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Fiction & Graphic Novels, cont.

Robertson, David (Norway House Cree Nation). The Barren Grounds (series). Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children are brought together in a foster home. They each feel disconnected and struggle to fit in...until they find a secret portal to another reality. There they meet Ochek, the only hunter supporting his starving community, who teaches the kids traditional ways to survive.

Rogers, Andrea L. (Cherokee). Mary and The Trail of Tears: A Cherokee Removal Survival Story. Mary does not really understand what is happening when her family is forced from their Cherokee Nation home by U.S. soldiers in May, 1838. Why did the soldiers kill her grandfather? How will they survive the 1000-mile trip to the lands west of the Mississippi?

Smith, Cynthia Leitich (Muscogee Creek). Sisters of the Neverversed. In this magical, modern twist on Peter Pan, stepsisters Lily and Wendy are spirited away to Neverland, a mysterious boy and must find a way back to the family they love. Also by Cynthia Leitich Smith: Indian Shoes.

Starr, Arigon (Kickapoo). Super Indian Vol. 1 & 2 (Graphic Novels). Hubert was ordinary until he ate tainted cheese. Now he fights with strength, smarts, and humor to stop the evil that would overtake the Reservation's resources and population.

Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers (Graphic Novels). The wartime contributions of Navajo Code Talkers have garnered attention, but the role played by men of other tribes is often overlooked.

Tingle, Tim (Choctaw). Stone River Crossing. When Martha crosses the river into the Mississippi territory she meets an enslaved boy whose mother is about to be sold, so Martha convinces them to cross the river and be free. Also by Tim Tingle: How I Became a Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story (series).

Waters, Charles and Traci Sorrell (Cree). Mascot. Six eighth graders in Washington, DC, navigate through the conflict and division sparked by a school assignment focused on their town’s Native American mascot.

The Woman in the Woods and Other North American Stories (Graphic Novels). Loup Garrou, trickster rabbits, and spirits with names that can’t be spoken—the plains and forests of North America are alive with characters like these, all waiting to meet you in this collection of folklore retold in comics!

Nonfiction

Annino, Jan Godown. She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper: Seminole Tribal Leader (970.3 SEM). Authorized biography of Betty Mae Tiger Jumper, storyteller, journalist, community activist, and the first female elected Seminole tribal leader.

Begay-Kroupa, Jolyana (Dine/Navajo). Becoming Miss Navajo (970.3 NAV). As a little girl, Jolyana Begay-Kroupa dreamed of becoming Miss Navajo. After years of learning the language, culture, and traditions, her chance finally comes to take on the important role. The skills she learned help her in tough competitions, but will they be enough to earn her the crown of Miss Navajo? Also available in World Languages: Dine.

Bunten, Alexis (Aleut/Yupik). What Your Ribbon Skirt Means to Me: Deb Haaland’s Historic Inauguration (305.897 URB). A picture book homage to community and contemporary Native pride, intimately set in the comfort of an urban Native community center that is celebrating the inauguration of Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Interior on March 18, 2021.

Corrigan, Cassandra Jules and Moe Butterfly (Seneca). My Culture, My Gender, Me (305.3 COR). Gender identities beyond the binary are a worldwide phenomenon, including Indigenous Two Spirit people, the hijras of the Indian subcontinent, the mahu people of Hawaii, the female husbands of the Igbo tribe, and many more.

Craft, Aimée (Anishinaabe/Métis). Treaty Words: For As Long as the Rivers Flow (970.004 CRA). On the banks of the river, Mishomis teaches his granddaughter to listen—to hear both the sounds and the silences, and so to learn her place in Creation. Most importantly, he teaches her about treaties—the bonds of reciprocity and renewal that endure for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the rivers flow.

Dre, Charleyboy (Tsilhqot’in – Raven Clan). Urban Tribes: Native Americans in the City (305.897 URB). Dozens of young Native Americans who live in cities offer glimpses of their lives, dreams, work. Also by the authors: Dreaming in Indian: Contemporary Native Voices (970.1 DRE).
American schoolchildren have long been taught that their country was "discovered" by Christopher Columbus in 1492. But the history of Native Americans in the United States goes back tens of thousands of years prior to colonizers' arrivals. *Indigenous America* introduces and amplifies the oral and written histories that have long been left out of American history books.

