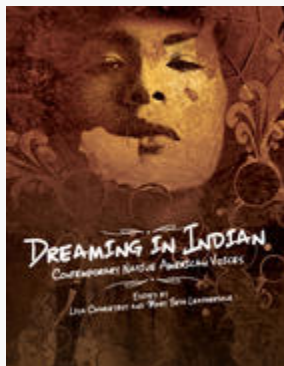


## Aboriginal, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Books

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### **Dreaming in Indian**

Contemporary Native American Voices

by Lisa Charleyboy & Mary Beth Leatherdale

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tagged : native american

A highly-acclaimed anthology about growing up Native—now in paperback.

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A collection truly universal in its themes, *Dreaming in Indian* will shatter commonly held stereotypes about Native peoples and offers readers a unique insight into a community often misunderstood and misrepresented by the mainstream media.

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## Fatty Legs

A True Story

by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

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Eight-year-old Margaret Pokiak has set her sights on learning to read, even though it means leaving her village in the high Arctic. Faced with unceasing pressure, her father finally agrees to let her make the five-day journey to attend school, but he warns Margaret of the terrors of residential schools. At school Margaret soon encounters the Raven, a black-cloaked nun with a hooked nose and bony fingers that resemble claws. She immediately dislikes the strong-willed young Margaret. Intending to ...

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## The Inuit Thought of It

Amazing Arctic Innovations

by Christine Lalonde & David MacDonald

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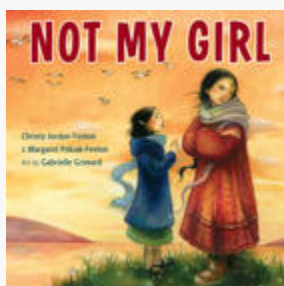
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# Not My Girl

by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton

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tagged : native canadian, native american, parents

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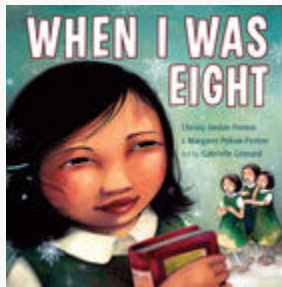
**Margaret can't wait to see her family, but her homecoming is not what she expected.**

Two years ago, Margaret left her Arctic home for the outsiders' school. Now she has returned and can barely contain her excitement as she rushes towards her waiting family—but her mother stands still as a stone. This strange, skinny child, with her hair cropped short, can't be her daughter. "Not my girl!" she says angrily.

Margaret's years at school have changed her. Now ten years old, she has forgott ...

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## When I Was Eight

illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard, by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton

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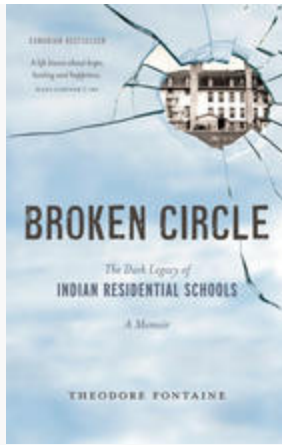
**Bestselling memoir *Fatty Legs* for younger readers.**

Olemaun is eight and knows a lot of things. But she does not know how to read. Ignoring her father's warnings, she travels far from her Arctic home to the outsiders' school to learn.

The nuns at the school call her Margaret. They cut off her long hair and force her to do menial chores, but she remains undaunted. Her tenacity draws the attention of a black-cloaked nun who tries to break her spirit at every turn. But the young girl is more deter ...

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## Broken Circle

The Dark Legacy of Indian Residential Schools: A Memoir

by Theodore Fontaine

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : native americans, native american studies, native american

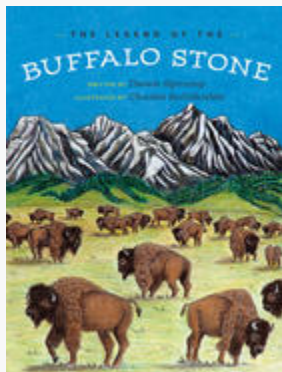
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**Now an approved curriculum resource for grade 9–12 students in British Columbia and Manitoba.**

Theodore (Ted) Fontaine lost his family and freedom just after his seventh birthday, when his parents were forced to leave him at an Indian residential school by order of the Roman Catholic Church and the Government of Canada. Twelve years later, he left school frozen at the emotional age of seven. He was confused, angry and conflicted, on a path of self-destruction. At age 29, he emerged from this b ...

