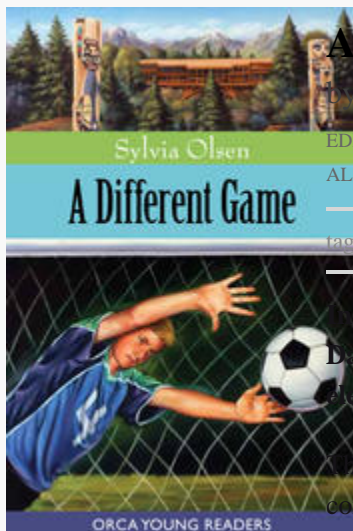


## Indigenous Childrens and YA Books From BC

Created by ABPBC on May 21, 2015

TAGGED: children's fiction, First Nations, BC, indigenous, DIV-0318

Books with subject matter relevant to Indigenous kids and teens or books for kids and teens by Indigenous authors.



### **A Different Game**

Sylvia Olsen

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

Tagged : soccer, diseases, illnesses & injuries, native canadian

**In this sequel to *Murphy and Mousetrap*, Murphy and his three friends, Danny, Jeff and Albert, are making the transition from the tribal elementary school to the community middle school.**

They are all trying out for the middle school's soccer team, and they're pretty confident that The Formidable Four will all make the team. But once the tryouts begin, Albert, the tribal-school superstar, plays like a second-stringer. Murphy's new friend, Molly, is determined to help the boys find out what's wrong ...

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## The Little Hummingbird

by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, afterword by Wangari Maathai

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : environment, native american

**From internationally renowned Haida artist Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas comes an inspiring picture book for kids 5-8 about a courageous hummingbird who defies fear and expectations to save her forest home.**

The great forest is on fire, and the terrified animals are fleeing for their lives. But not the little hummingbird. While the others watch, the brave little bird flies to the stream and back, over and over, each time carrying a single drop of water to put on the fire.

**Based on a South American Ind ...**

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## The Littlest Sled Dog

by Michael Kusugak, illustrated by Vlado Krykorka

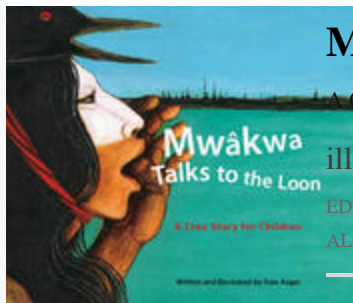
EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback Audiobook eBook

tagged : dogs, native canadian, self-esteem & self-reliance

Igvillu is a little dog with big dreams. One of her favorite dreams is of becoming a sled dog. When Igvillu is adopted from her kennel by an Inuit storyteller and moves to northern Canada, she comes face-to-face with real sled dogs. Igvillu loves living in the North, chasing siksiks and dreaming about her future. She's a dog who believes anything is possible!

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## Mwákwa Talks to the Loon

A Cree Story for Children

illustrated by Dale Auger

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : native canadian

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Winner of the Aboriginal Children's Book of the Year Award, 2006 Anskohk Aboriginal Literature Festival and Book Awards

Kayâs is a young Cree man who is blessed with a Gift that makes him a talented hunter. He knows the ways of the Beings he hunts and can even talk with them in their own languages. But when he becomes proud and takes his abilities for granted, he loses his gift, and the People grow hungry.

With the help of the Elders and the Beings that inhabit the water, Kayâs learns that in ...

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# Orphan Ahwak

by Raquel Rivera

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : orphans & foster homes, native canadian, survival stories

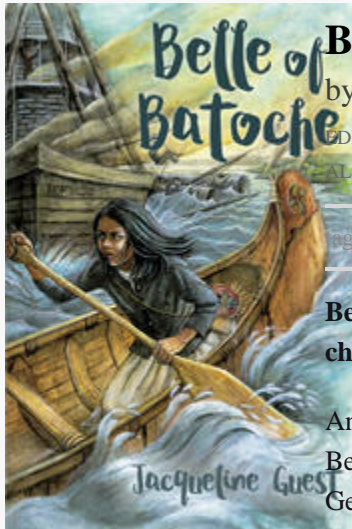
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**Aneze, a young Inuit girl, is left for dead after her village is ripped apart by a wife-raid; her father and brother are killed and her mother is kidnapped.**

Aneze is the only survivor. She renames herself Orphan Ahwak as she struggles to survive on her own, first in the forest and then in a remote world of tundra and sea-ice. She endures cold and hunger and befriends people whose customs are completely foreign to her. Through it all she remains determined to become a hunter and to find a place in ...

