

# Native American Creators

## Picture Books

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Aglukark, Susan (Inuk). *Una Huna: What Is This?* (Historical Fiction).

Alvitre, Cindi (Gabrielino-Tongva). *Waa'aka: The Bird Who Fell in Love With the Sun.*

Alvitre, Weshoyot (Tongva). *Brave.*

Barrett, Elizabeth S. and Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Band of Ojibwe). *Mashkiki Road: The Seven Grandfather Teachings.*

Borgford, Kelsey (Nbisiing Nishnaabe from Nipissing First Nation). *What's in a Bead?* Also available in World Languages: Cree.

Buchholtz, Julie (Bay Mills Tribe of Chippewa). *Who am I?*

Campbell, Nicola (Interior Salish/Métis). *Stand Like a Cedar.*

Child, Brenda J. (Red Lake Ojibwe). *Bowwow Powwow / Bagosenjigeniimi'idim.* Also available in World Languages: Ojibwe.

Cooper, Nancy (Chippewas of Rama First Nation). *Biindigen!: Amik Says Welcome.*

Coulson, Art (Cherokee). *All the Stars in the Sky.*

Cribbins, AR (Pomo). *Dance Fast.*

Curtice, Kaitlin B. (Potawatomi Nation). *Spring's Miracles* (series).

De Sève, Randall and Kate Gardiner (Chaubunagungamaug Band of Nipmuck). *Sometimes We Fall.*

DeShaw, Nicholas (Bois Forte Ojibwe). *Loaf the Cat Goes to the Pow Wow.*

Drouillard, Staci Lola (Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe). *A Family Tree.*

Dumas, William (Cree). *The Gift of the Little People.*

Dupuis, Jenny Kay (Nipissing First Nation). *Heart Berry Bling.*

Erdrich, Louise (Turtle Mountain Chippewa). *Grandmother's Pigeon.*

Fairbanks, Ashley (Anishnaabe). *This Land: The History of the Land We're On.*

Flett, Julie (Cree-Métis). *My Friend May.*

Florence, Melanie (Cree). *Benjamin Grows a Garden* (series).

Fritz, Andrea (Coast Salish from Lyackson First Nation). *Crow Helps a Friend* (series).

Goade, Michaela (Tlingit Nation). *Moon Song.*

González, Xelena (Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan). *Of the Sun: A Poem for the Land's First Peoples.*

Goodluck, Laurel (Mandan & Hidatsa / Tsimshian). *Fierce Aunties!*

Gray Smith, Monique (Cree and Lakota). *Circle of Love.*

Greenlaw, Suzanne (Maliseet). *The First Blade of Sweetgrass.*

Harjo, Joy (Mvskoke Nation). *For a Girl Becoming.*

Havrelock, Deidre (Saddle Lake Cree). *Why We Dance: A Story of Hope and Healing.*

Hilderman, Tasha (Métis). *Lights at Night.*

Hope, Lily (Tlingit). *Celebration.*

Hulse, Patrick and Madelyn Goodnight (Chickasaw Nation). *At Our Table.*

Hunt, Dallas (Wapiseewsi / Swan River First Nation). *Awâsis and the World-Famous Bannock.*

Ikuutaq Rumbolt, Paula (Inuit). *The Origin of Day and Night.*

Jameson, Catherine (Okanagan). *Zoe and the Fawn.*

Kalluk, Celina (Inuit). *Sweetest Kulu* (Toddlers).

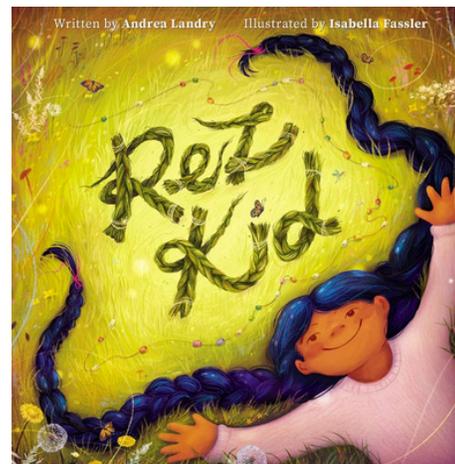
Kinew, Wab (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation). *Go Show the World.*

King, Thomas (Cherokee). *The Green Baby Swing.*

Kusugak, Michael (Inuit). *The Most Amazing Bird.*

Lajimodiere, Denise (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa). *Josie Dances.*

Lamb-Cason, Wunneanatsu (Schaghticoke / HoChunk). *Grandmother Moon.*



Lamouche, Sandra (Bigstone Cree Nation). *We Belong to the Drum.* Also available in World Languages: Cree.

