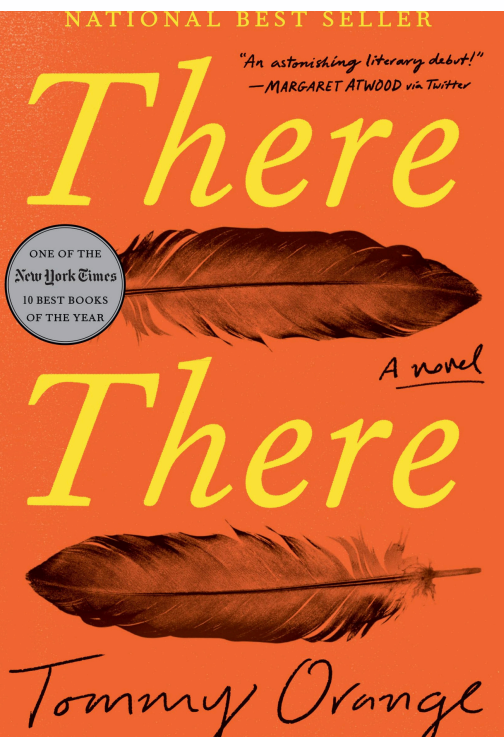


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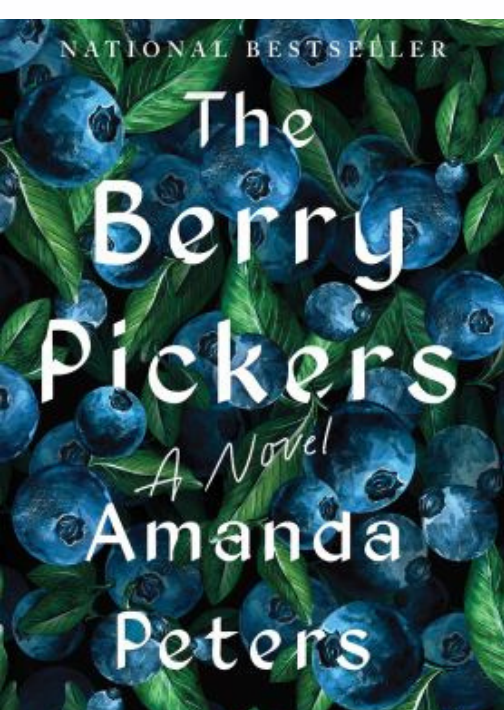
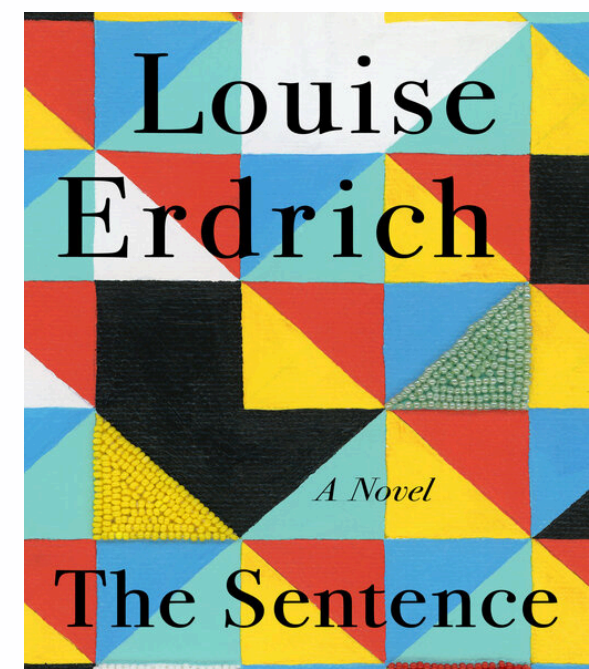
There, There by Tommy Orange

Tommy Orange is Pulitzer Prize finalist and national bestseller. This story follows twelve interconnected Native characters traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow. It highlights urban Native American experiences, featuring individuals like Jacquie Red Feather, Dene Oxendene, and Orvil, who confront their complex history and cultural identity.

Tommy Orange will appear in Buffalo, New York on November 13, 2024, at Kleinhan's Music Hall for the Just Buffalo Literary Center's Babel Author Speaker series.

The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

A wickedly funny ghost story and tale of passion. Flora dies on All Souls' Day, but she simply won't leave the store. Tookie, who has landed a job selling books after years of incarceration, must solve the mystery of this haunting while at the same time trying to understand all that occurs in Minneapolis in a year of grief and reckoning. The mystery propels a narrative as rich, emotional, and profound as anything Louise Erdrich has written.

