

Through Children's [iterature



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INDIGENOUS IDENTITIES THROUGH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

If you are an educator choosing to explore FNMI learning in your classroom, know that we are diverse. We are international diverse nations.

~ Joanne Robertson, author of The Water Walker

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PICTURE BOOKS

Being Home by Traci Sorell; illus. Michaela Goade
Chooch Helped by Andrea L. Rogers; illus. Rebecca Lee Kunz
Dad, I Miss You by Nadia Sammurtok illus. Simji Park
Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard; illus. Juana Martinez-Neal
My Heart Fills with Happiness by Monique Gray Smith; illus. Julie Flett
On the Trapline by David A. Robertson; illus. Julie Flett
Phoenix Gets Greater by Marty Wilson-Trudeau with Phoenix Wilson; illus. Megan Kyak-Monteith
Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox by Danielle Daniel (also: Sometimes I Feel Like River; Sometimes I Feel Like an Oak)
Stolen Words by Melanie Florence; illus. Gabrielle Grimard
Let's Go! by Julie Flett (also: We All Play)
We Are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom; illus. Michaela Goade
When I Was Eight by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton; illus. Gabrielle Grimard (also: Not My Girl)
When We Were Alone by David A. Robertson; illus. Julie Flett

FICTION

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal stories for kids by Cynthia Leitich Smith (editor) The Barren Grounds by David A. Robertson (Book One of 'The Misewa Saga') The Case of Windy Lake by Michael Hutchinson (Book One of the 'Mighty Muskrat Mystery Series') Find Her by Ginger Reno The Kodiaks: Home Ice Advantage by David A. Robertson The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline (YA) Reasons to Look at the Night Sky by Danielle Daniel (Verse novel) Red Bird Danced by Dawn Quigley (Verse novel) Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac Secret Path by Gord Downie & Jeff Lemire (Graphic story) / YA Weird Rules to Follow by Kim Spencer

NONFICTION

Fatty Legs by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton (sequel: A Stranger at Home) *Go Show the World* by Wab Kinew; illus. Joe Morse *Phyllis's Orange Shirt* by Phyllis Webstad; illus Brock Nicol (also: Every Child Matters) *Sharing Our Truths: Tapwe* by Eileen Beaver, Henry Beaver & Mindy Willett *Turtle Island: The Story of North America's First People* by Eldon Yellowhorn & Kathy Lowinger

ADULT / NONFICTION

Black Water: Family, Legacy, and Blood Memory by David A. Robertson (memoir) *Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations* by Richard Wagamese

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