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## The Legend of the Buffalo Stone

by Dawn Sprung, illustrated by Charles Bullshields

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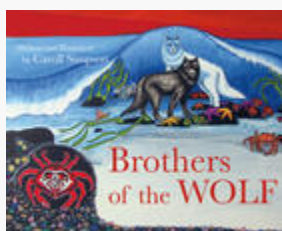
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# Brothers of the Wolf

by Caroll Simpson

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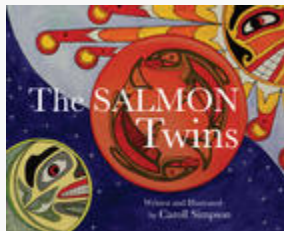
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# The Salmon Twins

by Caroll Simpson

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In her third book inspired by First Nations' stories, children's author and illustrator Caroll Simpson explains the significance of community values. She introduces readers to a world of creatures like Sea Lion, Killer Whale, Dogfish and Kingfisher. Her dramatic tale of young twins and their transformation shows how working together keeps a community healthy.

When new twins are born in a mythical Pacific Coast village, everyone celebrates because the birth of twins is a rare occasion; twins ...

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# The First Beaver

by Caroll Simpson

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## The First Mosquito

by Carroll Simpson

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## Secret of the Dance

by Andrea Spalding & Alfred Scow, illustrated by Darlene Gait

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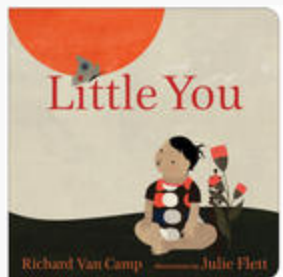
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In 1935, a nine-year-old boy's family held a forbidden Potlatch in faraway Kingcome Inlet. Wat'l'kina slipped from his bed to bear witness. In the Big House masked figures danced by firelight to the beat of the drum. And there, he saw a figure he knew. Aboriginal elder Alfred Scow and award-winning author Andrea Spalding collaborate to tell the story, to tell the secret of the dance.

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# Little You

by Richard Van Camp, illustrated by Julie Flett

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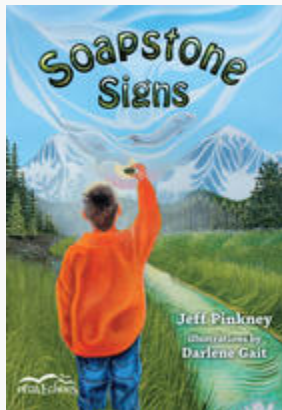
tagged : new baby, nursery rhymes, poetry (see also stories in verse)

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Richard Van Camp, internationally renowned storyteller and bestselling author of the hugely successful *Welcome Song for Baby: A Lullaby for Newborns*, has partnered with award-winning illustrator Julie Flett to create a tender board book for babies and toddlers that celebrates the potential of every child. With its delightful contemporary illustrations, *Little You* is perfect to be shared, read or sung to all the little people in your life—and the new little ones on the way!

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## Soapstone Signs

by Jeff Pinkney, illustrated by Darlene Gait

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ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : native canadian, art & architecture

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One spring, a nine-year-old Cree boy is visited by a master soapstone carver named Lindy, who gives him four pieces of soapstone. The primary secret to carving, the boy learns, is recognizing that each piece of soapstone already holds its true form inside. Lindy teaches the boy to listen to the soapstone and look to the world around him for signs as to what to carve. As the seasons change, the young boy's experiences lend him opportunities to develop his carving skills and become attuned to th ...