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# Belle of Batoche

by Jacqueline Guest

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : post-confederation (1867-), non-classifiable

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**Belle, an 11-year-old Metis girl, and Sarah both want the coveted job of church bell ringer.**

An embroidery contest is held to award the position, and Sarah cheats. Before Belle can expose her, the two are caught up in the advancing forces of General Middleton and his troops as they surround Batoche in the 1885 Riel Rebellion. The church bell disappeared that day and remains missing to this day.

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## Secret of the Dance

By Andrea Spalding & Alfred Scow, illustrated by Darlene Gait

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback Audiobook eBook

tagged : native canadian, dance

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## Secret Signs

By Jacqueline Guest

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : post-confederation (1867-), runaways, homelessness & poverty

The Depression has ruined Henry Dafoe's life: his father has left the family farm to look for work, his mother is sick and now she's decided to send Henry to Nova Scotia to work on his uncle's fishboat. But Henry has other ideas. He runs away from home to join his father, which proves more difficult than he imagined. Alone and scared in a strange city, he befriends an old hobo named Clickety Clack, who agrees to take him to find his father. As they make their way across the country, Clickety Cla ...

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# Welcome Song for Baby

A lullaby for newborns

by Richard Van Camp

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : new baby, nursery rhymes, parents

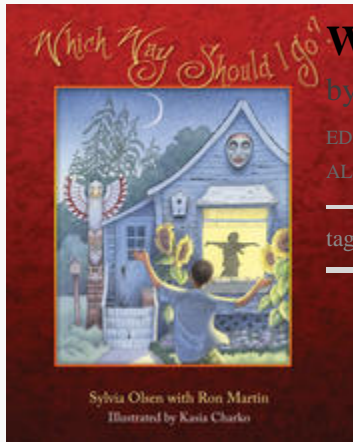
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**From renowned First Nations storyteller Richard Van Camp comes a lyrical lullaby for newborns.**

Complemented with stunning photographs, this evocative board book is perfectly suited as a first book for every baby.

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# Which Way Should I Go?

by Sylvia Olsen, illustrated by Kasia Charko

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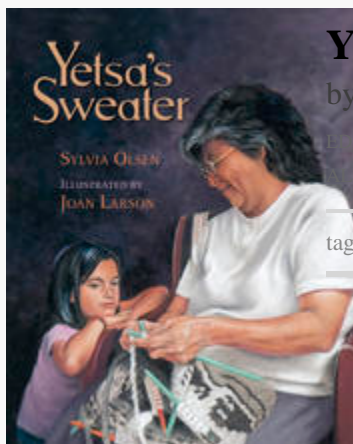
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# Yetsa's Sweater

by Sylvia Olsen, illustrated by Joan Larsen

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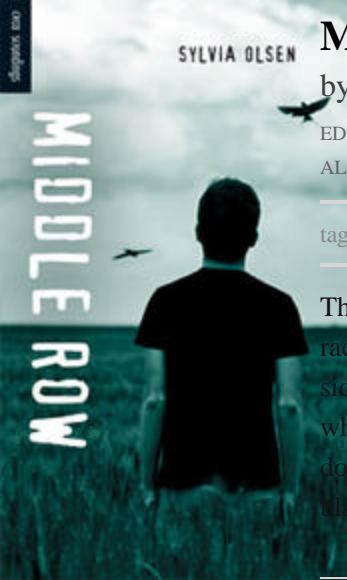
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## Middle Row

by Sylvia Olsen

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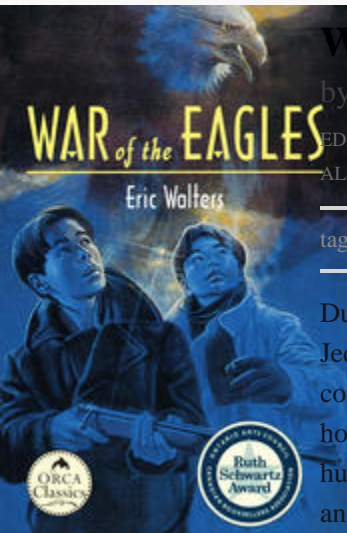
tagged : prejudice & racism, aboriginal & indigenous, mysteries & detective stories

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Things have changed since Raedawn and Vince started going out and the racial boundaries in town have slipped a bit. But when Dune, who never took sides, disappears, Raedawn is determined to find out where he has gone—or what happened to him. Fighting against ignorance and hate, they track Dune down and find he is in more trouble than they thought and that nothing is black and white.

