

# Native American Creators

## Fiction, Nonfiction, Graphic Novels, & Biographies

### Fiction & Graphic Novels

**Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids.** Families from Nations across the continent gather at the Dance for Mother Earth Powwow in connected short stories.

Arihohoni, David (Haudenosaunee Kanienkehaka). **Who Will Win?** (Easy Readers series, Level 1). Turtle has a plan to win a race against bear!

Bird, James (Ojibwe). **Wolf Club.** Three middle schoolers ditch detention to search for an elusive white wolf who may have magical powers.

Bowen Cohen, Emily (Muscogee Nation). **Two Tribes** (Graphic Novel). Mia is still getting used to living with her mom and stepfather and finds herself thinking more and more about her Muscogee father.

Day, Christine (Upper Skagit). **We Still Belong.** Wesley's hopeful plans for Indigenous Peoples' Day go all wrong, until she finds herself surrounded by the love of her Indigenous family.

Dufour Bowes, Arnolda (Métis). **Maggie Lou, Firefox.** Maggie Lou's always finding ways to make life more interesting and getting into big trouble.

Duncan, Violet (Cree/Taino). **Buffalo Dreamer.** When Summer visits her family on a reservation, she has vivid dreams of running away from a residential school like the one her grandfather attended.

Edgmon, H.E. (Seminole). **Defanged.** When a cure for vampirism becomes mandatory, kid vampire Lux must decide whether to submit to the treatment or fight for the right to be himself.

Florence, Melanie (Cree). **Lo Simpson Starts a Revolution.** Lo's best friend, Jazz, is leaving her behind for the popular crowd. But when Lo finds new friends who share her love of comics and Doctor Who, she also discovers her voice—and the confidence to speak up for what's right.

Hobson, Brandon (Cherokee Nation Tribe of Oklahoma). **The Storyteller.** Ziggy's mother disappeared ten years ago. Could a secret cave hold the key to finding her?

Hopson, Nasugraq Rainey (Inupiaq). **Eagle Drums.** A vivid retelling of the first Messenger Feast and origin myth of how the eagle gods bestowed the Iñupiat with the gifts of music, song, dance and more.

Johnson, Anna Rose (Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa). **The Blossoming Summer.** When thirteen-year-old Rosemary is evacuated from WWII London to her grandmother's home in America, she uncovers a hidden family truth—that they are Anishinaabe—leading her to embrace her heritage, forge new bonds, and find beauty in unexpected places.

Judd, Steven Paul (Kiowa and Choctaw). **The Rez Detectives** (Graphic Novel). Tasemo just wants to chill, but that's not an option when it's a scorching day and the Ice Cream Man is a no-show!

King, Thomas (Cherokee). **Borders** (Graphic Novel). The story of a boy and his mother whose road trip is thwarted at the U.S./Canada border when they state their citizenship as Blackfoot.

LaPensée, Elizabeth (Anishinaabe and Métis). **Rabbit Chase** (Graphic Novel). During a class trip, Aimée is transported to an alternate dimension populated by traditional Anishinaabe figures.

Laronde, Sandra (Teme-Augama Anishinaab). **She Holds Up the Stars.** Misko doesn't want to leave the city for the rez, but maybe there she can understand her mother's disappearance.

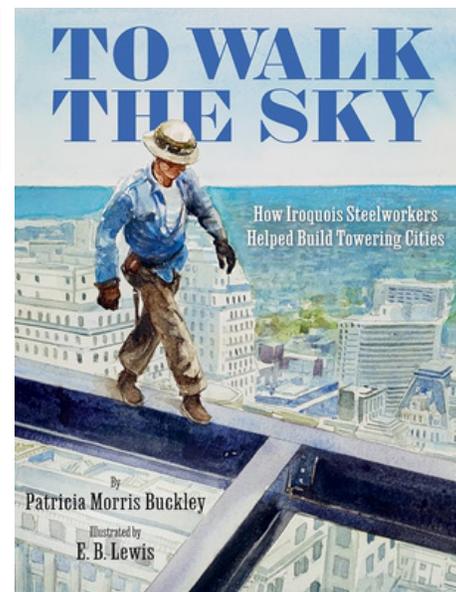
Magoon, Kekla and Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Nation). **Blue Stars: the Vice Principal Problem** (Graphic Novel). When cousins Riley and Maya move in with their grandma, things aren't smooth. Outgoing Riley misses her Muscogee cousins and introvert Maya misses her parents.

