

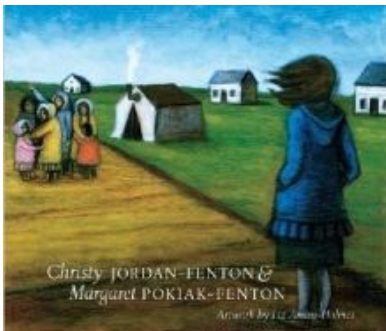
Grades 4 - 8 Indigenous Literature for Classroom Use



Fatty Legs: A True Story by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
(Ages 9-12)
Annick Press, 2014

Eight-year-old Margaret Pokiak has set her sights on learning to read, even though it means leaving her village in the high Arctic. Faced with unceasing pressure, her father finally agrees to let her make the five-day journey to attend school, but he warns Margaret of the terrors of residential schools.

Source: <http://www.annickpress.com/Fatty-Legs>



A Stranger at Home: A True Story by Christy Jordan-Fenton and Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
(Ages 9-12)
Annick Press, 2011

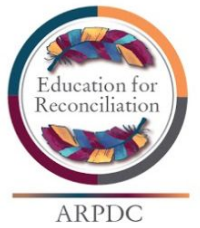
Traveling to be reunited with her family in the arctic, 10-year-old Margaret Pokiak can hardly contain her excitement. It's been two years since her parents delivered her to the school run by the dark-cloaked nuns and brothers. Coming ashore, Margaret spots her family, but her mother barely recognizes her, screaming, "Not my girl." Margaret realizes she is now marked as an outsider. She has forgotten the language and stories of her people, and she can't even stomach the food her mother prepares. However, Margaret gradually relearns her language and her family's way of living. Along the way, she discovers how important it is to remain true to the ways of her people—and to herself. Highlighted by archival photos and striking artwork, this first-person account of a young girl's struggle to find her place will inspire young readers to ask what it means to belong.

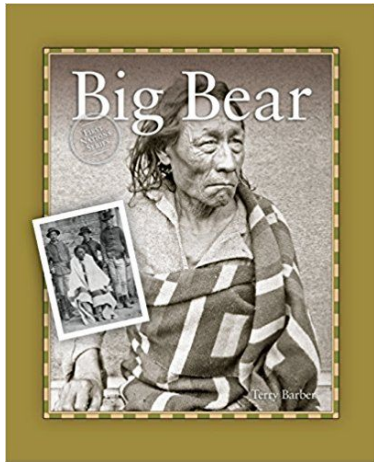
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No Time to Say Goodbye: Children's Stories of Kuper Island Residential School by Sylvia Olsen
(Ages 9-12)
Sono Nis Press

This collection of fictional stories of five children sent to residential school is based on real life experiences recounted by members of the Tsartlip First Nation in B.C. The children cope as best they can at Kuper Island Residential School but it's a far cry from the life they're used to. The book is described as sometimes funny, sometimes sad.





Big Bear by Terry Barber

(Grades 3 - 5, informational text, non-First Nations author)
 Grass Roots Press, 2014

Big Bear was a famous Cree leader who hoped for peace between the white settlers and the Cree. He signed a peace treaty with the Blackfoot, believing that violence does not bring peace. He held out on signing Treaty 6 hoping to win more rights for his people. In the end, Big Bear had no choice but to sign the treaty. Broken promises led to bloodshed at Frog Lake and Fort Pitt in spite of Big Bear's efforts to promote peace. Big Bear was found guilty of treason and imprisoned for one year. He died in 1888.

