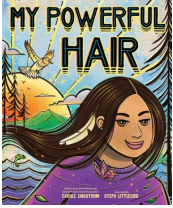


Indigenous Reads for Kids

National Indigenous History Month June 2023

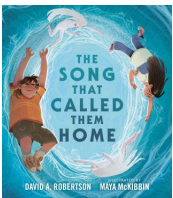


My powerful hair

by Carole Lindstrom

In this empowering story about family history, self-expression and reclaiming your identity, a young girl cannot wait to grow her hair long to honor the strength and resilience of those who came before

her.



The song that called them home

by David Robertson

One summer day, Lauren and her little brother, James, go on a trip to the land with their Moshom (grandfather). The children decide to fish for dinner in their

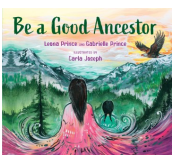
canoe while Moshom naps. They encounter the Memekwesewak--creatures who live in and around water and like to interfere with humans. Lauren feels the lure of the Memekwesewak's song.



We are water protectors

by Carole Lindstrom

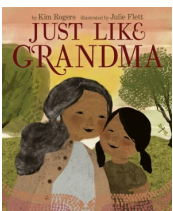
When a black snake threatens to destroy the earth, one young water protector takes a stand to defend the planet's water.



Be a good ancestor

by Leona Prince

In this beautifully illustrated picture book, a repeated call to action reminds young readers that everything in our world is connected.



Just like Grandma

by Kim Rogers

Wanting to be just like Grandma, Becca discovers something surprising about Grandma that makes her love her even more!

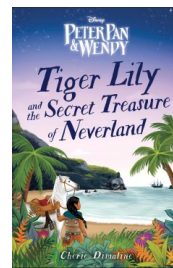


Âmî Osâwâpikones / Dear Dandelion

by S. J. Okemow

Following the narrator throughout the seasons, this stunning ode to the dandelion and a call to love ourselves in

a difficult world reminds us that we are not defined as others see us.



Tiger Lily and the secret treasure of Neverland

by Cherie Dimaline

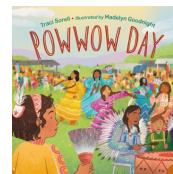
Determined to protect Neverland by stopping two devious pirates from getting their hands on a mysterious, powerful treasure, Tiger Lily will need to become the brave leader she's always wanted to be.



Smile so big

by Sunshine Tenasco

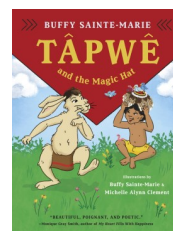
When Challa comes home in tears after being teased about her smile, her Mom gives her a special gift.



Powwow Day

by Traci Sorell

Unable to dance at the powwow this year due to illness, River feels isolated and alone until she discovers the healing power of community.

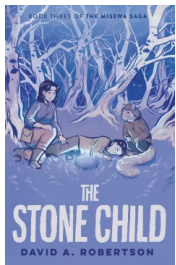


Tâpwê and the Magic Hat

by Buffy Sainte-Marie

Tapwe can't wait to spend a week with his cousins on the other side of the reserve, since his Kokum (Grandmother) has given him an amazing gift, a magic hat.





The Stone child

by David Robertson

After discovering a near-lifeless Eli at the base of the Great Tree, Morgan knows she doesn't have much time to save him...and with Arik and Emily at her side, Morgan sets off to follow the trail away from the Great Tree to find Eli's soul before it's too late. *Misewa Saga ; Book 3*



Ben the Sea Lion

by Roy Henry Vickers

Set in the Indigenous Pacific Northwest village of Kitkatia, this picture book follows an uncle and his nephews as they

nurse back to health an orphaned sea lion, who leads them on many adventures until he must return to the wild. .



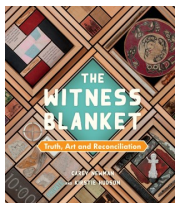
Together We Drum, Our Hearts Beat As One

by Willie Poll

A young determined Anishnaabe girl decides to go on a transformative journey

into a forest on her traditional territory. Beautifully illustrated, a moving and powerful book about Indigenous resistance and female empowerment.

Juvenile non-fiction

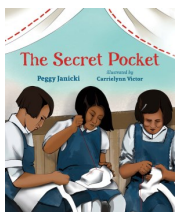


The Witness Blanket : truth, art and reconciliation

by Carey Newman

Artist Carey Newman created the Witness Blanket to make sure that history is never forgotten. The Blanket is a living work of art--a collection of hundreds of

objects from those schools. This book is a collection of truths about what happened at those schools, but it's also a beacon of hope and a step on the journey toward reconciliation.



The Secret Pocket

by Peggy Janicki

In this story of survival and resilience in the face of genocide and cruelty, Mary and the other Indigenous girls at a Canadian residential home sew secret pockets in their clothes to hide food, giving themselves a future, stitch by

stitch.



With Our Orange Hearts

by Phyllis Webstad

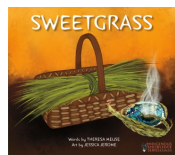
The founder of Orange shirt day shares her story and encourages young children to open their hearts and listen as others share their feelings.



Snoozing sun

by John Tom Knight

It's nearly nighttime, but the sun won't set in Xus National Park! Kodi, Summer, and Eddy Skycedar go to Spirit Park to discover why, and learn an important lesson about what it really means to be a hero.



Sweetgrass

by Theresa Meuse

A modern story of traditional Indigenous knowledge that follows a young boy and his Auntie as they gather and braid sweetgrass, one of the four sacred

medicine.



We belong to the drum

by Sandra Lamouche

Starting daycare, Nikosis, who grew up going to powwows with his family, where he was immersed in music, dance and the sound of the drum, feels like he doesn't fit in, until his mother and teachers use the drums to help him find

connection and comfort.



Still this love goes on

by Buffy Sainte-Marie

This beautifully illustrated tribute to Indigenous communities everywhere brings to life a Cree icon's song of the same name, combining meaningful lyrics with breathtaking illustrations.



Storyteller Skye : teachings from my Ojibway grandfather

by Lindsay Christina King

Encouraging children to embrace the art of storytelling, gifted storyteller Skye

shares unique and funny short stories passed down to her from her Ojibway Grandfather.



Keepunumuk

by Danielle Greendeer

Told in a Native tradition, this Wampanoag story of Weeâchumun (corn) and the first Thanksgiving shows

how the Native people, who already lived on the land where the pilgrims settled, helped the pilgrims survive their first winter.