Mendoza, Jean and Debbie Reese (Nambé Pueblo). *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States, For Young People* (970.004 MEN). Going beyond the story of America as a country "discovered" by a few brave men, the story is the roles that settler colonialism and policies of American Indian genocide played in forming our national identity.

Nelson, S.D. (Standing Rock Sioux). *Crazy Horse and Custer: Born Enemies* (978.004 NEL). Lakota chief Crazy Horse and Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer had long been enemies when they finally crossed paths for the last time in 1876, as the people of the Great Plains resisted the invasion of their homes. Witness reports and reflections by their peers accompany side-by-side storytelling, revealing different perspectives on the historical events during their intertwined lives. Also by S.D. Nelson: *Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsa Story* (970.3 HIB).

Newman, Carey (Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish). *The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art, and Reconciliation* (970.004 NEW). The Blanket is a living work of art—a collection of hundreds of objects from residential schools. It includes everything from bricks, graduation certificates, dolls and piano keys to braids of hair. Behind every piece is a story. And behind every story is a residential school Survivor.

Newman, Patricia and Natasha Donovan (Métis). *A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwha River Reborn* (639.9 NEW). There’s more to a river than meets the eye. The story of the Elwha River in Washington State is one of both environmental harm and restoration involving advocacy, persistence, cooperation, and hope.

Ortiz, Simon J. (Acoma Pueblo) *The Good Rainbow Road: Rawa 'kashiyaa'tsi hiyaani* (398.2 ORT). Two boys are sent by their people to visit the Shiawan, the spirits of rain and snow, and bring back rain to relieve a drought. Also by Simon J. Ortiz: *The People Shall Continue* (970.004 ORT).

Page, Andrea M. (Standing Rock Sioux). *Sioux Code Talkers of World War II* (940.548 PAG). The story of seven Sioux who joined the fight against Japan, using their native language as a secret code.


Robinson, Gary and Jesse T. Hummingbird (Cherokee). *Native American Twelve Days of Christmas* (970.1 ROB). The beloved traditional Christmas carol, adapted to reflect the richly varied cultures and traditions of twelve Native American cultural groups.

Sorell, Traci (Cherokee). *Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series* (796.357 SOR). The true story of John Meyers and Charles Bender who, in 1911, became the first two Native American pro baseball players to face off in a World Series. Also by Traci Sorell: *We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga* (970.3 CHE) and *We Are Still Here: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know* (970.1 SOR).

Tudor, Aslan (Lipan Apache). *Young Native Activist: Growing up in Native American Rights Movements* (970.3 LIP). Eleven-year-old Aslan describes his life as an activist for Native American rights. Also by Aslan Tudor: *Young Water Protectors: A Story about Standing Rock* (970.3 LAK).

Weisman, Kay and Roy Henry Vickers (Tsimshian, Haida and Heiltsuk). *If You Want to Visit a Sea Garden* (639.44 WEI). Sea gardens to encourage the growth of marine life have been created by First Peoples on the Northwest coast for more than three thousand years!

Yellowhorn, Eldon (Piikani Nation). *Sky Wolf’s Call: The Gift of Indigenous Knowledge* (970.004 YEL). Through the knowledge inherited from their Elders and ancestors, Indigenous Peoples throughout North America have observed, practiced, experimented, and interacted with plants, animals, the sky, and the waters over millennia. Also by Eldon Yellowhorn: *Turtle Island: The Story of North America’s First People* (970.01 YEL) and *What the Eagle Sees: Indigenous Stories of Rebellion and Renewal* (970.004 YEL).

McDonald, Liam (Kanien’k:eh:ka (Mohawk)) and Doug Kiel (Oneida). *Indigenous America* (973.1 MCD). The story of seven Sioux who joined the fight against Japan, using their native language as a secret code.


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