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## War of the Eagles

by Eric Walters

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : military & wars, friendship, prejudice & racism

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During WWII, Jed's English father serves as a fighter pilot overseas, while Jed and his mother move back to her Tsimshian community on Canada's west coast. When the military sets up a naval base in town, Jed is hired to help out, honored it seems, for both his father's bravery and his own native skills as a hunter. Presented with a military jacket, Jed finds an allegiance to his country and a pride in his mixed heritage that he's never felt before.

But one day Jed's world is shattered. His be ...

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## Catching Spring

by Sylvia Olsen

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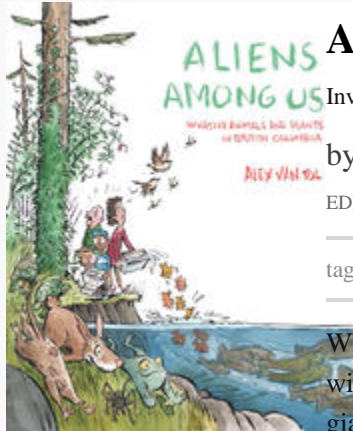
tagged : native canadian, camping & outdoor activities, post-confederation (1867-)

**The year is 1957, and Bobby lives on the Tsartlip First Nation reserve on Vancouver Island where his family has lived for generations and generations.**

Bobby loves his weekend job at the nearby marina. He loves to play marbles with his friends. And he loves being able to give half his weekly earnings to his mother to eke out the grocery money, but he longs to enter the up-coming fishing derby. With the help of his uncle and Dan from the marina his wish just might come true.

The epub edition of this ...

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## Aliens Among Us

Invasive Animals and Plants in British Columbia

by Alex Van Tol, illustrated by Mike Deas

EDITION: Paperback

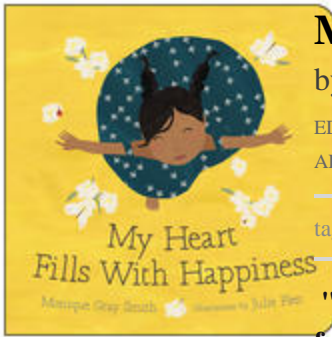
tagged : environmental conservation & protection

What would you do if you came face to face with a large yellow waxwing, wild turkey or weather loach? Who would you call if common wall lizards or giant hogweed crept into your back yard?

Alex Van Tol can help. In *Aliens Among Us*, she identifies more than 50 species of alien animals and plants that have established themselves in British Columbia. With the help of colour photographs and Mike Deas's illuminating illustrations, Van Tol exposes the invaders, then explains how they got here and what t ...

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## My Heart Fills With Happiness

by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Julie Flett

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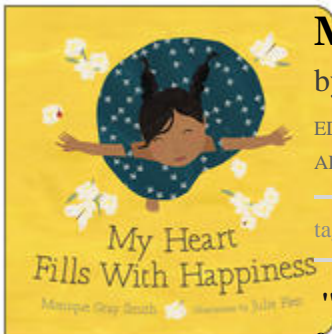
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## Peace Dancer

illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers, by Robert Budd

EDITION: Hardcover

targeted : canadian

The children of the Tsimshian village of Kitkatla love to play at being hunters, eager for their turn to join the grown-ups. But when they capture and mistreat a crow, the Chief of the Heavens, angered at their disrespect, brings down a powerful storm.

The rain floods the Earth and villagers have no choice but to abandon their homes and flee to their canoes. As the seas rise, the villagers tie themselves to the top of Anchor Mountain, where they pray for days on end and promise to teach their ch ...