Mukwa, Cameron (Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa). **The Ribbon Skirt** (Graphic Novel). Anang wants to make a ribbon skirt, clothing typically worn by women in the Anishinaabe tradition, but they are two-spirit and nonbinary and don't know what others will think.

Quigley, Dawn (Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe). **Red Bird Danced.** Neighbors Ariel, a dancer, and Tomah, a storyteller, have their own struggles, but find strength in their shared community.

Reno, Ginger (Cherokee Nation). **Find Her.** Wren, who's Cherokee and white, has exceptional tracking skills and though her mom vanished over five years ago, Wren is determined to find her.

Robertson, David (Norway House Cree Nation). **The Kodiaks: Home Ice Advantage.** Alex is a natural on the ice, but can he stand proud when he's judged for who he is and where he comes from?



Smith, Cynthia Leitich (Muscogee Nation). **On a Wing and a Tear.** Mel and Ray may be from different Indigenous Nations, but they become like siblings when their families move in together.

Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk (Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sicangu Lakota). **Summer of the Bone Horses.** With his grandparents for the summer, Eddie quickly adjusts to life on the reservation, embracing new experiences and bonding with his family.

Spencer, Kim (Ts'ymysen). **Weird Rules to Follow.** It's 1985, and Mia lives in a small coastal town. Her best friend Lara lives on the same street, but the girls sometimes have very different everyday experiences due to racism and microaggressions.

Stark, Andrew (Ojibwa). **Liam and the Forest Friends** (Early Readers series, Level 2). Sometimes Liam, an Ojibwa boy, retreats to his room and escapes into his imagination with animals he has drawn.

Starr, Arigon (Kickapoo). **Super Indian Vol. 3** (Graphic Novels). A kid fighting evil with strength, smarts, and humor!

Waters, Charles and Traci Sorell (Cherokee). **Mascot.** Six eighth graders 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 Novel). Loup Garrou, trickster rabbits, and spirits with names that can't be spoken—North America is alive with characters like these. It's folklore retold in comics!

Young, Brian (Diné). **Healer of the Water Monster** (series). When Nathan goes to visit his grandma on the reservation, he finds someone extraordinary: a Holy Being from the Navajo Creation Story, a Water Monster in need of help.

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### Biographies

*The Water Lady: How Darlene ARVISO Helps a Thirsty Navajo Nation.*

*Sharice's Big Voice: A Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman* (DAVIDS).

*Ella Cara DELORIA: Dakota Language Protector.*

*Peggy FLANAGAN: Ogimaa Kwe, Lieutenant Governor.*

*Cuthbert GRANT: Leader of the Métis People.*

*Deb HAALAND: First Native American Cabinet Secretary.*

*A Man Called Horse: John HORSE and the Black Seminole Underground Railroad.*

*She Persisted: Wilma MANKILLER.*

*Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria MARTINEZ.*

*Wings of an Eagle: The Gold Medal Dreams of Billy MILLS.*

*Chester NEZ and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story.*

*Autumn PELTIER, Water Warrior.*

*RED CLOUD: A Lakota Story of War and Surrender.*

*One Real American: The Life of Ely S. PARKER, Seneca Sachem and Civil War General.*

*The Heartbeat Drum: The Story of Carol POWDER, Cree Drummer and Activist.*

*Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda ROSS, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer.*

*SITTING BULL: Lakota Warrior and Defender of His People.*

*SPOTTED TAIL.*

*She Persisted: Maria TALLCHIEF.*

*Unstoppable: How Jim THORPE and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team Defeated Army.*

*Finding My Dance* (Ria THUNDERCLOUD).

*I am Osage: How Clarence TINKER Became the First Native American General.*

*TOYPURINA: Japchivit Leader, Medicine Woman, Tongva Rebel.*

### Nonfiction

Begay-Kroupa, Jolyana (Diné/Navajo). *Becoming Miss Navajo* (970.3 NAV). Also available in World Languages: Diné.

