

These titles were shared by Karen Kitchen during her Native Story Hour program with Multnomah County Library (2020–present). Many of the books highlight contemporary Native characters and themes while also weaving in cultural traditions and perspectives. Each story offers opportunities to spark meaningful conversations, inspire curiosity, and support learning across multiple subjects—making them wonderful for families, classrooms, and community programs alike.

Native American Heritage Month

Rock Your Mocs • Indigenous Peoples Day

- **Bowwow Powwow** — Brenda Child (Red Lake Band of Chippewa)
- **It's Powwow Time** — Martha Troian (Lac Seul First Nation / Obishikokaang)
- **Finding My Dance** — *Ria Thundercloud*
- **Frybread: A Native American Family Story** - Kevin Noble Maillard (Seminole)
- **Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message** - Chief Jake Swamp (Mohawk)
- **Jingle Dress** — Cynthia L. Smith (Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma)
- **Josie Dances** — Denise Lajimodiere (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians)
- **Keepunumuk Weeachumun's Thanksgiving Story** - D. Greendeer, A. Perry & A. Bunten; illustrated by G. Meeches Sr.
- **Powwow Day** — Traci Sorrell (Cherokee)
- **The Moccasins** — Earl Einarson (Ktunaxa First Nation)
- **This Land...** — Ashley Fairbanks (Anishinaabe) & Bridget George (Anishinaabe)
- **We Are Grateful** — Traci Sorrell (Cherokee)
- **We Are Still Here** — Traci Sorrell (Cherokee)
- **Where Did You Get Your Moccasins?** - Bernelda Wheeler (Muscowpetung First Nation)
- **Why We Dance: A Story of Hope & Healing** — Deidre Havrelock (Saddle Lake Cree Nation)

Poetry

- **This Land is A Lullaby** - Tonya Simpson (Cree Ancestry); illustrated by Delree Dumont (Onion Lake Cree Nation, Saskatchewan)
- **Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox** - Danielle Daniel (Anishnaabe)
- **Sometimes I Feel Like an Oak** - Danielle Daniel (Anishnaabe)
- **Sometimes I Feel Like a River** - Danielle Daniel (Anishnaabe)

Building Respectful Community & Encouraging Kindness

- **Awasis & the World-Famous Bannock** – Dallas Hunt --Wapiseewsiipi (Swan River First Nation)
- **Bird Song** - Julie Flett (Cree-Metis)
- **Coyote Christmas** - S.D. Nelson (Standing Rock Sioux)
- **Don't Touch That Flower** - Alice Hemming, Illustrations by Nicole Slater
- **Hungry Johnny** - Cheryl Minnema (Ojibwe)
- **My Heart Fills with Happiness** - Julie Flett (Cree-Metis)
- **Nimoshom and his Bus** - Penny M. Thomas (Cree-Ojibwe)
- **Nobody Hugs a Cactus** - Carter Goodrich (non-Native)
- **Please Don't Step On Me** - Elly-Kree George (Cherokee)
- **The Christmas Coat** - Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (Sioux/Dakota/Lakota)
- **The Leaf Thief** – Alice Hemming, Illustrations by Nicola Slater
- **The Little People and the Water of Life** (Anishinaabeg story) - Ronda J. Snow, Illustrations by Eloy Bida
- **The Sharing Circle** - Theresa "Corky" Larsen-Jonasson (Cree/Metis)
- **The Snow Thief** - Alice Hemming, Illustrations by Nicola Slater
- **Walking Together** - Elder Albert D. Marshall (Moose Clan Mi'kmaq) & Louise Zimanyi
- **We All Play** - Julie Flett (Cree-Metis)
- **When We Are Kind** – Monique Gray Smith (English & Navajo) (Eng & French)
- **You Hold Me Up** - Monique Gray Smith (Cree/Lakota/Scottish)

Urban Community/ Rez Community

- **A Letter For Bob** – Kim Rogers (Wichita & Affiliated Tribes) & Jonathan Nelson (
- **Coyote Christmas** – S.D. Nelson (*Standing Rock Sioux*)
- **Forever Cousins** – Laurel Goodluck (*Mandan, Hidatsa, Tsimshian*)
- **Grandma's Tipi** – S.D. Nelson (*Standing Rock Sioux*)
- **Heart Berry Bling** – Jenny Kay Dupuis (*Ojibwe, Nipissing*)
- **Jingle Dress** – Cynthia L. Smith (*Choctaw*)
- **Kiki's Journey** – Kristy Orona-Ramirez (Taos-Pueblo, Rarámuri)
- **Native American Night Before Christmas** – Gary Robinson (Cherokee/Choctaw descent)
- **Native American Twelve Days of Christmas** – Gary Robinson
- **Ni, Elisi! Look Grandma** – Art Coulson (Cherokee) (*also a fun math resource!*)
- **Rez Dog** – Heather Brink (*Fond du Lac Anishinaabe*)
- **Swift Fox All Along** – Rebecca Thomas (*Mi'kmaw*)
- **The Butterfly Dance** – Gerald Dawavendewa (*Hopi*)
- **The Good Luck Cat** – Joy Harjo (*Muscogee Creek*)
- **Together We Drum, Our Hearts Beat as One** – Willie Poll; illustrations by Chief Lady Bird (*Anishnaabe*) "*Indigenous Resistance & Ancestral Connection*"
- **We Belong to the Drum** – Sandra Lamouche (*Bigstone Cree Nation*) & Azby Whitecalf (*Plains Cree*)
- **We Weave** – Daniel W. Vandever
- **What's the Most Beautiful Thing You Know About Horses** – Richard Van Camp (*Dogrib Nation*), illustrations by George Littlechild (*Plains Cree*)