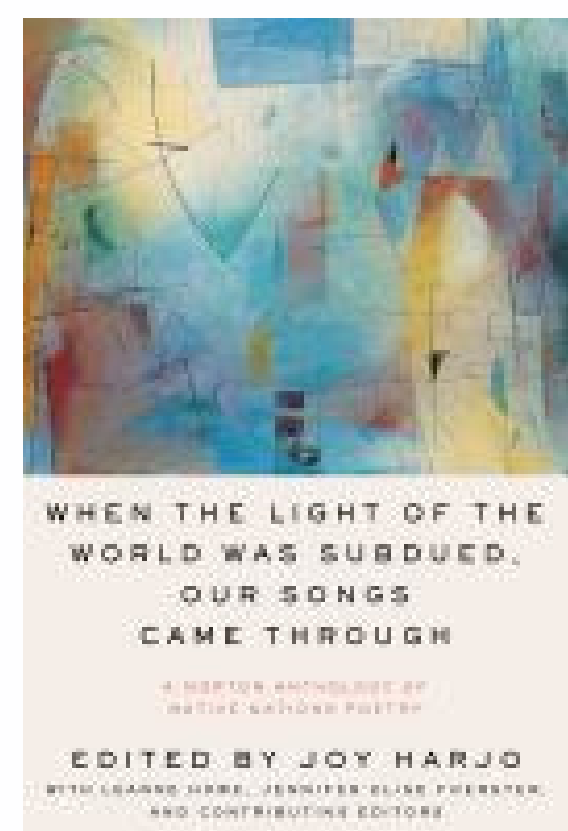


The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

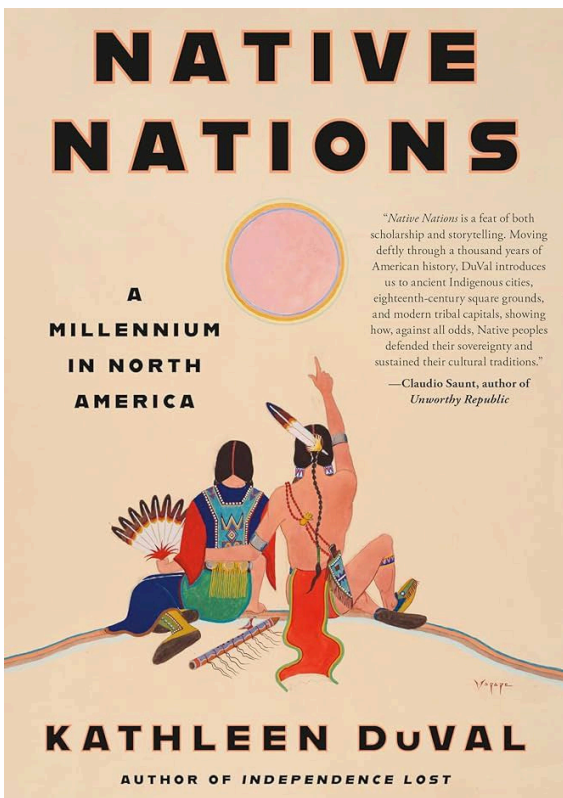
Follows a Mi'kmaq family from Nova Scotia who moves to Maine in July 1962 to pick blueberries. Four-year-old Ruthie disappears, last seen by her brother Joe, leaving him distraught for years. Meanwhile, affluent Norma grows up feeling disconnected from her emotionally distant father and overprotective mother. As she matures, Norma seeks to uncover a family secret her parents have hidden. This debut novel explores themes of truth, trauma, and enduring love.

When the Light of the World was Subdued, Our Songs Came Through:
a Norton anthology of Native Nations Poetry by Joy Harjo

Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo, gathers the work of more than 160 poets, representing nearly 100 indigenous nations, into the first historically comprehensive Native poetry anthology.



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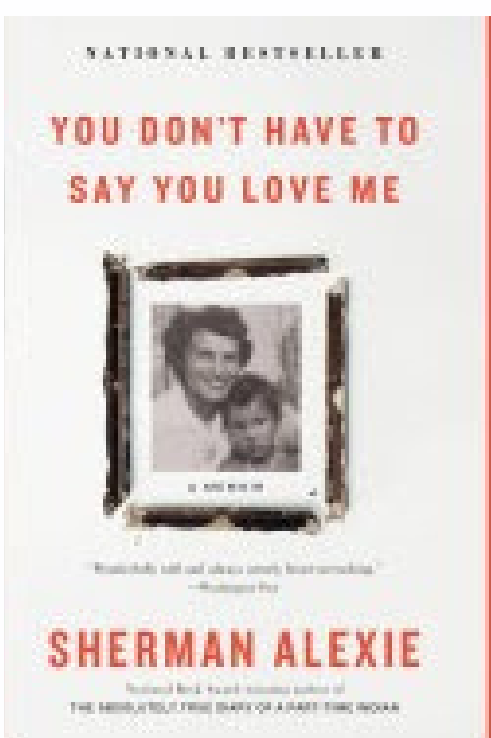
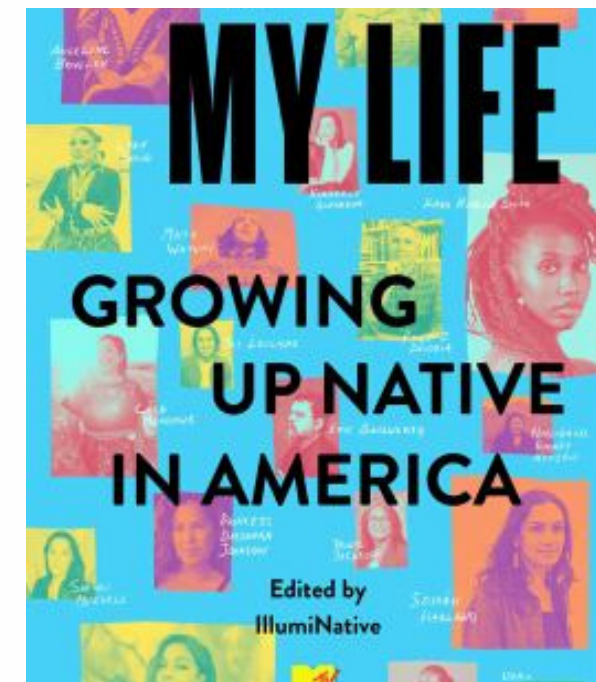


Native Nations: A Millennium in North America by Kathleen Duval.

Duval explores the enduring power of Indigenous nations from ancient cities over 1,000 years ago to the present, emphasizing that Indigenous civilizations thrived despite European encounters, showcasing advanced governance, economies, and trade networks. She details how Native Nations, like the Mohawks and Quapaws, navigated European colonization to their advantage. Even after the American Revolution, Indigenous peoples maintained significant control over the continent.

My Life: Growing Up Native in America by Illuminative

A compelling collection of essays and poems celebrating the modern Native American experience, featuring contributions from notable writers, performers, and activists like Angeline Boulley and Mato Wayuhi. It explores individual stories, resilience, and the complexity of Native identity, addressing diverse topics and advocating for equity and a brighter future.

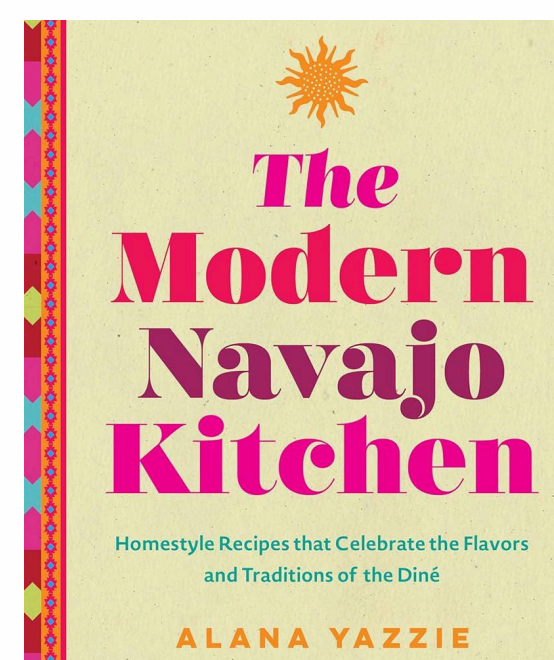


You Don't Have to Say You Love Me: A Memoir by Sherman Alexie

A literary memoir composed of poems, essays, and intimate family photos by the critically acclaimed, internationally bestselling, National Book Award-winning author. This memoir reflects on the author's complicated relationship with his mother and his disadvantaged childhood on a Native American reservation.

