

Native American Creators

Picture Books

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Alvitre, Weshoyot (Tongva). *Brave.*

Borgford, Kelsey (Nbisiing Nishnaabe from Nipissing First Nation). *What's in a Bead?*

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 (Chaubunagun-gamaug 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.*

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.*

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

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

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

Goodluck, Laurel (Mandan & Hidatsa and Tsimshian). *Stories are the Heart of the World.*

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

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.*

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

Iceberg, Karina (Aleut (Unangax^) and Alutiiq (Sugpiaq) Nations). *Free to Fly.*

Kimmerer, Robin Wall (Potawatomi). *Bud Finds Her Gift.*

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

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

Legault Taylor, Tyna (Attawapiskat First Nation). *Dad, Is It Time to Gather Mint?: Celebrating the Seasons.*



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

márta, astra (Anishinaabe). *Chi miigwech = Big Thank You.*

McIlwraith, Naomi L. (Métis). *The Great Gathering Place.*

Moudahi, Jenn (Métis). *Charlotte's New Moccasins.*

Nelson, S.D. (Standing Rock Sioux). *The Animals Speak: The Lakota Way = Wamákashkan'iyá: Lakhól Wichóh'an Kín.*

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

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

Prince, Leona (Dakelh, Lhts'umusyoo (Beaver) Clan of Lake Babine Nation). *Remember Who You Are.*

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Quigley, Dawn (Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe). *Aaniin, I See Your Light*.

Rendon, Marcie R. (White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe). *Napesni Renegade: A Bison's Journey*.

Robertson, David (Norway House Cree Nation). *When I'm a Moshom*.

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

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

Smith, Cynthia Leitich (Muscogee Creek). *Here Come the Grandmas!*

Sorell, Traci (Cherokee). *Indigenous from A to Z*.

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

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

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

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

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

Westbrook, Pasha (Chickasaw and Choctaw Freedmen Descendant). *Braided Roots*.

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*.

Nicholson, Caitlin Dale and Leona Morin-Neilson (Cree). *Ninitohtñn / We Listen*.

Inuktitut

Friesen, Angnakuluk (Inuit). *Kisimi taimaippaktut angirrarijarani / Only in My Hometown*.

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

Micmac

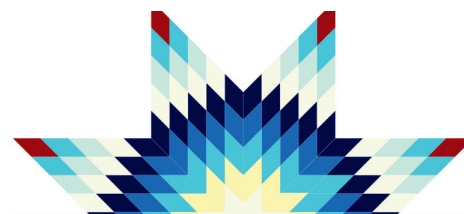
Callaghan, Jodie (Listuguj First Nation). *Ga's*.

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 (Anishinaabekwe). *Mnoomin Maan'Gowing / The Gift of Mnoomin*.



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2026 Winners

Middle School: *Buffalo Dreamer* by Violet Duncan (Plains Cree and Taino from Kehewin Cree Nation).

Picture Book: *Chooch Helped* Andrea L. Rogers (Cherokee Nation). Illustrated by Rebecca Lee Kunz (Cherokee Nation).

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).