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# The Secret Deepens

Grim Hill, Book Two

by Linda DeMeulemeester

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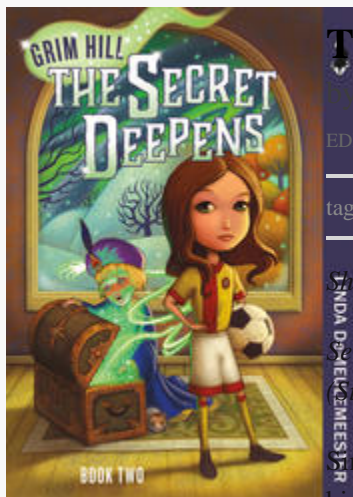
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## The Family Secret

Grim Hill, Book Four

by Linda DeMeulemeester

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : adolescence, paranormal

*"This is an essential purchase for school libraries...Rated E for Excellent."*

Resource Links

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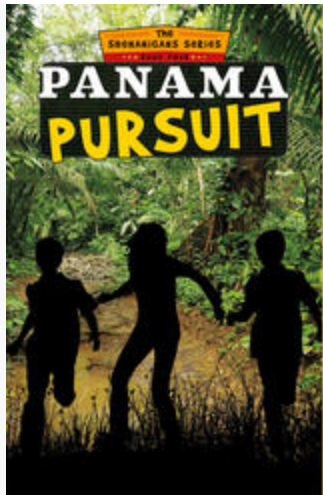
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## Panama Pursuit

by Andreas Oertel

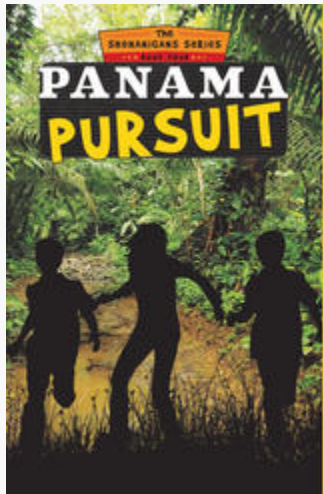
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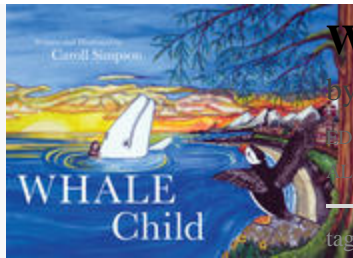
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## Whale Child

by Carroll Simpson

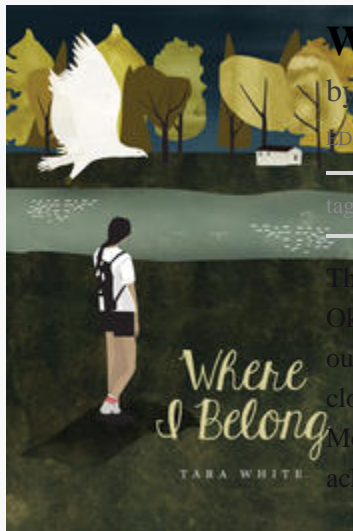
EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

tagged : marine life, environment, native american

*Whale Child* tells the story of a little girl who is separated from her family and her village after a great earthquake. Escaping the shoreline in a canoe, she is swept far out to sea. Though lost and afraid, she realizes she is not alone. A grey whale is quietly guiding her to an unknown place—a secluded bay where the whale and many of her kind have gathered to welcome the new generation. Here, the grey whale gives birth to a daughter, and when the baby whale draws her first breath, she absorbs ...

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## Where I Belong

by Tara White

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : adoption, aboriginal & indigenous, coming of age

This moving novel of self-discovery and awareness takes place during the Oka crisis in the summer of 1990. Adopted as an infant, Carrie has always felt out of place somehow. Recurring dreams haunt her, warning that someone close to her will be badly hurt. When she finds out that her birth father is Mohawk, living in Kahnawake, Quebec, she makes the journey and finally achieves a sense of home and belonging.

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## Hello Humpback!

illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers, by Lucky Budd

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : marine life, native canadian

With bright and bold illustrations of the wild and magical West Coast by celebrated artist Roy Henry Vickers, this sturdy board book will delight babies and toddlers as they begin to experience and recognize the sights and sounds of the natural world. *Hello Humpback!*, a “first words” book, introduces iconic West Coast animals, from hungry sea otters to hopping orcas, and is sure to become an instant classic.