The Modern Navajo Kitchen by Alana Yazzie

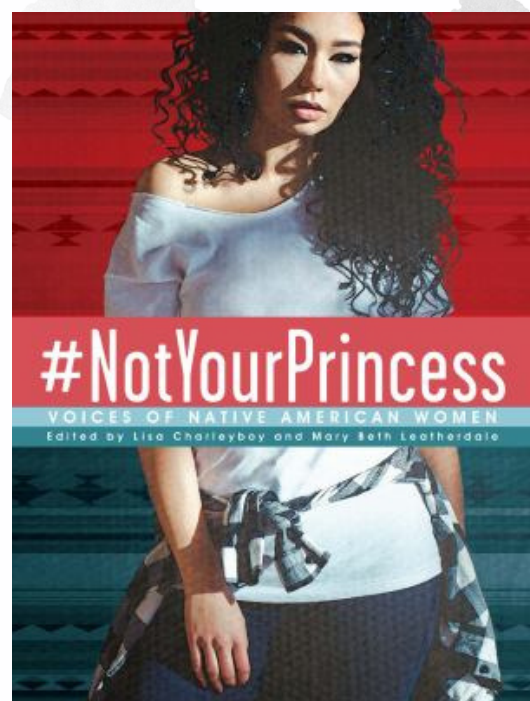
Yazzie offers an exciting adventure for your palate. This stunningly photographed cookbook blends traditional Navajo recipes with global dishes, resulting in a one-of-a-kind culinary experience! Explore a wide array of options including beverages, breads, breakfasts, soups, main courses, sides, and desserts.



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Reading Suggestions for Young Adults

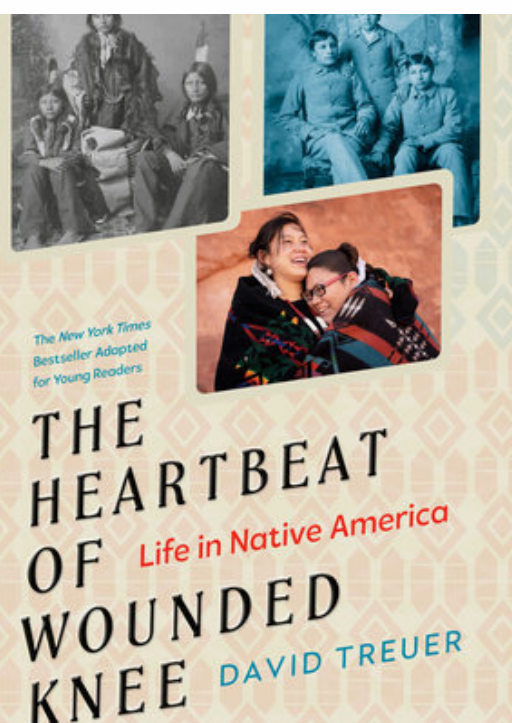
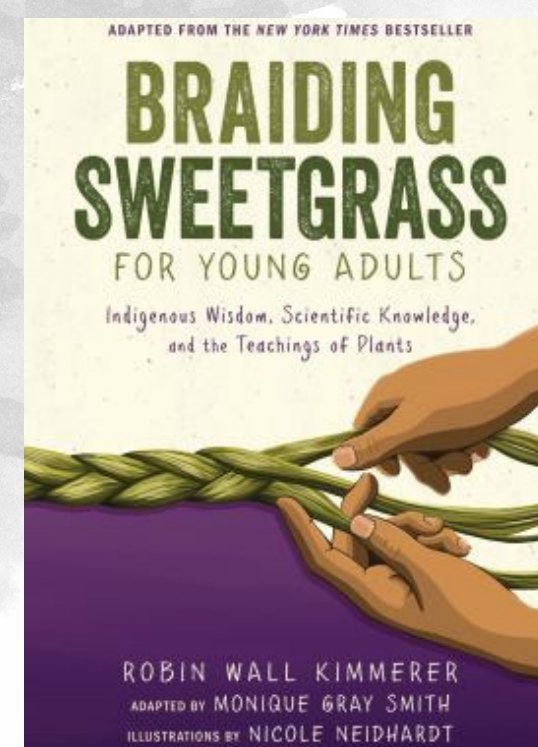


#NotYourPrincess by Lisa Charleyboy

This work showcases the powerful voices of Indigenous women in North America through a collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art. This book addresses themes of abuse and stereotyping while highlighting the resilience and demands for change from passionate Native women. It offers teen readers valuable insights into the often-overlooked experiences of these women, blending anger, reflection, and strength.

Braiding Sweetgrass for Young Adults: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Drawing from her experiences as an Indigenous scientist, Kimmerer demonstrates how all living things provide us with gifts and lessons every day. Adapted for young adults by Monique Gray Smith, this new edition reinforces how wider ecological understanding stems from listening to the earth's oldest teachers: the plants around us. This edition brings Indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge, and the lessons of plant life to a new generation.