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## My Heart Fills With Happiness

by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Julie Flett

EDITION: Hardcover

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tagged : emotions & feelings, native canadian

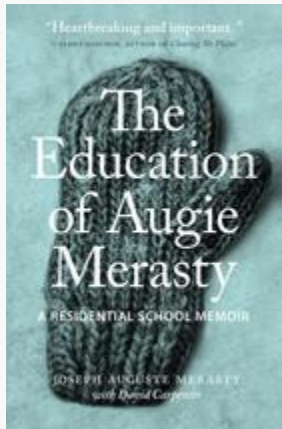
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The sun on your face. The smell of warm bannock baking in the oven. Holding the hand of someone you love. What fills your heart with happiness? This beautiful board book, with illustrations from celebrated artist Julie Flett, serves as a reminder for little ones and adults alike to reflect on and cherish the moments in life that bring us joy.

International speaker and award-winning author Monique Gray Smith wrote *My Heart Fills with Happiness* to support the wellness of Indigenous children and fa ...

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## The Education of Augie Merasty

A Residential School Memoir

by Joseph A. Merasty & David Carpenter

EDITION: Hardcover

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tagged : cultural heritage, post-confederation (1867-)

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"This story of a child is heartbreaking and important. It brings into dramatic focus why we need reconciliation." - James Daschuk, author of *Clearing the Plains*

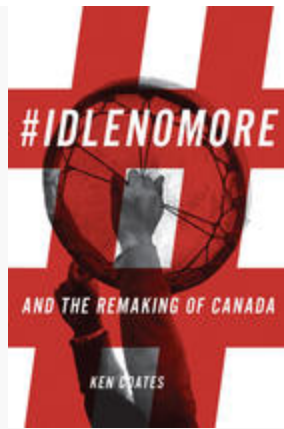
This memoir offers a courageous and intimate chronicle of life in a residential school.

Now a retired fisherman and trapper, the author was one of an estimated 150,000 First Nations, Inuit, and Metis children who were taken from their families and sent to government-funded, church-run schools, where they were subjected to a policy of "agg ...

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## #IdleNoMore

And the Remaking of Canada

by Ken Coates

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tagged : native american studies, indigenous studies, Language Arts, Aboriginal Studies, History, Aboriginal, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit

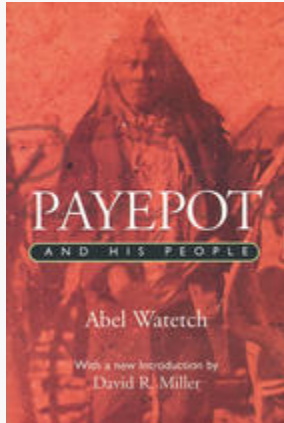
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Idle No More bewildered many Canadians. Launched by four women in Saskatchewan in reaction to a federal omnibus budget bill, the protest became the most powerful demonstration of Aboriginal identity in Canadian history. Thousands of aboriginal people and their supporters took to the streets, shopping malls, and other venues, drumming, dancing, and singing in a collective voice.

It was a protest against generations of injustice, a rallying cry for cultural survival, and a reassertion of Aboriginal ...

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## Payepot and His People

by Abel Watetch, introduction by David R. Miller

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : native americans, indigenous studies, Language Arts, History, Aboriginal Studies, Aboriginal, First Nations, Métis, and Inuit

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*Payepot and His People* was first published serially by *The Western Producer* . In 1957 it was published in book form by the Saskatchewan History and Folklore Society.

Abel Watetch was a nephew of Chief Payepot and a veteran of World War I. As noted in the introduction to the 1957 edition, Watetch had earlier set down in "fine, clear handwriting" the previously unwritten history of his people, having "assembled many of the recollections of his kin to 'set the record right'," These writings were the ...

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## Woods Cree Stories

by Solomon Ratt

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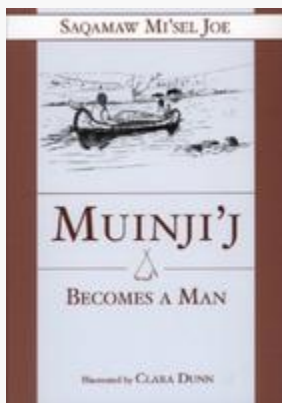
Humour is not only the best medicine; it is also an exceptionally useful teaching tool.