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## Creatures of the Land and Sky

by Caroll Simpson

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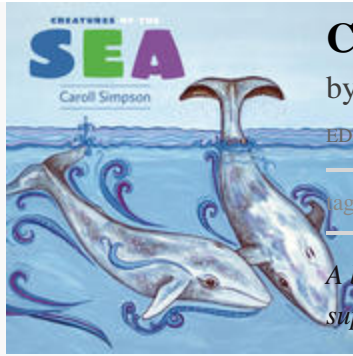
tagged : mammals, birds, insects, spiders, etc.

*A board book featuring a colourful selection of animals and supernatural creatures from the world of Caroll Simpson.*

*Creatures of the Land and Sky* is a colourful board book inspired by the wildlife, natural environment, and traditional cultures of the west coast of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest. The book introduces toddlers and preschoolers to the real and mythical creatures of this region through the imaginative eye of children’s author and illustrator Caroll Simpson. Featuring  
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## Creatures of the Sea

by Carroll Simpson

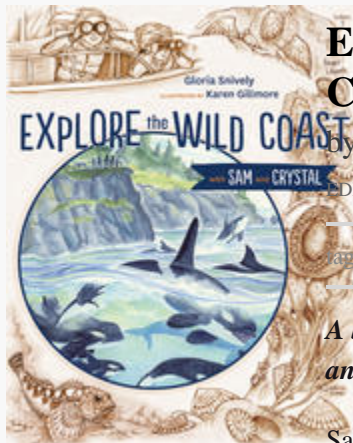
EDITION: Hardcover

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## Explore the Wild Coast with Sam and Crystal

by Gloria Snively, illustrated by Karen Gillmore

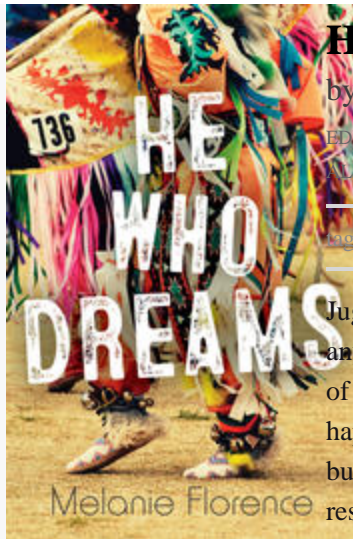
EDITION: Hardcover

Tagged : environment, marine life, imagination & play

*A beautifully illustrated story that teaches children about marine biology and the coastal environment of BC and the Pacific Northwest.*

Sam and Crystal travel with their Aunt Kate and Uncle Charlie to a remote location on the Northwest Pacific Coast. Along the way, they see white-sided dolphins, killer whales, tufted puffins, bald eagles, harbour seals, sea lions, sea otters, crabs, sea stars, and much more. Through the character of Aunt Kate, a retired marine biologist, the children explore basi ...

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## He Who Dreams

by Melanie Florence

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Paperback

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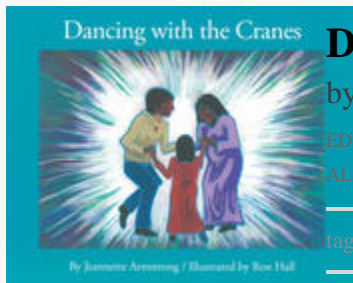
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Juggling soccer, school, friends and family leaves John with little time for anything else. But one day at the local community center, following the sound of drums, he stumbles into an Indigenous dance class. Before he knows what's happening, John finds himself stumbling through beginner classes with a bunch of little girls, skipping soccer practice and letting his other responsibilities slide. When he attends a pow wow and witnesses a powerful performance, he realizes that he wants to be a danc ...

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## Dancing with the Cranes

by Jeannette Armstrong, illustrated by Ron Hall

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

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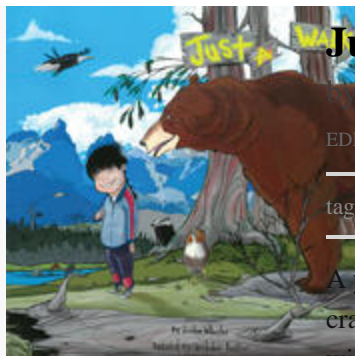
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*Dancing with the Cranes* gives an understanding of birth, life and death. Chi's momma is soon to have a baby, but Chi is having a hard time being happy about it. Chi misses Temma (her grandma), who has passed away. Chi's momma and daddy help ease the pain of losing Temma and help Chi to understand life and death as a part of nature. Chi soon finds herself feeling comforted, knowing Temma will always be a part of her and looking forward to the new baby who will be a part of their lives.