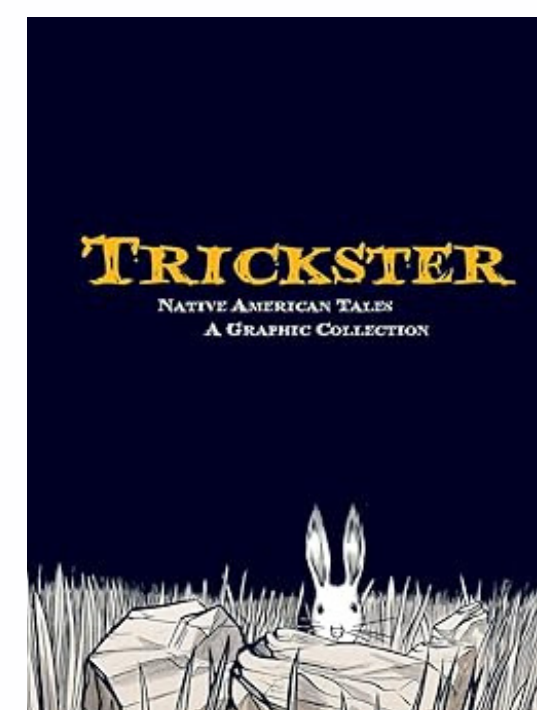


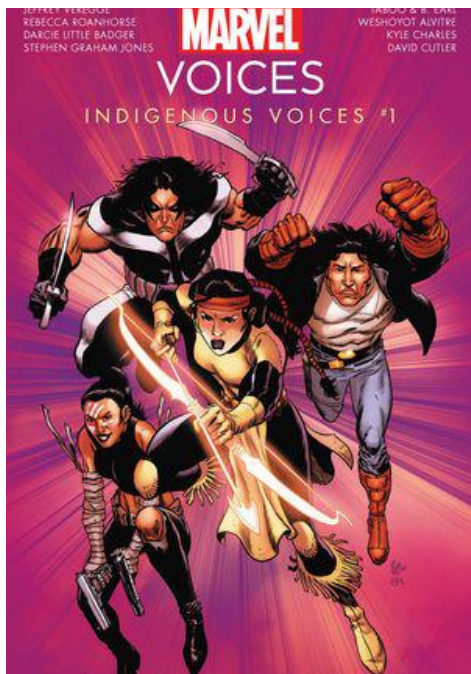
The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee. Life in Native America (Young Readers Adaptation) by David Treuer & Sheila Keenan

Since the late 1800s, there has been a widespread belief that Native American civilization had been erased from the United States. Treuer contends that Native American culture is far from extinguished; in fact, it is flourishing today just as it did a century ago. This book examines contemporary Native American culture and highlights the ongoing efforts to preserve language and traditions.

Trickster: Native American Tales, A Graphic Collection by Matt Dembicki

In Native American traditions, the trickster takes many forms, from coyote or rabbit to raccoon or raven. This first graphic anthology of Native American trickster tales, Trickster brings together Native American folklore and the world of comics. Twenty-four native storytellers and comic artists pair to tell cultural tales from across America, ranging from serious and dramatic to funny and sometimes downright fiendish.



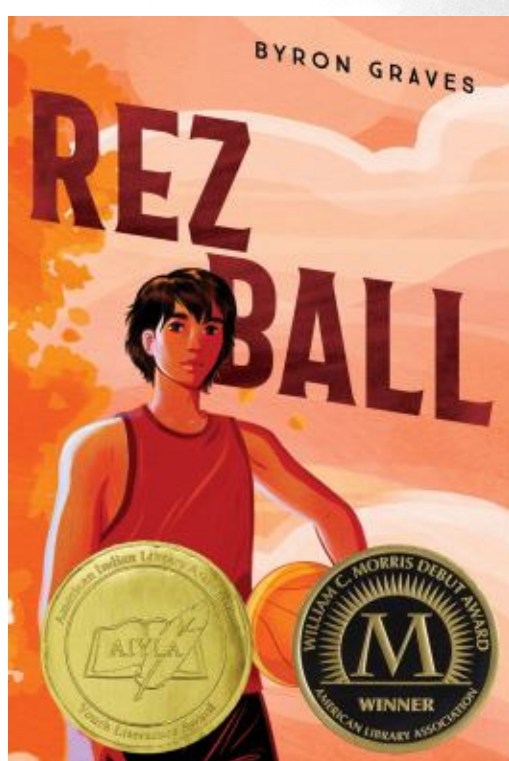
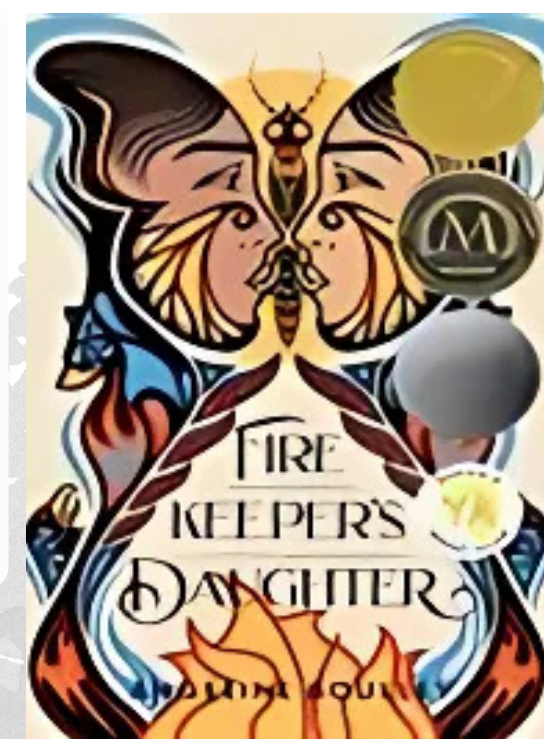


Marvel Voices : Heritage/Indigenous Voices by Jeffrey Veregge

Today's top Native American talent make their Marvel debuts! Hugo-award winning Black/Ohkay Owingeh writer Rebecca Roanhorse and Tongva artist Weshoyot Alvitre tell an Echo tale like none you've heard before. Geoscientist and Lipan Apache writer Darcie Little Badger joins acclaimed Whitefish Lake First Nation artist Kyle Charles for a Dani Moonstar story that's out of this world!

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, either in her hometown or on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of college, but when her family is struck by tragedy she puts her future on hold to care for her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, a new recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team. When Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source of a new drug. How far will she go to protect her community, if it threatens to tear apart the only world she's ever known?

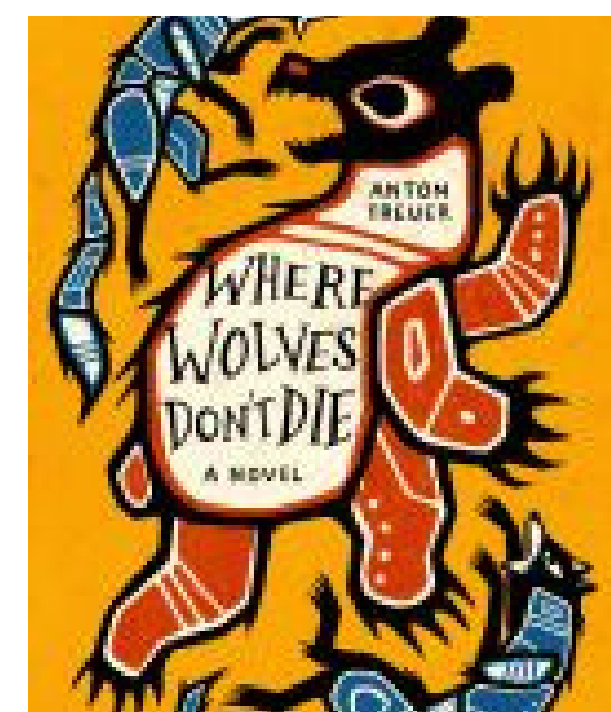


Rez Ball by Byron Graves

These days, Tre Brun is happiest when he is playing basketball on the Red Lake Reservation high school team--even though he can't help but be constantly gut-punched with memories of his big brother, Jaxon, who died in an accident. When Jaxon's former teammates on the varsity team offer to take Tre under their wing, he sees this as his shot to represent his Ojibwe rez all the way to their first state championship. But stepping into his brother's shoes as a star player means that Tre can't mess up. Tre needs to take his team to state.

