Native, First Nations, and Indigenous Voices

A selected list of recommended books by Native, First Nations, and Indigenous creators for kids of all ages. This list may be updated as new titles are added to our collection.

Board Books


Little You by Richard Van Camp (book, Hoopla e-book)

May We Have Enough to Share by Richard Van Camp (book, Hoopla e-book)

My Heart Fills with Happiness by Monique Gray Smith (book, Hoopla e-book)

Sweetest Kulu by Celina Kalluk (book, Hoopla e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

We Sang You Home by Richard Van Camp (book, Hoopla e-book)

Picture Books

At the Mountain’s Base by Traci Sorell (book)

Birdsong by Julie Flett (book, Hoopla e-book)

Birrarung Wilam: A Story from Aboriginal Australia by Aunty Joy Murphy and Andrew Kelly, illustrated by Lisa Kennedy (book)

Blueberry Patch: Meennunyakaa by Jennifer Leason (book)

Bowwow Powwow: Bagosenjige-Niimi’idim by Brenda J. Child (book)

Cannonball by Sacha Cotter, illustrated by Josh Morgan (book)

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom by Tim Tingle (book)

Dragonfly Kites: Pimithaagansa by Tomson Highway (book)

Fall in Line, Holden by Daniel W. Vandever (book)

The First Flute / Whowhoahyazho Tohkohya by David Bouchard, illustrated by Don Oelze, with flute by Jan Michael Looking Wolf (book)

Fox on the Ice: Maageesees Maskwameek Kaapit by Tomson Highway (book)

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

The Girl and the Wolf by Katherena Vermette (book)

I Am Not a Number by Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer (book)
In My Anaana's Amautik by Nadia Sammurtok, illustrated by Lenny Lischenko (book)

I Sang You Down from the Stars by Tasha Spillett-Summer, illustrated by Michaela Goade (book)

It's Time for Bed by Ceporah Mearns and Jeremy Debicki, illustrated by Tim Mack (book, Hoopla e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

Jingle Dancer by Cynthia Leitich Smith (book)

Johnny's Pheasant by Cheryl Minnema (book)

Kamik: An Inuit Puppy Story by Donald Uluadluak (book, Hoopla e-book)

Lesson for the Wolf by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley, illustrated by Alan Cook (book, Hoopla e-book)

Mii maanda ezhi-gkendmaanh / This Is How I Know: A Book about the Seasons by Brittany Luby, illustrated by Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley (book)

Nimoshom and His Bus by Penny M. Thomas (book, Hoopla e-book)

Not My Girl by Christy Jordan-fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton (book, Hoopla e-book)

The Owl and the Lemming by Roselynn Akulukjuk, illustrated by Amanda Sandland (book)

The Pencil by Susan Avingaq and Maren Vstula (book)


The Song Within My Heart by David Bouchard, illustrated by Allen Sap, with music of Northern Cree (book)

Stolen Words by Melanie Florence (book)

Sweetest Kulu by Celina Kalluk (book, Hoopla e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

Swift Fox All Along by Rebecca Thomas, illustrated by Maya McKibbin (book)

Tanna's Owl by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley, illustrated by Yong Ling Kang (book)

The Walrus Who Escaped by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley, illustrated by Anthony Brennan (book)

The Water Walker by Joanne Robertson (book)

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla e-book)

We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom (OverDrive e-book)


When I Was Eight by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton (book)

When We Are Kind by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Nicole Neidhardt (book, Hoopla e-book)

When We Were Alone by David Alexander Robertson (book, OverDrive e-book, Hoopla e-book)
Wild Berries: Pikaci-Minisa by Julie Flett (book)


Zoe and the Fawn by Catherine Jameson (book)

Chapter books


Middle grade


The Barren Grounds by David A. Robertson (book)

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich (book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla audiobook)


How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story by Tim Tingle (book)

I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook, Hoopla e-book, Hoopla audiobook)

Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell (book)

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse by Joseph Marshall III (book, OverDrive e-book)

The Sea in Winter by Christine Day (book, OverDrive e-book, OverDrive audiobook)

Talking Leaves by Joseph Bruchac (book)

Two Roads by Joseph Bruchac (book)

Nonfiction


The First Fire: A Cherokee Story by Bradley Wagnon, illustrated by Alex Stephenson (book, Hoopla e-book)


A Peacemaker for Warring Nations: The Founding of the Iroquois League by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by David Kanietakeron Fadden (book)

The People Shall Continue by Simon Ortiz (book)


Rabbit's Snow Dance: A Traditional Iroquois Story by James and Joseph Bruchac (book)


We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frane Lessac (book, Hoopla e-book)