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## Just a Walk

Jordan Wheeler, illustrated by Christopher Auchter

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : humorous stories, native canadian

A young boy named Chuck goes for a simple walk that turns into a day of crazy adventures. Chuck encounters animals, fish and birds that lead him on a wild journey throughout their habitats.

Jordan Wheeler's whimsical rhyming will capture the young readers attention and Chuck's hilarious predicaments will keep all ages laughing for more.

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## Kou-Skelowh/We are the People

A Trilogy of Okanagan Legends

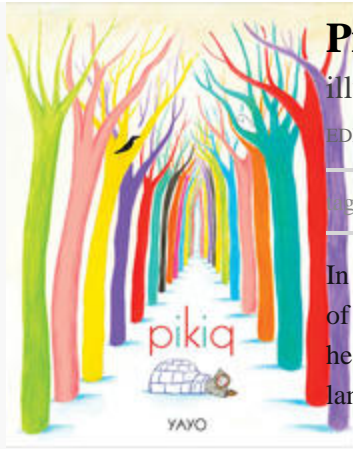
illustrated by Barbara Marchand

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : pre-confederation (to 1867), native canadian

A collection of original legends told in a strong rhythmic language, this new revised edition of *Kou-Skelowh/We Are the People* features the Okanagan language and uses stories to teach readers about the values of sharing, self-sacrifice and reverence for life in all forms.

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## Pikiq

illustrated by Yayo

EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : native canadian, polar regions, fantasy & magic

In the far, far north, Pikiq finds paint, paintbrushes and a book with pictures of tropical animals and faraway places, abandoned in the deep snow. Inspired, he draws fantastic creatures everywhere, and color bursts onto the white landscape.

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## From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea

text by Kai Cheng Thom, illustrated by Kai Yun Ching & Wai-Yant Li

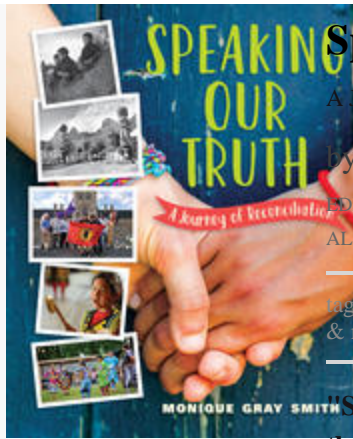
EDITION: Hardcover

tagged : lgbt, alternative family, asian american

**A magical gender variant child brings transformation and change to the world around them thanks to their mother's enduring love.**

In the magical time between night and day, when both the sun and the moon are in the sky, a child is born in a little blue house on a hill. And Miu Lan is not just any child, but one who can change into any shape they can imagine. The only problem is they can't decide what to be: a boy or a girl? A bird or a fish? A flower or a shooting star? At school, though, they mus ...

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## Speaking Our Truth

A Journey of Reconciliation

by Monique Gray Smith

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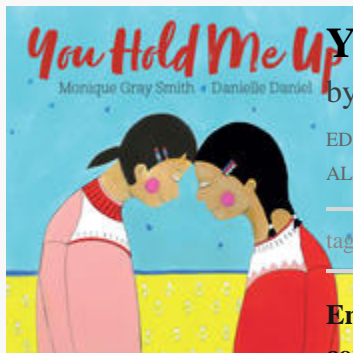
ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : prejudice & racism, customs, traditions, anthropology, native canadian, diversity & multicultural

**"Smith's book is an effort that returns, offering diverse voices that invite the world into the reconciliation experience. Absolutely necessary."—*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review**

Canada's relationship with its Indigenous people has suffered as a result of both the residential school system and the lack of understanding of the historical and current impact of those schools. Healing and repairing that relationship requires education, awareness and increased understanding of the legacy and th ...