So often, it is through humour that the big lessons in life are learned--about responsibility, honour, hard work, and respect. Cree people are known for their wit, so the tales in Woods Cree Stories are filled with humour. The book includes nine stories--including Boys Get Lost, Foolishness, and Animals Become Friends--and a Woods Cree-to-English glossary.

All the stories are presented in Cree syllabics, Stan ...

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## Muinji'j Becomes a Man

by Saqamaw Misel Joe

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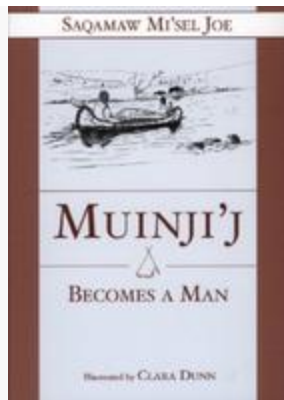
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Muinji'j has been waiting all his life to make this trip with his grandfather--a trip to the city to sell rich otter, beaver and muskrat pelts and bring back supplies to the village. It's a long expedition that tests Muinji'j's reserves of strength, patience and maturity. Just as he thinks he and his niskamij have faced all of their challenges, the worst happens--his niskamij falls ill. Although Muinji'j gathers the medicine his grandfather asks for, it doesn't help fast enough. Both o ...

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## Muinji'j Ji'nmus'sit

by Saqamaw Misel Joe

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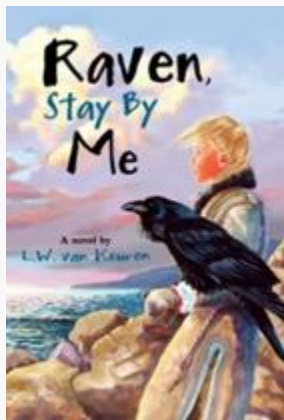
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## Raven, Stay by Me

by Luise van Keuren

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

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Eleven-year-old Greenlander Inga Sigurdsdottir awakens on a cold and rocky coast after her Norse ship wrecks en route to "Vinland." Her one comfort and companion is an injured raven she rescues. When she encounters Inuit hunters, both parties are terrified by the meeting. But when an exhausted Inga rescues a lost child, the girl's mother insists that the stranded Inga be taken in.

As years pass, the raven becomes Inga's guardian and comrade. Chance brings her into contact with a company of ...

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## Little Snowshoe

by Ellen Obed Bryan

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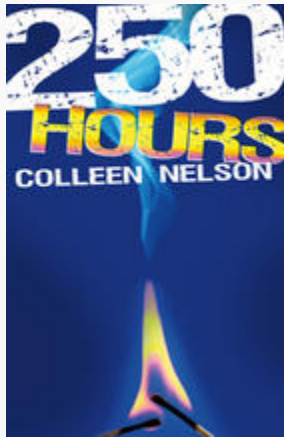
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Little Snowshoe is an easy-to-read book, which bases its storyline on the camouflage ability of the snowshoe rabbit. Set in the Arctic, the story unfolds with Little Snowshoe looking for his mother. Against the whiteness of the snow he is continually fooled by other objects that he mistakes for her. Finally, exhausted from his search, he falls asleep to be awakened by his mother who has found him.

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## 250 Hours

by Colleen Nelson

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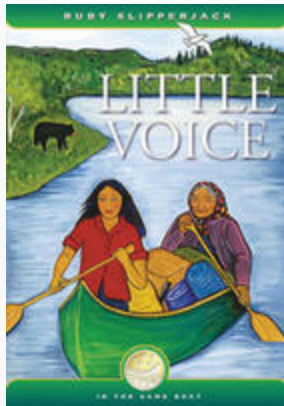
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Jess and Sara Jean couldn't be more different. He's a loner with a criminal record; a Metis raised on the Reserve; the son of a residential school survivor. She's from nearby Edelburg, a conservative small town. Abandoned by her mother, Sara Jean cares for her obese grandmother and tries to find time to work on a novel that is her escape from her life. Does Jess really have a role to play in what happens next in her life? When Jess is found guilty of arson, he's ordered to complete 250 hours of ...