Where Wolves Don't Die by Anton Treuer

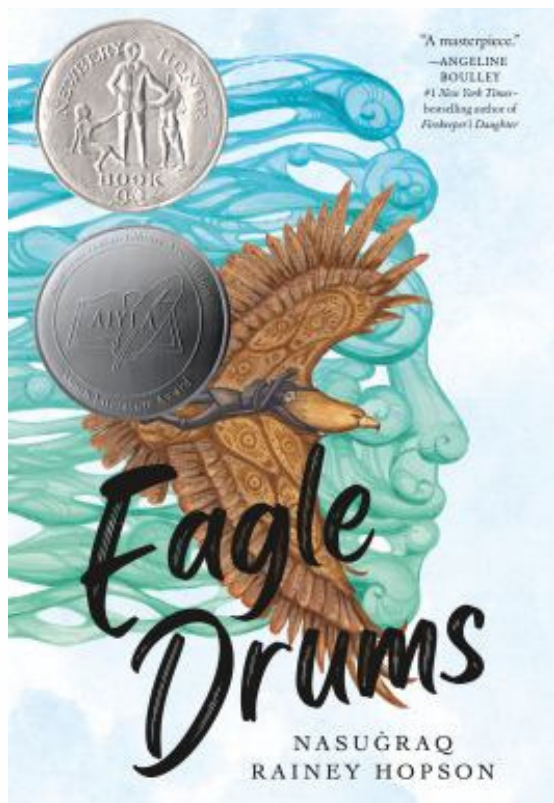
Ezra Cloud hates living in Northeast Minneapolis. His father is a professor of their language, Ojibwe, at a local college, so they have to be there. Ezra hates the dirty, polluted snow around them. He hates being away from the rez at Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation. He hates the local bully in his neighborhood, Matt Schroeder, who terrorizes Ezra and his friend Nora George. Ezra gets embroiled in a serious conflict stemming from a school fight. He's sent to live with his grandfather, whose traditional wisdom may prove life-changing.



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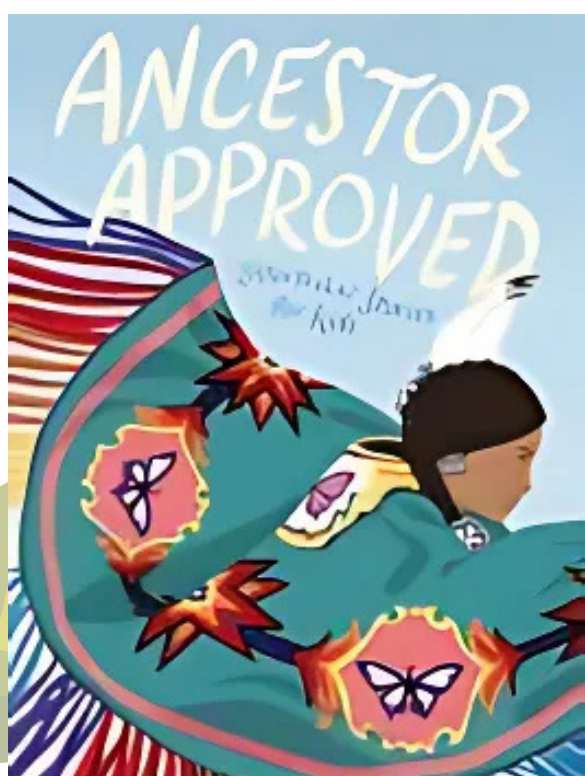


READING SUGGESTIONS FOR CHILDREN



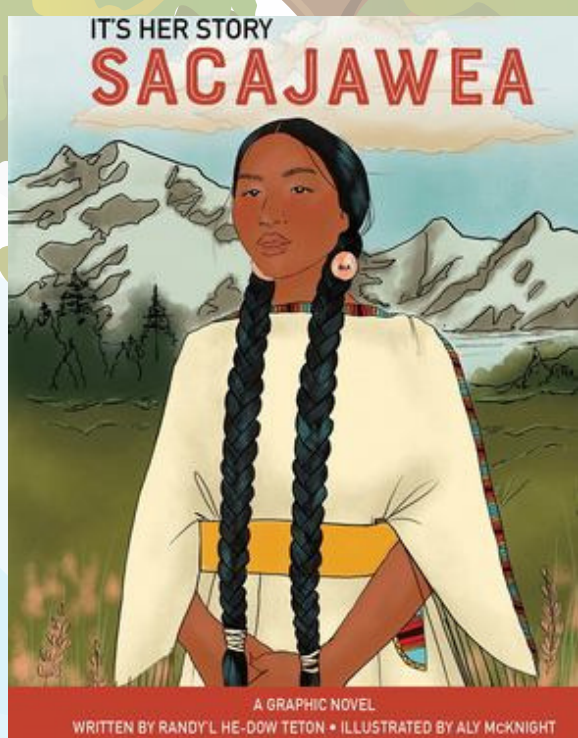
Eagle Drums by Nasuġraq Rainey Hopson

This Newberry Honor book is part cultural folklore, part origin myth about the Messenger's Feast – which is still celebrated in times of bounty among the Iñupiaq. It's the story of how Iñupiaq people were given the gift of music, song, dance, community, and everlasting tradition.



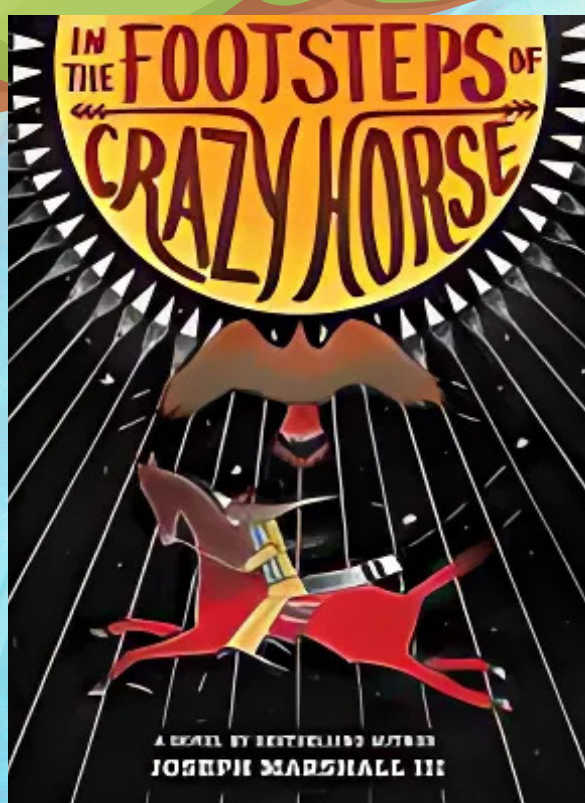
Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids by Cynthia Leitich Smith

This collection of intersecting stories by both new and veteran Native writers bursts with hope, joy, resilience, the strength of community, and Native pride.