Landry, Andrea (Anishinaabe). *Rez Kid.*

Landry, Barbara and Martha Kyak (Inuit). *Nattiq and the Land of Statues: A Story From the Arctic.*

Lindstrom, Carole (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa). *The Gift of the Great Buffalo.*

Luby, Brittany (Anishinaabe-kwe). *When the Stars Came Home.*

Maillard, Kevin Noble (Seminole Nation, Mekuskey Band). *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story.*

Minnema, Cheryl (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe). *Johnny's Pheasant.*

Nelson, S.D. (Standing Rock Sioux). *Grandma's Tipi: A Present-Day Lakota Story.*

O'Watch, Heather (Okanese First Nation). *Auntie's Rez Surprise / Okāwisimāw omēkiwin askīhkānihk ohci.* Also available in World Languages: Cree.

Pawis-Steckley, Joshua Mangeshig (Ojibwe). *The Trickster Shadow.*

Peacock, Thomas (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa). *The Dancers.*

Poll, Willie (Métis Nation of Ontario). *Our Ancestor's Kitchen.*

Prince, Gabrielle (Likh Tsa Mis Yu (Beaver) Clan of Lake Babine Nation). *Be a Good Ancestor.*

Qilavaq-Savard, Ashley (Inuk). *I am a Rock.*

Qitsualik-Tinsley, Rachel (Inuit). *Tanna's Owl.*

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Rendon, Marcie R. (White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe). *Stitches of Tradition: Gashkigwaaso Tradition*.

Robertson, David (Norway House Cree Nation). *Little Shoes*.

Robertson, Joanne (Anishinaabe). *Nibi is water = Nibi aawon nbiish* (Board Book). Also available in World Languages: Ojibwe.

Rogers, Andrea L. (Cherokee Nation). *Chooch Helped*.

Rogers, Kim (Wichita). *A Letter for Bob*.

Sainte-Marie, Buffy (Cree) and Julie Flett (Cree-Métis). *Still This Love Goes On*.

Sammurtok, Nadia (Inuit). *To My Panik: To My Daughter*.

Simpson, Tonya (Pasqua First Nation). *This Land is a Lullaby*.

Smith, Cynthia Leitich (Muscogee Creek). *Firefly Season*.

Sorell, Traci (Cherokee). *Fall = uligohvsdi* (Board Book series).

Spillett, Tasha (Cree). *Raven's Ribbons*.

Tagaq (Inuk). *I Would Give You My Tail*.

Tahe, Rose Ann (Diné). *First Laugh: Welcome, Baby!*

Tenasco, Sunshine (Anishinaabe). *Nibi's Water Song*.

Thomas, Rebecca (Mi'kmaq). *Swift Fox All Along*.

Troian, Martha (Lac Seul First Nation / Wabauskang First Nation). *It's Powwow Time!*

Van Camp, Richard (Tlicho Nation). *May We Have Enough to Share* (Board Book).

Vandever, Daniel W. (Diné). *We Weave*.

Vermette, Katherena (Métis). *The Girl and the Wolf*.

Vickers, Roy Henry (Tsimshian, Haida and Heiltsuk). *A is for Anemone: A First West Coast Alphabet* (Board Book).

Waboose, Jan Bourdeau (Anishinaabe). *The Hawk Shadow*.

Whitecrow, Darcy (Seine River First Nation Ojibwe). *Runs With the Stars = Wijibibimatoon-anangoonan*. Also available in World Languages: Ojibwe.

Wurth, Erika T. (Apache / Chickasaw / Cherokee). *When Naiche Visits the Stars*.