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## You Hold Me Up

by Monique Gray Smith, illustrated by Danielle Daniel

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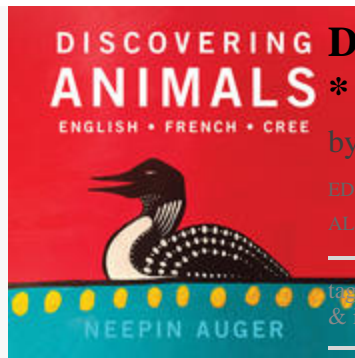
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tagged : emotions & feelings, friendship, non-classifiable

**Encourage children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions.**

Consultant, international speaker and award-winning author Monique Gray Smith wrote *You Hold Me Up* to prompt a dialogue among young people, their care providers and educators about reconciliation and the importance of the connections children make with others. With vibrant illustrations from celebrated artist Danielle Daniel, this is a foundational book about building re ...

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## Discovering Animals: English \* French \* Cree

by Neepin Auger

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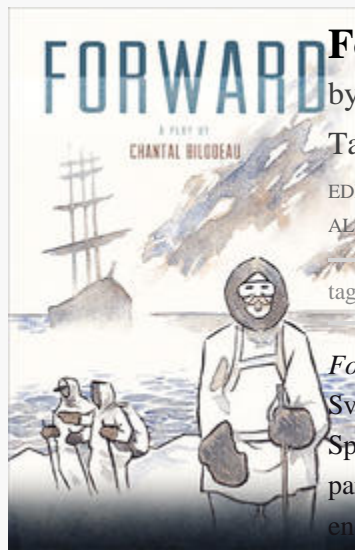
ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback eBook Hardcover

tagged : french, native canadian, words (see also headings under language arts), aboriginal & Indigenous

**Available as quality boardbooks for babies 0–3, Neepin Auger’s books have become some of the best selling resources for children to learn basic English, Cree, and French words and concepts.**

Neepin Auger’s colourful books for young children have collectively sold well over 20,000 copies since they first appeared on the market. With more and more parents and educators looking for genuine Indigenous resources, *Discovering Animals* will bring the experience of learning French and Cree to even th ...

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## Forward

by Chantal Bilodeau, foreword by Una Chaudhuri, introduction by Tael Naess

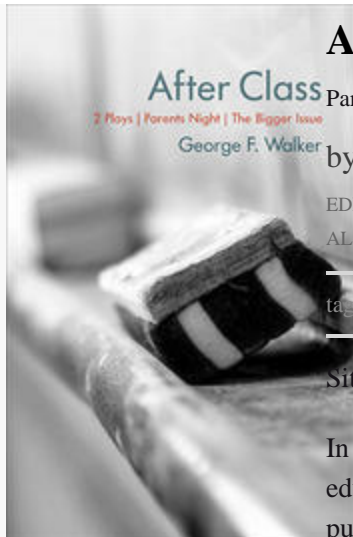
EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : canadian

*Forward* was partly inspired by a ten-day sailing expedition around the Svalbard Archipelago, located halfway between Norway and the North Pole. Spanning a hundred years and thousands of kilometres from the sixtieth parallel North to the top of the world, *Forward* presents a poetic history of energy development in Norway from the initial passion that drove explorer Fridtjof Nansen to the North Pole, to the consequences of decades of our addiction to fossil fuels. A blend of theatre and electropop ...

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## After Class

Parents Night and The Bigger Issue

by George F. Walker, introduction by Wesley Berger

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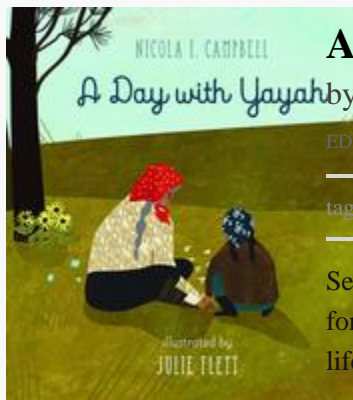
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Sit your butt down and learn your three Rs: ranting, resisting, and respect.

In two new plays, Canada's king of black comedy takes on the failing education system. Both *Parents Night* and *The Bigger Issue* are set in public-school classrooms after hours and involve confrontations between stressed-out teachers and ticked-off parents. Both sympathize with embattled educators and evince Walker's trademark understanding of poverty and the working classes. In both, Walker's signature moves work: t ...

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## A Day with Yayah

by Nicola I. Campbell, illustrated by Julie Flett

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Set in the Okanagan, BC, a First Nations family goes on an outing to forage for herbs and mushrooms. Grandmother passes down her knowledge of plant life to her young grandchildren.

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