Sacajawea (It's Her Story) by Randy'l He-Dow Teton

Sacajawea was a brilliant, multilingual Shoshone girl who was torn from her home at a young age. In 1804, she set out with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, acting as an interpreter and guide across hundreds of miles of unmapped land to reach the Pacific Ocean. Almost 200 years later, she became the first Indigenous woman to appear on a U.S. coin.



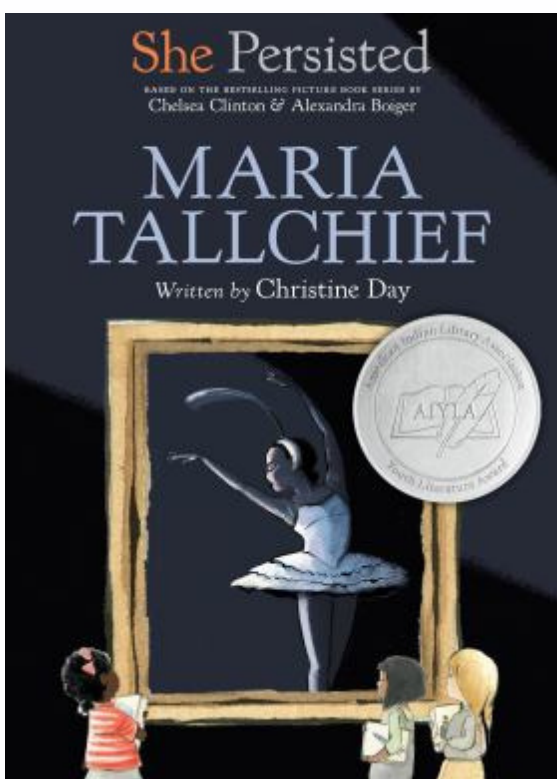
In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall & Jim Yellowhawk

Teased for his fair coloring, eleven-year-old Jimmy McClean travels with his maternal grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the nineteenth-century Lakota leader and warrior, in a tale that weaves the past with the present.



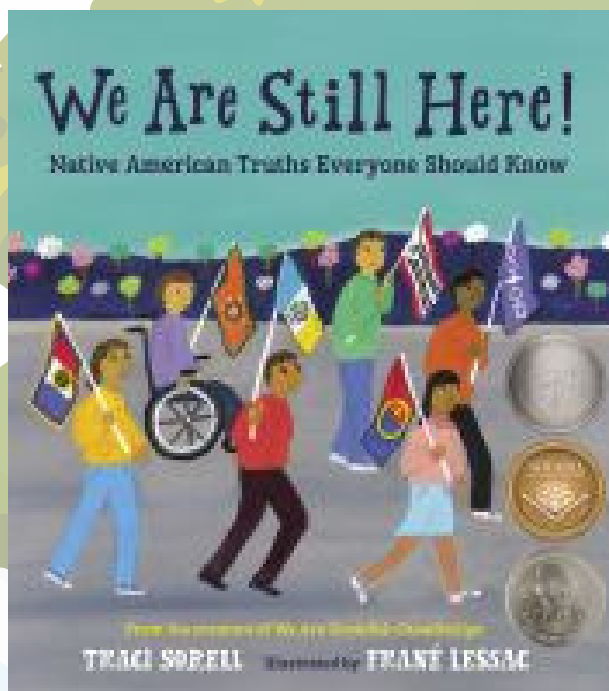
Thunderous by M.L. Smoker

If Aiyana hears one more traditional Lakota story, she'll scream! More interested in her social media presence than her Native American heritage, Aiyana is shocked when she suddenly finds herself in a magical world-with no cell coverage! Pursued by the trickster Raven, Aiyana struggles to get back home, but is helped by friends and allies she meets along the way. But will it be enough to defeat the cruel and powerful Raven?



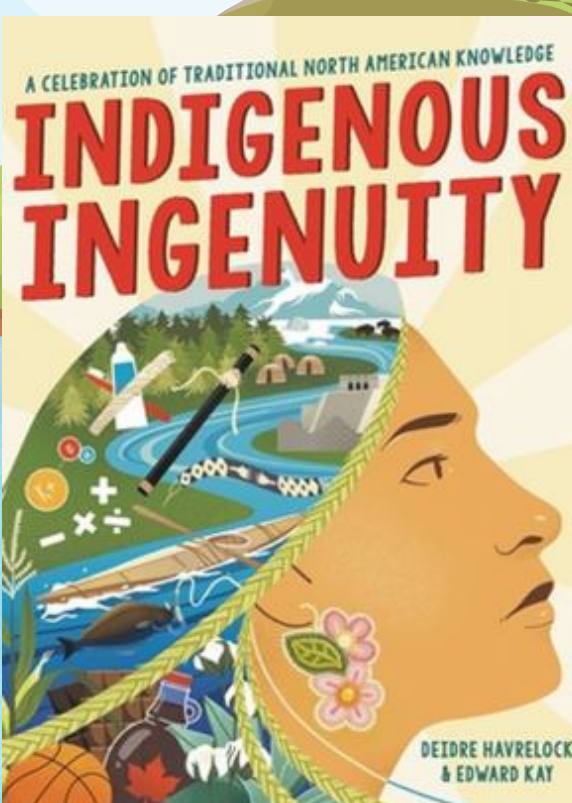
She persisted: Maria Tallchief by Christine Day & Alexandra Boiger

In this chapter book biography, readers learn about the amazing life of Maria Tallchief—and how she persisted. Maria Tallchief loved to dance, but was told that she might need to change her Osage name to one that sounded more Russian to make it as a professional ballerina. She refused, and worked hard at dancing her best, becoming America's first prima ballerina.



