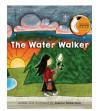
# Indigenous Reads for Kids

# National Indigenous History Month June 2022



#### The Water Walker

by Joanne Robertson Explains how Nokomis Josephine Mandamin, an Ojibwa from Canada, inspired by her traditional respect for water, founded the Mother Earth Water Walkers, who walk around the Great Lakes and in

other areas to call attention to water conservation. Suggested by Rise Up BWG



#### **Finding Moose**

by Sue Farrell Holler A thoughtful tale of a young boy and his grandfather taking a walk through the woods and all the creatures and plants they see.



#### White Raven

by Teoni Spathelfer White Raven is an engaging teaching tool as well as a relatable narrative about the impact of intergenerational trauma on families.



#### **Treaty Words**

by Aimée Craft Accompanied by beautiful illustrations, Aimée Craft affirms the importance of understanding an Indigenous perspective on treaties in this evocative book that is essential for readers of all ages. Suggested by Rise Up BWG



# **Hockey With Dad**

by Willie Sellars Little Brother is stepping onto the ice to substitute for an injured hockey goalie and finding inspiration in the wisdom of his

family's Secwepemc cultural values and athletic heritage.



#### **Stolen Words**

by Melanie Florence When a young girl discovers that her grandfather does not know his native Cree language because he was taken to live at a residential

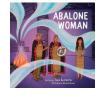
school when he was a boy, she sets out to help him learn the language.

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#### **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.



#### Abalone Woman

by Teoni Spathelfer A vivid dream teaches Little Wolf about courage and acceptance of those who are different, and inspires her to show her daughters and their classmates how to be

proud of their diverse cultural backgrounds.

#### **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.



#### **Buffalo Wild!**

by Deidre Havrelock Since Declan was born, his kokum has shared her love of Buffalo through stories and art. But Declan longs to see real Buffalo. Then one

magical night, herds of the majestic creatures stampede down from the sky. That's when things really get wild!

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#### Mii maanda ezhigkendmaanh - This is How I Know

by Brittany Luby In this story-poem, written in Anishinaabemowin and English, a

child and grandmother explore their surroundings, taking in the sights that each new season brings.



#### The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls

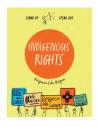
by James Bird After being caught stealing one too many times, Benjamin Waterfalls is sent to a "boot camp" at the Objibwe reservation where he searches for answers as he tries to turn his life around.



#### The Corn Chief

by Karen Whetung With the wizened old chief set to step down, young Linny dreams of being chosen as his replacement. As she struggles to pass his test, Linny

learns with the help of her family what it really takes to become chief...in the most unexpected way.



### **Indigenous Rights**

by Virginia Loh-Hagan Learn all about indigenous rights activism, from reclaiming names to saving cultural lands. Get a global look at the history of the movement and celebrate some of the legal victories!



#### Aggie & Mudgy : The Journey of Two Kaska Dena Children

by Wendy Proverbs Based on the true story of the author's biological mother and aunt, this middle-grade novel traces the long and frightening journey of two Kaska Dena sisters as they are

taken from their home to attend residential school.



#### **Rabbit Chase**

by Elizabeth Lapensee Anishinaabe culture and storytelling meet Alice in Wonderland in this coming-of-age graphic novel that explores Indigenous and gender issues through a fresh yet familiar looking glass.



# On the Trapline

by David Robertson This is a heartfelt story about memory, imagination and intergenerational connection that perfectly captures the experience of a young child's wonder as he is

introduced to places and stories that hold meaning for his family.



#### The Great Bear

by David Robertson Eli and Morgan each struggle with personal issues. They turn to the place where they know they can learn the most, and make the journey to Misewa to visit their animal friends.



#### We Have a Dream : Meet 30 Young Indigenous People and People of Color Protecting the Planet

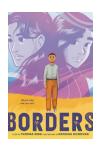
by Mya-rose Craig Written by an extraordinary environmentalist and campaigner

for equal rights, this book profiles 30 young environmental activists who are indigenous or people of color and speaks to the diverse set of issues they are fighting for.



#### Giju's Gift

by Brandon Mitchell Join Mali and Puug as they race to keep one step ahead of an ancient giant in the first volume of this graphic novel series for young readers.



#### **Borders**

by Thomas King A boy and his mother refuse to identify themselves as American or Canadian at the border and become caught in the limbo between nations when they claim their citizenship as Blackfoot. Graphic novel.

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