



Children's Booklist 2025: Native Voices

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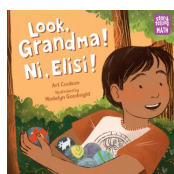


Two Roads

by Joseph Bruchac

It's 1932, and Pop has decided to send 12-year-old Cal to Challagi Indian School, a government boarding school for Native Americans. Even in the harsh, miserable conditions of the school, Cal begins to learn his people's history, heritage, language, and customs. And most of all, he learns how to

find strength in a group of friends who have only one another.



Look, Grandma! Ni, Elisi!

by Art Coulson

Bo wants to find the perfect container to show off his traditional marbles for the Cherokee National Holiday in this exploration of volume and capacity.

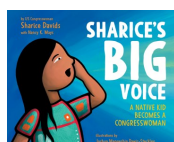


The good game

by Arihohonni David

In this entertaining Native American tale, Mouse and Squirrel want to play lacrosse with the four-legged animals facing off against the winged animals, but neither team will let them join until the winged animals

come up with a clever plan.

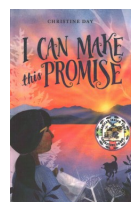


Sharice's Big Voice: a Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman

by Sharice Davids

A picture book autobiography 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.



I Can Make This Promise

by Christine Day

When 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.



Loaf the Cat Goes to the Powwow

by Nicholas DeShaw

When her boy disappears one day, Loaf the cat decides to find him by following his scent to a place where there are drums, colors and lots of people and, after he's done dancing, greets him in her special way, making the

powwow one he'll never forget.



Berry Song

by Michaela Goade

As a young Tlingit girl collects wild berries over the seasons, she sings with her Grandmother as she learns to speak to the land and listen when the land speaks back.



Too Much : My Great Big Native Family

by Laurel Goodluck

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

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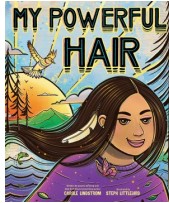
We Belong to the Drum

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

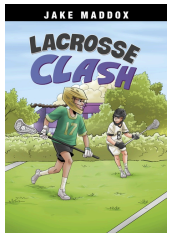
him find connection and comfort.



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.



Lacrosse Clash

by Jake Maddox

Eighth-grader Jared Shotpouch loves lacrosse, but at his new school he is being teased with taunts of "get back to the reservation", and some of the worst bullies are his own teammates.



Blue Stars: The Vice Principal Problem

by Kekla Magoon

When cousins Riley, who has a way with people, and Maya, a tech wizard, move in with their activist grandma, they get off to a rocky start until they join forces as superheroes to stop their school culture

from being threatened by money, power and lies.



JoJo Makoons: The Used-To-Be Best Friend

by Dawn Quigley

Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited 7-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she needs to

figure out how to make more friends.



Race to the Sun

by Rebecca Roanhorse

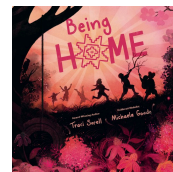
Nizhoni, a Navago girl, has discovered she is a monster slayer. When Dad disappears, leaving behind a message that says 'Run!', Nizhoni, her brother Mac and her best friend, Davery, are thrust into a rescue mission -- can Nizhoni become the hero she was destined to be?



On a Wing and a Tear

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

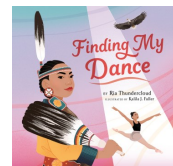
Close friends Melanie (Muscogee-Odawa) and Ray (Cherokee-Seminole) join Grampa Charlie Halfmoon on a road trip from Chicago to Macon, Georgia, to bring Great-Grandfather Bat, a living legend, to a historic game, facing adventure, danger and a hair-raising mystery along the way.



Being Home

by Traci Sorell

Moving back to their ancestral land, a joy-filled Cherokee girl draws the changing landscape as they travel along, looking forward to the end of the journey where she'll be with family and settle into the new rhythm of home.



Finding My Dance

by Ria Thundercloud

A professional Indigenous dancer, the author shares her dance journey, from dreaming of her future to performing as a professional, in this debut picture book filled with eye-catching illustrations that bring her graceful movements to life.



Molly of Denali: Little Dog Lost

by WGBH Kids

A series of books at different reading levels retell key moments from episodes of the Peabody-winning PBS Kids television show, Molly of Denali.



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