We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know by Traci Sorell & Frane Lessac

highlights the ongoing relevance of Native American history. This companion to "We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga" covers critical topics such as forced assimilation, land allotment, tribal reorganization, termination, urban relocation, self-determination, civil rights, the Indian Child Welfare Act, religious freedom, economic development, language revival, cultural persistence, and nationhood.



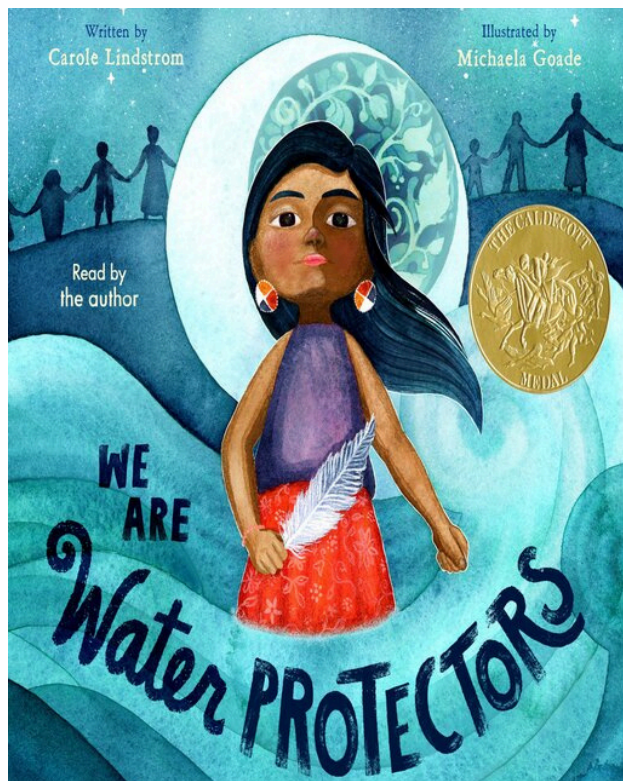
Indigenous Ingenuity: A Celebration of Traditional North American Knowledge by Deidre Havrelock & Edward Kay

Corn. Chocolate. Fishing hooks. Boats that float. Recorded history and folklore. Lifesaving disinfectant. Forest-fire management. Our lives would be unrecognizable without these and countless other scientific discoveries and technological inventions from Indigenous North Americans. From transportation to civil engineering, hunting technologies to astronomy, and architecture to agriculture, Indigenous Ingenuity is an unforgettable introduction to STEM fields, featuring interactive activities, recipes, and science experiments.

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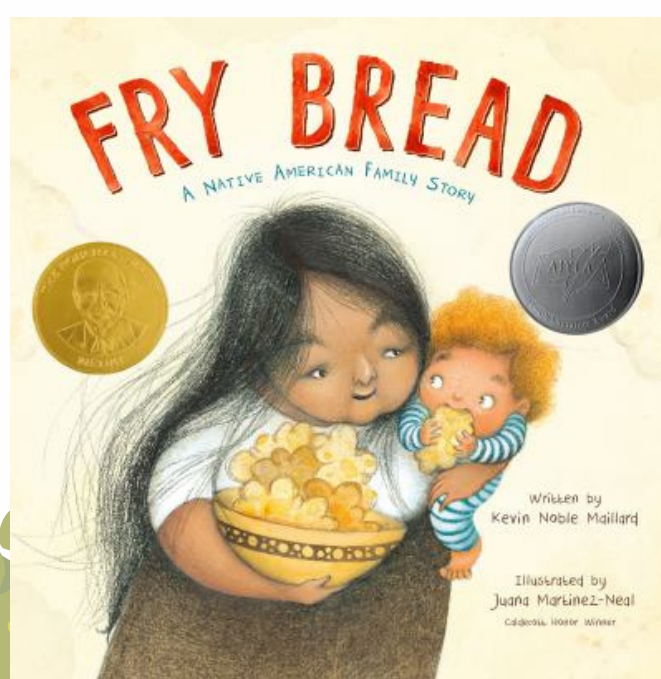


SUGGESTED PICTURE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN



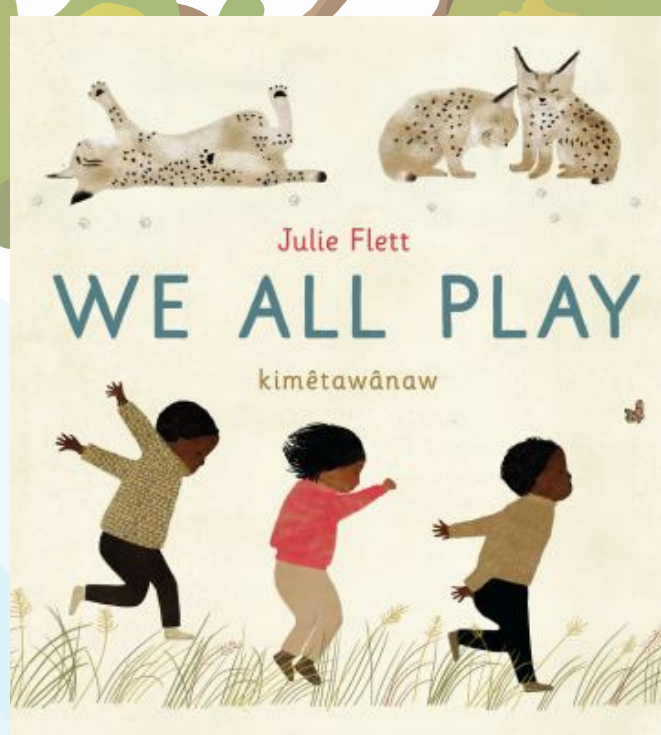
We Are Water Protectors (Caldecott Medal Winner) by Carole Lindstrom & Michaela Goadei

Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all. When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth And poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource. Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, this book boldly & lyrically issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption.



