with prejudices all his life and struggles to come to terms with his friend Sherry dating an Indian.

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### **Chase Williams says**

Yellow Line by Sylvia Olsen is the book that I have been reading and this Yellow Line means alot. The yellow Line divides the white's and the Indians. You don't want to get caught on the wrong side. The back of the bus was for the Whites and the front was for the Indians.

One day a girl named, Sherry, decides to break the rule and date an Indian boy. Her bestfriend,Vince, doesn't like that and tells Sherry's parents about it. We all know the rule: Date inside your race.  
Overall I recomend this book. It is a really good book about prejudice and equality.

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### **Cesar says**

I thought this book was great because it talks in first person and it feels like he was in that time period that they judged you by your color by in reality he wasn't. The white Kids went in different School and black kids go to a different school. Also the same when out of school they have different water fountains and different seats in buses and also every thing that both raise do. I give this book a four out of five because this book is nicely made and i also like how he is telling it it in first person but he is in third person and remember all though memories.

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### **Zoee says**

The book Yellow Line first it is segregated between white people and Indian people. Its about this boy Vinny

which is white and he likes an Indian girl named Raedawn. His neighbor Sherry which they have been living next door since they were born. And she likes an Indian boy named Steve. Then her parents find out about her and they are going to send her to the city to live with her aunt and uncle. But Vinny's parents don't know he likes an Indian girl yet. My favorite character is Vinny because he cares about everyone and never gives up on them. My least favorite character would have to be Vinny's parents because they don't care about how Vinny sees that Sherry shouldn't be sent away. My two favorite quotes are "There are a million stars out, and the moon is so bright I can see almost as well as if it were midday." My second favorite quote is "Suddenly the sky explodes and rain starts beating down. I forgot my words, and only confidence I had runs down the road with the rain." In conclusion everyone is happy. And mostly everyone got what they wanted.

This book I would recommend it to a person who likes action and adventure.

Vinny's friends Nick and Justin did something really bad to Raedawn and she normally sits some what by Vinny on the bus and that day she wasn't there that's when Vinny found out what happened to Raedawn. He did not like it at all. So a few days later still Raedawn hadn't been at school. So Vinny was in basketball at the time and he got called to the principal office and the wanted to know were Nick and Justin were and Vinny didn't know. But they kept accusing him that he knew.

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### **Riley Naughton says**

The yellow line was a pretty decent novel, or short novel. You can see the author Sylvia Olsen's cultural touches due to her Vancouver origin and the plot of the book. At first when I picked up the book I thought nothing of it that is was a harmless good read, as short stories come, but then I realised that it wasn't much more but there was more than just the surface. The Novel Yellow line is about this sophomore named Vinny in what at first seems like the western united states but now, looking back, seems as though it can be vancouver. The book tells about how the town that Vinny lives in is defined by the Fork river bridge. Vinny says in the beginning, "They live on one side of the Forks river bridge and we live on the other...White kids on one side and Indians on the other" (Olsen 1). Vinny has grown up that in the way he believes Indians should stay with only Indians and whites should stay within whites. Something that throws a wrench into his way of thinking, is his neighborhood friend Sherry, who Vinny now finds her irresistible. Sherry has become the girlfriend of a reservation kid, or Indian, named Steve and out of jealousy Vinny tries to make her come to her status quo, but she ultimately ignores him, with her liberal thinking of integration. But finally towards the end of the book Vinny finds out that he is in love with a reservation girl named Raedawn. But Vinny's friends, who don't change their bullying ways, tell her about his old ways and she turns him away for his crude thoughts. In order to fix this Vinny says, "Raedawn can I talk to you? I'm sorry for what my friends did. I'm not like them. I'm not." (Olsen 81). Throughout this whole experience Vinny learns that not everything is what it seems and that you can't judge a book by its cover.

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### **Rachel Blanchard says**

This book came highly recommended by an 11th grader at Metro Tech High school. Yellow Line is a book about segregation of Indians and white people. "The white students sit on one side of the class, and the Indians sit on the other side. The teacher doesn't do anything to stop it," the student said. "The yellow line symbolizes this kind of segregation that still happens," he added. "I mean, we see this wherever we go -- on the bus, at lunch tables, whatever."

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**Piera Delacruz says**

i didnt really like this book..but im going to tell you about it

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**Young Woo says**

Doesn't even worth one star. Really.

Inappropriate words, inappropriate words, and racism.. Really?

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**Melissa C. says**

This book was ok. i just like to read books like these.

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**Shawn Yeager says**

I liked the book Yellow Line by Sylvia Olsen. I would give it a three out of five stars. People who are struggling with the difference between cultures would like this book. One of my favorite scenes in the book is when the mom and dad get in a fight in front of their kids.

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