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SMIT, C



Sisters of the Neversea  
Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek)

In this magical, modern twist on Peter Pan, stepsisters Lily and Wendy are spirited away to Neverland by a mysterious boy and must find a way back to the family they love.

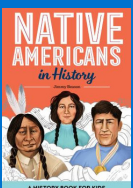
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YOUN, B



Healer of the Water Monster  
Brian Young (Navajo)

When Nathan goes to visit his grandma, Nali, on the Navajo reservation, he knows he's in for a pretty uneventful summer, with no electricity or cell service. One night, while lost in the nearby desert, Nathan finds someone extraordinary: a Holy Being from the Navajo Creation Story--a Water Monster--in need of help. Now Nathan must summon all his courage to save his new friend.

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BEAS, J



Native Americans in History: A History Book for Kids  
Jimmy Beason (Osage)

This collection of biographies for kids explores 15 Native Americans and some of the incredible things they achieved. Kids will explore the ways each of these people used their talents and beliefs to stand up for what's right and stay true to themselves and their community.

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SORE, T



We Are Still Here: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know  
Traci Sorell (Cherokee)

A group of Native American kids from different tribes presents twelve historical and contemporary time periods, struggles, and victories to their classmates, each ending with a powerful refrain: we are still here.

## MORE "OWN VOICES" NATIVE AMERICAN BOOKS

We Sang You Home | BB Van Camp

My Heart Fills With Happiness = Ni sâkaskineh mîyawâten niteh ohcih

| P Gray

Jingle Dancer | P Smith

Birdsong | POR Flett

When We Were Alone | POR Robertson

Hiawatha and the Peacemaker

| POR Robertson

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse

| J Marshall

Indian No More | J McManus

The Barren Grounds | J Robertson

Sharice's Big Voice: A Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman | JB Davids

Powwow: A Celebration Through Song and Dance | J 394 PHEA, K

## Recommended Reads Native American "Own Voices" Books



"Own Voices" is a phrase used to indicate that the author shares the same marginalized/under-represented identity as the book's character(s).

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Sweetest Kulu  
Celina Kalluk (Inuit)

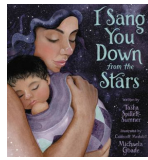
This beautiful bedtime poem, written by acclaimed Inuit throat singer Celina Kalluk, describes the gifts given to a newborn baby by all the animals of the Arctic.



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SPIL, T

I Sang You Down From the Stars  
Tasha Spillettt-Sumner

(Innininewak [Cree] & Trinidadian)  
A Native American woman describes how she loved her child before it was born and, throughout her pregnancy, gathered a bundle of gifts to welcome the newborn.



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QUIG, D

Jo Jo Makoons: The Used to Be Best Friends

Dawn Quigley (Ojibwe)  
Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends. Because Fern, her best friend at school, may not want to be friends anymore.



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GRAY, M

When We Are Kind  
Monique Gray Smith (Cree & Lakota)

This beautiful picture book looks at how the simple act of being kind, to others and oneself, affects all aspects of a child's life.



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TAHE, R

First Laugh: Welcome Baby  
Rose Ann Tahe (Diné)

A Navajo family welcomes a new baby into the family with love and ceremony, eagerly waiting for that first special laugh. Includes brief description of birth customs in different cultures.



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Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids

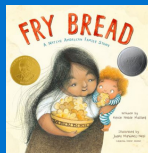
Edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek)  
Edited by award-winning and bestselling author Cynthia Leitich Smith, this collection of intersecting stories by both new and veteran Native writers bursts with hope, joy, resilience, the strength of community, and Native pride.



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MAIL, K

Fry Bread  
Kevin Noble Maillard (Seminole)

Using illustrations that show the diversity in Native America and spare poetic text that emphasizes fry bread in terms of provenance, this volume tells the story of a post-colonial food that is a shared tradition for Native American families all across the North American continent.



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CHIL, B

Bowwow powwow = bagosenjige-niimi'idim  
Brenda J. Child (Ojibwe)

When Uncle and Windy Girl attend a powwow, Windy watches the dancers and listens to the singers. She eats tasty food and joins family and friends around the campfire. Later, Windy falls asleep under the stars. Uncle's stories inspire visions in her head: a bowwow powwow, where all the dancers are dogs.



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BRUC, J

Rez Dogs  
Joseph Bruchac (Nulhegan Abenaki)

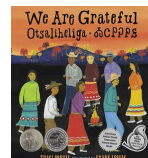
Twelve-year-old Malian lives with her grandparents on a Wabanaki reservation during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga  
Traci Sorell (Cherokee)

Otsaliheliga is a Cherokee word that is used to express gratitude. Journey through the year with a Cherokee family and their tribal nation as they express thanks for celebrations big and small. A look at modern Native American life as told by a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.



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LIND, C

We Are Water Protectors  
Carole Lindstrom (Anishinabe & Metis)

Water is the first medicine. It affects and connects us all...When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource.



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DAY, C

The Sea in Winter  
Christine Day (Upper Skagit)

After an injury sidelines her dreams of becoming a ballet star, Maisie is not excited for her blended family's midwinter road trip along the coast, near the Makah community where her mother grew up.