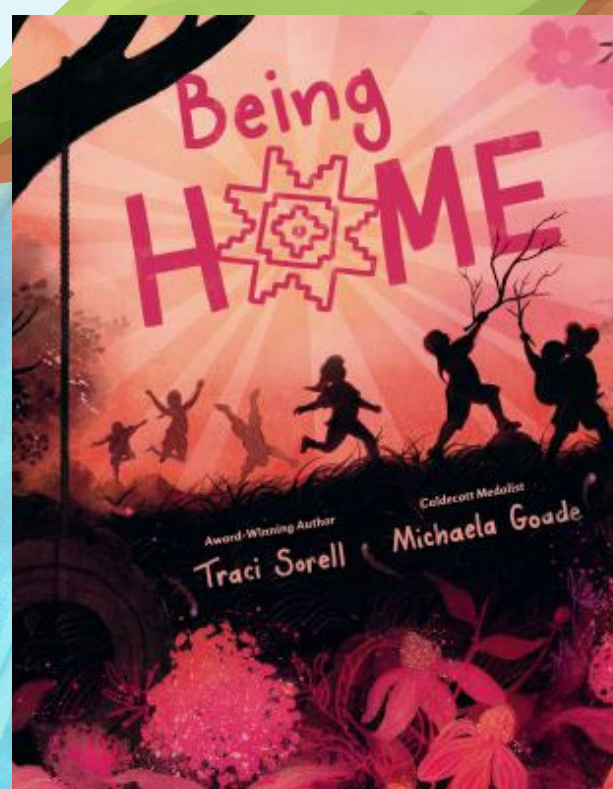
Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard

Using illustrations that show the diversity in Native America and spare poetic text that emphasizes fry bread in terms of provenance, Maillard tells the story of a post-colonial food that is a shared tradition for Native American families all across North America.



We All Play by Julie Flett

This picture book celebrates the interconnectedness of nature and the wonder of play - and includes Cree names for each animal in a glossary.



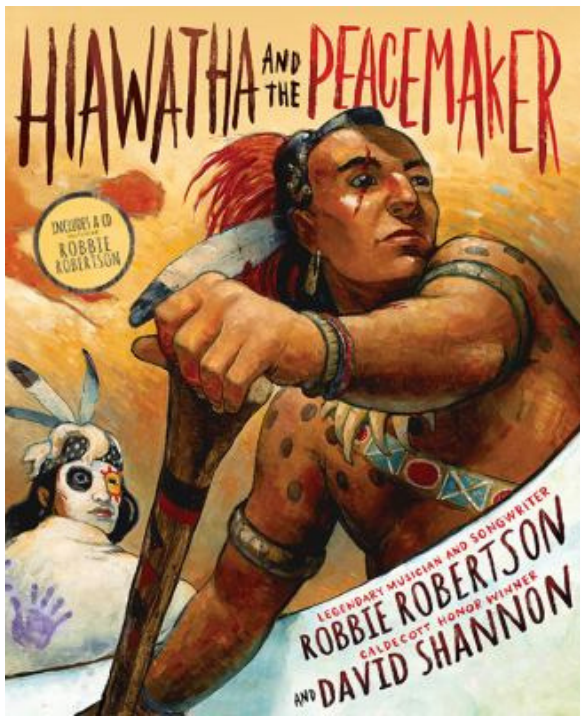
Being Home by Traci Sorelli

On a day filled with anticipation, a young Cherokee girl bids farewell to her familiar city life and documents the changing landscape through drawings as her family moves to their ancestral land and embraces their new home.

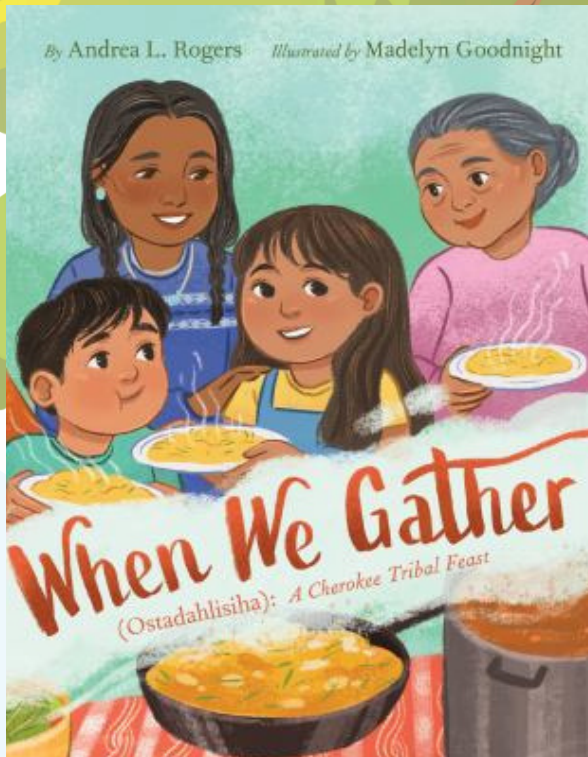
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It Bears Repeating (English, Inuktitut) by Tanya Tagaq & Cee Pootoogook
Counting book about counting bears in English and Inuktitut.

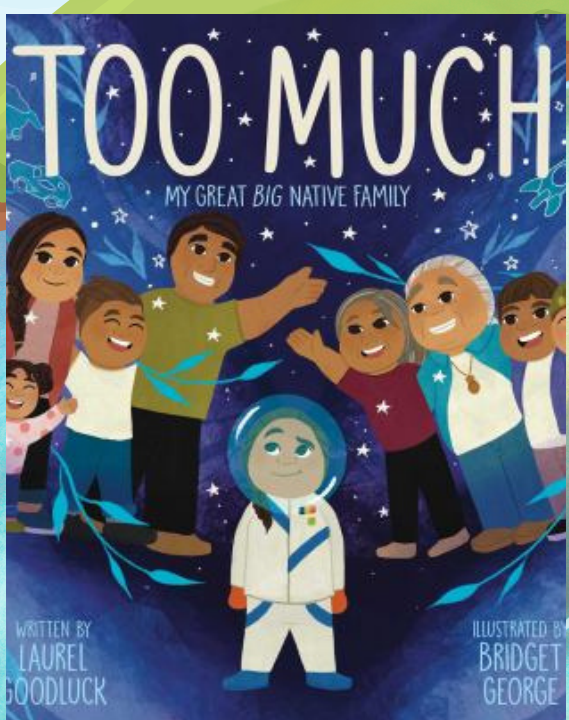


Hiawatha and the Peacemaker by Robbie Robertson & David Shannon
Hiawatha, a Mohawk, is plotting revenge for the murder of his wife and daughters by the evil Onondaga Chief, Tadodaho, when he meets the Great Peacemaker, who enlists his help in bringing the nations together to share his vision of a new way of life marked by peace, love, and unity rather than war, hate, and fear.



When we gather (Ostadahlisiha): a Cherokee tribal feast
by Andrea Rogers & Madelyn Goodnight

One Cherokee child celebrates the family tradition of gathering wild onions for a big community meal, a significant tradition among several southeastern tribes



Too Much: My Great Big Native Family by Laurel Goodluck & Bridget George

When Russell tries to share exciting news with his large, Native family, he struggles with being heard, but after he ventures out on his own he realizes how much he loves his family.