Animal & Nature Stories

- **Echogee, the Little Blue Deer** – Acee Blue Eagle (*Muscogee Creek*)
- **Rabbit's Snow Dance** – Joseph Bruchac (*Nulhegan Abenaki Nation*)
- **Muskrat and Skunk: Sinkpe na Maka – A Lakota Drum Story** – Donald F. Montileaux (*Eng & Lakota*)
- **Pineshish: The Blue Jay** – Michel Noel (*Algonquian*)

Land/Place/Interconnectedness/Family/Community/Elders/Ancestors/Generational Knowledge/Seasonal Rounds/Cultural Traditions & Lifeways

- **A Day with Yayah** - Nicola I. Campbell, illustrations by Julie Flett
- **All Around Us** - Adriana Garcia (English & Spanish)
- **All My Relatives / Indinawemaaganidag** - by Storm Angecone (Lac Seul First Nation, Ojibwe)
- **And Still This Love Goes On** - Buffy St. Marie (Cree language)
- **Be a Good Ancestor** - Gabrielle Prince & Carla Joseph (Lake Babine Nation)
- **Berry Song** - Michaela Goade (Tlingit)
- **Celebrate My Hopi Corn** - Anita Poleahla; illustrations by Emmett Navakuku (Hopi text in Hopi & English)
- **Clam Digging With Grandma** - Hannah Gifford (Inuktitut)
- **Dad, Is It Time To Gather Mint? Celebrating the Seasons** - Tyna Legault Taylor (Attawapiskat First Nation, Northern Ontario)
- **Dear Dandelion Ami Osawpikones** - SJ Okemow (Nehiyaw, Eastern European)
- **Dragonfly Kites** - Tomson Highway, illustrations by Julie Flett
- **Encounter** - Brittney Luey (Anishinaabe descent)
- **Fierce Aunties** - Laurel Goodluck (Mandan/Hidatsa); illustrated by Steph Littlebird (Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde)
- **Greet the Dawn: The Lakota Way** - S.D. Nelson (Lakota)
- **Heart Berry Bling** - Jenny Kay Dupuis (Nipissing First Nation)
- **I Sang You Down From the Stars** - Tasha Spillet-Sumner (Cree)
- **Johnny's Pheasant** - Cheryl Minnema (Mille Lacs Band Ojibwe)
- **Just Like Grandma** - Kim Rogers (Wichita & Affiliated Tribes), illustrations by Julie Flett (Cree-Métis)
- **Mashkiki Road: The Seven Grandfather Teachings** - Elizabeth Barrett; illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Ojibwe)
- **Mnoomin maan'gowing / The Gift of Mnoomin** - Brittany Luby (Anishinaabe), illustrations by Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley; translations by Mary Ann Corbiere
- **Morning on the Lake** - Jan Waboose (Nishnawbe Ojibwe)
- **Muskrat Will Be Swimming** - Cheryl Savageau (Abenaki descent)
- **On the Trapline** - David A. Robertson (Swampy Cree)
- **Stand Like a Cedar** - Nicola Campbell & Carrielynn Victor (Nlë?kepmx and Syilx & Métis)
- **Summer's Magic** - Kaitlin B. Curtice (Potawatomi)
- **Sweetgrass** - Theresa Meuse (Bear River First Nation), illustrated by Jessica Jerome (Mi'kmaw First Nation)

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- **Takoza: Walks with the Blue Moon Girl** - Tara Perron (Dakota & Ojibwe)
- **The Gift of the Great Buffalo** - Carole Lindstrom (Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe)
- **The Range Eternal** - Louise Erdrich (Turtle Mountain Chippewa)
- **This Land: The History of the Land We're On** - Ashley Fairbanks (Anishinaabe), illustrations by Bridget George (Anishinaabe)
- **Walking Together** - Albert Marshall & Louise Zimanyi (Mi'kmaq & Anishinaabe)
- **Where the Shadblow Blooms** - Carla Messinger (Turtle Clan Lenape, Shawnee/Delaware)
- **Where Wonder Grows** - Adriana Garcia (Latina)
- **Wild Berries** - Julie Flett (Cree/Métis)
- **Winter's Gifts** - Kaitlin Curtice & Gloria Felix (Potawatomi)
- **Thunder's Hair** – Jessi Taken Alive-Rencountre (Standing Rock Sioux)

