

NON-FICTION (JNF)

The Grizzly Mother by Brett D. Huson
J 599.784 HUSON

Examines how the lives of grizzly bears and the Gitksan people of British Columbia are intertwined within the ecosystem of the region.

Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer by Traci Sorell
J 629.1092 SORELL

Mary Golda Ross designed classified projects for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation as the company's first female engineer.

Ella Cara Deloria: Dakota Language Protector
by Diane Wilson
J 921 DELORIA, ELLA

Ella Cara Deloria recorded many American Indian peoples' stories and languages and helped protect her people's language for future generations.

Peggy Flanagan: Ogimaa Kwe, Lieutenant Governor
by Jessica Engelking
J 921 FLANAGAN PEGGY

A biography of Peggy Flanagan, the first Native woman to hold the office of Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota.

Speaking Our Truths: A Journey of Reconciliation
by Monique Gray Smith
J 971.0049 GRAY-SMITH

This nonfiction book examines how we can foster reconciliation with Indigenous people at individual, family, community and national levels.

We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know by Traci Sorell
J 973.0497 SORELL

Twelve Native American kids present historical and contemporary laws, policies, struggles, and victories in Native life, each with a powerful refrain: We are still here.

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell
J 975.004 SORELL

The word otsaliheliga (oh-jah-LEE-hay-lee-gah) is used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Beginning in the fall with the new year and ending in summer, follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.

GRAPHIC NOVEL (YA)

A Girl Called Echo Vol. 1 Pemmican Wars
by Katherena Vermette

YA GRAPHIC PEMMICAN WARS
13-year-old Echo Desjardins is a Métis girl still adjusting to a new home and school when she discovers she has the ability to time travel.

FICTION (YA)

If I Ever Get Out of Here by Eric L. Gansworth
YA GANSWORTH, ERIC

Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend, but things get complicated amidst the tension and hatred of 1975 upstate New York.

Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger
YA LITTLE-B DARCIE

Elatsoe can raise the ghosts of dead animals, a skill passed down through generations of her Lipan Apache family. When her beloved cousin is murdered, she is determined to find out why.

Apple in the Middle by Dawn Quigley
YA QUIGLEY, DAWN

Apple in the Middle is a coming-of-age novel with an unexpected look at what happens when two cultures collide.

Hearts Unbroken by Cynthia Leitich Smith
YA SMITH, CYNTHIA

Breaking up with her first real boyfriend when he makes racist remarks about her Native American heritage, high school senior Louise Wolfe teams up with a fellow school newspaper editor to cover a multicultural casting of the school play and the racial hostilities it has exposed.

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An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People adapted by Jean Mendoza & Debbie Reese
YA 970.00497 MENDOZA

Going beyond the story of America as a country "discovered" by a few brave men in the "New World," Indigenous human rights advocate Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz reveals the roles that settler colonialism and policies of American Indian genocide played in forming our national identity.

Indigenous American Voices



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EASY (E)

Bowwow Powwow: Bagosenjige-niimi'idim

by Brenda J. Child

E CHILD, BRENDA

The best days of summer end at the powwow, but Windy Girl takes the revelry of the gathering one step farther, into a dreamworld where the dancers and singers are dogs.

Birdsong by Julie Flett

E FLETT, JULIE

When a young girl moves to a small town, she feels lonely and out of place. But soon she meets an elderly woman next door, who shares her love of arts and crafts.

We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom

E LINDSTROM, CAROLE

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.

Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard

E MAILLARD, KEVIN

As children help a Native American grandmother make fry bread, the story delves into the history, social ways, foodways, and politics of America's 573 recognized Indian tribes.

At the Mountain Base by Traci Sorell

E SORELL, TRACI

A family, separated by duty and distance, waits for a loved one to return home in this lyrical picture book celebrating the bonds of a Cherokee family and the bravery of history-making women pilots.

FICTION (J)

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids

J ANCESTOR

In a high school gym full of color and song, people dance, sell beadwork and books, and celebrate friendship and heritage. Young protagonists will meet relatives from faraway, mysterious strangers, and sometimes one another (plus one scrappy rez dog). They are the heroes of their own stories.

FICTION (J)

Two Roads by Joseph Bruchac

J BRUCHAC, JOSEPH

In 1932, twelve-year-old Cal must stop being a hobo with his father and go to a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, where he begins learning about his history and heritage as a Creek Indian.

I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day

J DAY, CHRISTINE

When twelve-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity.

The Sea in Winter by Christine Day

J DAY, CHRISTINE

After an injury sidelines her dreams of becoming a ballet star, Maisie is not excited for her blended family's midwinter road trip along the coast, near the Makah community where her mother grew up.

Chickadee by Louise Erdrich

J ERDRICH, LOUISE

In 1866, Omakayas's son Chickadee is kidnapped by two ne'er-do-well brothers from his own tribe and must make a daring escape, forge unlikely friendships, and set out on an exciting and dangerous journey to get back home.

The Hero Next Door

J HERO

A collection of short stories by diverse authors that explores acts of bravery by heroes trying to make the world a better place.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall

J MARSHALL, JOSEPH

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.

Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis

J MCMANIS, CHARLENE

When Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate, she goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being so far from home.

FICTION (J)

The Barren Grounds by David Robertson

J ROBERTSON, DAVID

Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, are brought together in a foster home in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Sisters of the Neversea by Cynthia Leitich Smith

J SMITH, CYNTHIA

In this magical, modern twist on Peter Pan, stepsisters Lily and Wendy are spirited away to Neverland by a mysterious boy and must find a way back to the family they love.

How I Became a Ghost by Tim Tingle

J TINGLE, TIM

A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe's removal from the only land his people had ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost.

Stone River Crossing by Tim Tingle

J TINGLE, TIM

When Martha Tom helps Lil Mo and his family escape from the plantation across the river, it's just the beginning of a Choctaw adventure of a lifetime.

Healer of the Water Monster by Brian Young

J YOUNG, BRIAN

A powerful debut novel about a seemingly ordinary Navajo boy who must save the life of a Water Monster and comes to realize he's a hero at heart.

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The Talk : Conversations About Race, Love, & Truth

J 305.80097 TALK

Thirty diverse and award-winning authors and illustrators capture frank discussions about racism, identity, and self-esteem.

Sharice's Big Voice by Sharice Davids

J 328.73092 DAVIDS

An inspiring picture book autobiography that tells the remarkable story of Sharice Davids, one of the first Native American women elected to Congress and the first LGBTQ congressperson to represent Kansas.