Benedict, Megan and Roy Henry Vickers (Tsimshian, Haida and Heiltsuk). *Sea Wolves: Keepers of the Rain Forest* (599.773 BEN).

Buckley, Patricia Morris (Mohawk Nation). *To Walk the Sky: How Iroquois Steelworkers Helped Build Towering Cities* (624 BUC).

Bunten, Alexis (Aleut/Yup'ik). *What Your Ribbon Skirt Means to Me: Deb Haaland's Historic Inauguration* (305.897 BUN).

Burbank, Danielle C. (Diné/Navajo). *Navajo Code Talkers* (940.548 BUR).

Corrigan, Cassandra Jules and Moe Butterfly (Seneca). *My Culture, My Gender, Me* (305.3 COR).

Craft, Aimée (Anishinaabe/Métis). *Treaty Words: For as Long as the Rivers Flow* (970.004 CRA).

Cutright, Patricia J. (Cheyenne River Sioux). *Native Women Changing Their Worlds* (305.48 CUT).

DeGroat, Cayla Bellanger (White Earth Band of Ojibwe). *Native Rights* (series, multiple locations).

Dupuis, Jenny Kay (Nipissing First Nation). *I am Not a Number = Gaawin gindaawin ndaawsii* (971.004 DUP). Also available in World Languages: Ojibwe.

Gyetxw, Hetxw'ms (Brett D. Huson, Gitksan Nation). *Mothers of Xsan* (series, multiple locations).

Havrelock, Deidre (Saddle Lake Cree Nation). *Indigenous Ingenuity: A Celebration of Traditional North American Knowledge* (970.004 HAV).

Herrington, John (Chicksaw). *Mission to Space* (629.41 HER).

Honyouti, Mavasta (Hopi). *Coming home: A Hopi Resistance Story = Tutuqaykingaqw nima: hopisino pahan tutqayiwuy ep yorhomti* (371.829 HON).

Hummingbird, Nicholas (Cahuilla / Apache). *Can You Hear the Plants Speak?* (580 HUM).

Jones, Dan SaSuWeh (Ponca). *Stealing Little Moon: The Legacy of the American Indian Boarding Schools* (371.829 JON).

Locke, Kevin (Hunkpapa Lakota / Anishinaabe). *The Seventh Direction: A Legend of Creation* (299.7 LOC).

McDonald, Liam (Kanien'keh:ka (Mohawk)). *Indigenous America* (973.1 MCD).

Mendoza, Jean and Debbie Reese (Nambé Pueblo). *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States, For Young People* (970.004 MEN).

Nelson, S.D. (Standing Rock Sioux). *Crazy Horse and Custer: Born Enemies* (978.004 NEL).

Newman, Carey (Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish). *The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation* (970.004 NEW).

Newman, Patricia and Natasha Donovan (Métis). *A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwha River Reborn* (639.9 NEW).

*One Land, Many Nations* (970.004 ONE).

Ortiz, Simon J. (Acoma Pueblo) *The People Shall Continue* (970.004 ORT).

Page, Andrea M. (Standing Rock Sioux). *Sioux Code Talkers of World War II* (940.548 PAG).

Posey, Alexander (Muscogee). *Autumn* (811 POS).

Redhead Champagne, Michael (Shamattawa First Nation). *We Need Everyone* (155.22 RED).

Robinson, G. and Jesse T. Hummingbird (Cherokee). *Native American Twelve Days of Christmas* (970.1 ROB).

Sorell, Traci (Cherokee). *Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series* (796.357 SOR).

Tudor, Aslan (Lipan Apache). *Young Native Activist: Growing up in Native American Rights Movements* (970.3 LIP).

Vukelich Kaagegaabaw, James (Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe). *Wisdom Weavers: Explore the Ojibwe Language and the Meaning of Dream Catchers* (497.333 VUK).

Whitecrow, Darcy (Seine River First Nation Ojibwe). *Across the Ice: How We Saved the Ojibwe Horse* (591.68 WHI).

Widener, Leslie Stall (Choctaw Nation). *Kindred Spirits = Shilombish ittibachvffa* (970.004 WID).

Yellowhorn, Eldon (Piikani Nation). *Sky Wolf's Call: The Gift of Indigenous Knowledge* (970.004 YEL).