Loss and Grief

- **Bird Song** - Julie Flett (Cree-Metis)
- **Dancing with Our Ancestors** - Sara F. Davidson & Robert Davidson (Haida)
- **Star People** - S.D. Nelson (Standing Rock Sioux)
- **The Forever Sky** - Thomas Peacock (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe)
-  **Missing Nimama** - Melanie Florence, illustrations by Francois Thisdale
This book highlights the crisis of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women. Due to its deeply moving content, it has not been shared in my Native Story Hour.

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- **Coming Home: A Hopi Resistance Story** - Mavasta Honyouti (Hopi)
- **My Powerful Hair** - Carole Lindstrom (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians)
- **Shi-shi-etko** – Nicola I. Campbell (Interior Salish / Métis)
- **The Moccasins** – Earl Einerson (Ktunaxa First Nation)
- **The Train** – Jodie Callaghan (Mi'gmaq from Listuguj First Nation near Quebec)

Cross-Cultural/ Historical Non-fiction & Fiction

- **Crossing Bok Chitto** - Tim Tingle (Choctaw) (Choctaw/African American)
- **The Long March** - Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick & Gary White Deer (Choctaw/Irish/Ireland)

Leaders/Dreamers/Advocates/Accomplishments

- **Black Elk's Vision - A Lakota Story** - S.D. Nelson (Lakota)
- **Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code** - Joseph Bruchac
- **Classified** - Tracy Sorrell (Cherokee)
- **Finding My Dance** - Ria Thundercloud (Ho-Chunk)
- **Jim Thorpe's Bright Path** - Joseph Bruchac and S.D. Nelson (Lakota)
- **Mission to Space** - John Herrington (Chickasaw) Astronaut
- **Sacagawea- It's Her Story** - Randy L He-Dow Teton (Shoshone-Bannock/Cree)
- **Shaped by Her Hands Potter Maria Martinez** - Anna Harber Freeman & Barbara Gonzalez
- **Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina** - Maria Tallchief with Rosemary Wells
- **The Christmas Coat: Memories of a Sioux Childhood** - Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (Lakota)
- **The Mountain's Base** - Tracy Sorrell (Cherokee)
- **The Water Lady How Darlene Arviso Helps a Thirsty Navajo Nation** - Alice B. McGinty, illustrations by Shonto Begay
- **The Water Protectors** - Carole Lindstrom (Turtle Mt. Band Chippewa)
- **The Water Walkers** - Joanne Robertson (In English and Ojibwe)
- **We Are Still Here** - Traci Sorrell (Cherokee)
- **What Your Ribbon Skirt Means to Me** - Alexis Buntin (Aleut/Yup'ik)
- **Wings of An Eagle: The Gold Medal Dreams of Billy Mills** - Billy Mills (Oglala Sioux), Illustrations by SD Nelson (Standing Rock Sioux)

Trickster & Coyote Tales

- **Coyote in Love - The Story of Crater Lake** - Mindy Dwyer
- **How Coyote Stole the Summer** - Stephen Krensky (Non-Native, re-teller of Shoshone Bannock story)
- **Raven Gets Tricked** - Andrea Fritz (Coast Salish)

Dakota & Ojibwe Stories

- **Takoza Walks with the Blue Moon Girl** - Tara Peron (Dakota)
- **Storyteller Skye: Stories from my Ojibwe Grandfather** - Lindsey Christina King (Ojibwe)
- **Grasshopper Girl** - Theresa Peterson (Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota)

Cherokee & Anishinaabeg Stories

- **Grandmother Spider Brings the Sun: A Cherokee Story** - Geri Keams
- **The First Fire: A Cherokee Story** - Brad Wagnon (Cherokee)
- **The Little People and the Water of Life** - Ronda J. Snow, Illustrations by Eloy Bida (gift of maple syrup)

Lakota Stories

- **Gift Horse: A Lakota Story** - S.D. Nelson (Standing Rock Sioux)
- **The Cottonwood Sings** - Alfreda Beartrack Algeo (Kul Wicasa Oyate/ Lower Brule Sioux)
- **The Day the Earth Rose Up** - Alfreda Beartrack Algeo (Kul Wicasa Oyate/ Lower Brule Sioux)

Coast Salish & Salish Stories

- **Crow Helps a Friend** - Andrea Fritz (Coast Salish)
- **Otter Doesn't Know** - Andrea Fritz (Salish)