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## Little Voice

by Ruby Slipperjack

EDITION: Paperback

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## Fight for Justice

by Lori Saigeon

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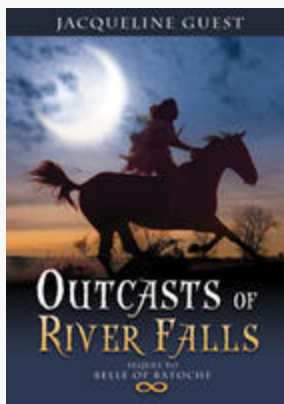
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## Outcasts of River Falls

by Jacqueline Guest, edited by Laura Peetoom

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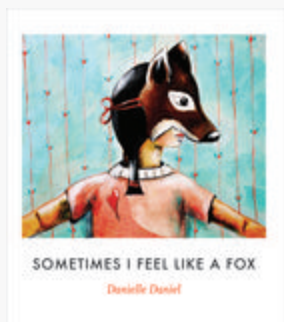
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# Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox

by Danielle Daniel

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Paperback

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tagged : emotions & feelings, imagination & play

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In this introduction to the Anishinaabe tradition of totem animals, young children explain why they identify with different creatures such as a deer, beaver or moose. Delightful illustrations show the children wearing masks representing their chosen animal, while the few lines of text on each page work as a series of simple poems throughout the book.

In a brief author's note, Danielle Daniel explains the importance of totem animals in Anishinaabe culture and how they can also act as animal guid ...

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## Shi-shi-etko

by Nicola I. Campbell, illustrated by Kim Lafave

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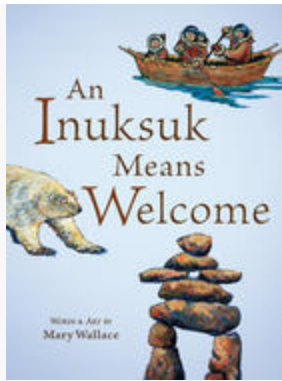
**Winner of the Anskohk Aboriginal Children's Book of the Year Award. Finalist for the TD Canadian Children's Literature Award, the Marilyn Baillie Picture Book Award and the Ruth Schwartz Award**

In just four days young Shi-shi-etko will have to leave her family and all that she knows to attend residential school.

She spends her last days at home treasuring the beauty of her world -- the dancing sunlight, the tall grass, each shiny rock, the tadpoles in the creek, her grandfather's paddle song. Her m ...

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## An Inuksuk Means Welcome

by Mary Wallace

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Paperback

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tagged : customs, traditions, anthropology, alphabet, polar regions

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An inuksuk is a stone landmark that different peoples of the Arctic region build to leave a symbolic message. Inuksuit (the plural of inuksuk) can point the way, express joy, or simply say: welcome. A central image in Inuit culture, the inuksuk frames this picture book as an acrostic: readers will learn seven words from the Inuktitut language whose first letters together spell INUKSUK. Each word is presented in English and in Inuktitut characters, with phonetic pronunciation guides provided.

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## The Contest

by Caroline Stellings

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : self-esteem & self-reliance, prejudice & racism, native american

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Rosy is thrilled when she learns she could win a set of L.M. Montgomery's books from the library in an Anne of Green Gables look-alike contest. But will Rosy, a half-Native brunette, be able to compete with her red-haired and freckled friend Lydia?

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## Shannen and the Dream for a School

by Janet Wilson

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

ALSO AVAILABLE: [eBook](#)

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tagged : politics & government, native canadian, social activists, native american

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The true story of Shannen Koostachin and the people of Attawapiskat First Nation, a Northern Cree community, who have been fighting for a new school since 1979 when a fuel spill contaminated their original school building. Shannen's fight took her all the way to Parliament Hill and was taken up by children around the world. Shannen's dream continues today with the work of the Shannen's Dream organization and those everywhere who are fighting for the rights of Aboriginal children.

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## Where I Belong

by Tara White

EDITION: [Paperback](#)

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This moving novel of self-discovery and redemption takes place during the Oka Crisis of the summer of 1990. Having been adopted as an infant, Carrie has always felt out of place—and recurring dreams keep warning that someone close to her will be badly hurt. When she finds out that her birth father is living in Kahnawake, Quebec, she goes there and finally finds in a place she truly belongs.

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