### Holiday Books

Greendeer, Danielle (Mashpee Wampanoag). *Keepunumuk: Wee'achumun's Thanksgiving Story*.

Kinew, Wab (Ojibways of Onigaming First Nation). *An Anishinaabe Christmas*.

Robinson, Gary and Jesse T. Hummingbird (Cherokee). *Native American Night Before Christmas*.

Wildman, Terry (Ojibwe and Yaqui). *Birth of the Chosen One: A First Nations Retelling of the Christmas Story*.

### World Languages Books

Blackfoot / Siksika  
Heavy Shield, Hali (Blood Tribe of Southern Alberta). *Naaahsa aisinaki! = Naaahsa is an artist!*

Cherokee  
Hamby, Virginia (Cherokee Nation). *How Totsuwa Became Cherokee*.

Cree  
Gauthier, Clayton (Cree/Dakelh). *The Bear's Medicine = Sus yoo*.

Highway, Tomson (Cree). *Dragonfly Kites*.

Nicholson, Caitlin Dale and Leona Morin-Neilson (Cree). *Ninitoh'th'n / We Listen*.

Inuktitut  
Sammurtok, Nadia (Inuit). *Kisunik Ataata aaqkiksijunnaqpa? = What Can Ataata Fix?*

Teevee, Ningeokuluk (Inuit). *Aliguq / Alego*.

Vuriisan, Arnakuluk (Inuit). *Kisimi taimaippaktut angirrarjarani / Only in My Hometown*.

Micmac  
Callaghan, Jodie (Listuguj First Nation). *Ga's*.

Syliboy, Alan (Mi'kmaq). *Kaqtukowa'tekete'w / Thundermaker*.

Ojibwe  
Armstrong, Juliana (Ojibwe). *This Is What I've Been Told = Mii yi gaa-bi-wiindmaagooyang* (971.3 ARM).

Luby, Brittany (Anishinaabe-kwe). *Mnoomin Maan'Gowing / The Gift of Mnoomin*.

*Nishiimeyinaanig*. (Multiple Anishinaabe authors).



### American Indian Youth Literature Award

Awarded biennially since 2006, the AIYLA identifies and honors the very best writing and illustrations by Native Americans and Indigenous peoples of North America. Books selected to receive the award present Indigenous North American peoples in the fullness of their humanity.

#### 2024 Winners

Middle School: *We Still Belong* by Christine Day (Upper Skagit).

Picture Books: *Forever Cousins* by Laurel Goodluck (Mandan & Hidatsa and Tsimshian) and *A Letter for Bob* by Kim Rogers (Wichita & Affiliated Tribes). Both titles illustrated by Jonathan Nelson (Navajo/Diné).

#### 2022 Winners

Middle School: *Healer of the Water Monster* by Brian Young (Diné).

Picture Book: *Herizon* by Daniel W. Vandever (Diné). Illustrated by Corey Begay (Diné).

#### 2020 Winners

Middle School: *Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis (Umpqua/Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde) with Traci Sorell (Cherokee).

Picture Book: *Bowwow Powwow: Bagosenjige-niimi'idim* By Brenda J. Child (Red Lake Ojibwe). Translated into Ojibwe by Gordon Jourdain (Lac La Croix First Nation). Illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Ojibwe).

#### 2018 Winners

Middle School: *Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers, Volume 1*. Featuring the work of Theo Tso (Las Vegas Paiute), Jonathan Nelson (Diné), Kristina Bad Hand (Sičhángǔ Lakota/Cherokee), Roy Boney Jr. (Cherokee), Lee Francis IV (Laguna Pueblo), Johnnie Diacon (Mvskoke/Creek), Weshoyot Alvitre (Tongva), Renee Nejo (Mesa Grand Band of Mission Indians), and Michael Sheyahshe (Caddo).

Picture Book: *Shanyaak'utlaax: Salmon Boy*. Edited by Tlingit speakers Johnny Marks, Hans Chester, David Katzeek, and Nora Dauenhauer and Tlingit linguist Richard Dauenhauer.