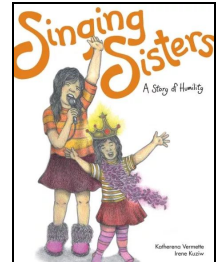
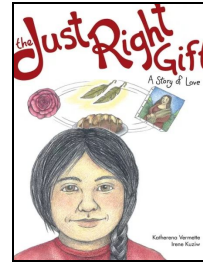
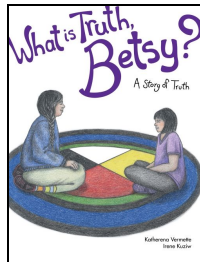
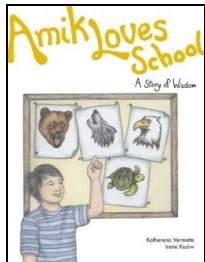
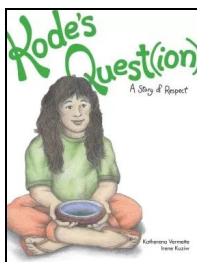
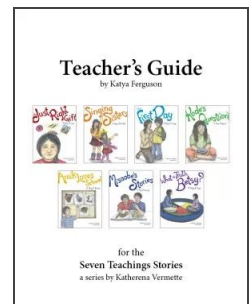
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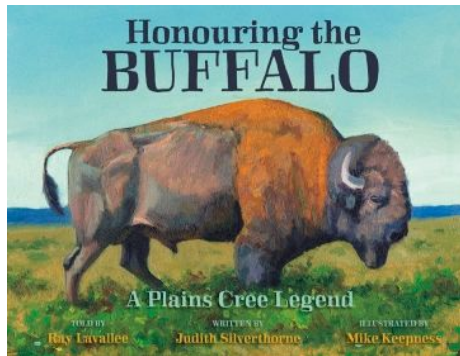
The Seven Teaching Stories Series by Katherena Vermette
 (K - 4)

This guide provides the framework and key ideas educators need to become participants in a culturally responsive classroom community and to deepen their understanding of the Seven Teachings. With these stories, educators can create a space to discuss diverse perspectives, experiences, and traditions with young readers, and to foster a deeper understanding of ourselves as human beings and of our relationships with others.

Source:

<http://www.portageandmainpress.com/product/teachers-guide-for-the-seven-teachings-stories/>





Honouring the Buffalo: A Plains Cree Legend

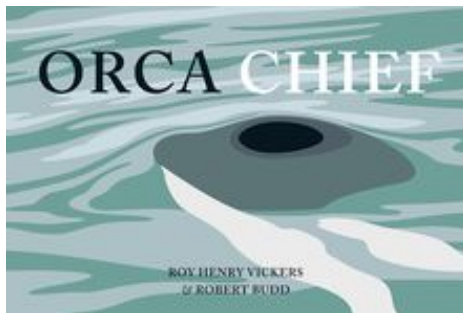
Told by Ray Lavallee, written by Judith Silverthorne, illustrated by Mike Keepness

(Grades 3 - 8)

Your Nickel's Worth Publishing 2015

Honouring the Buffalo is the story of how the Buffalo gifted themselves so freely through the Creator to the Plains Cree people to help them survive. Discover how every part of the buffalo was used to provide shelter, food, clothing, tools, hunting, spiritual ceremonies and many other necessities.

Source: <https://judithsilverthorne.ca/2014/12/06/honouring-the-buffalo-a-plains-cree-legend/>



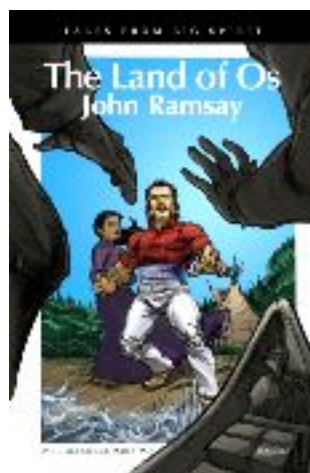
Orca Chief by Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd

(K - 8)

Harbour Publishing 2015

Thousands of years ago in the village of Kitkatla, four hunters leave home in the spring to harvest seaweed and sockeye. When they arrive at their fishing grounds, exhaustion makes them lazy and they throw their anchor overboard without care for the damage it might do to marine life or the sea floor. When Orca Chief discovers what the hunters have done, he sends his most powerful orca warriors to bring the men and their boat to his house. The men beg forgiveness for their ignorance and lack of respect, and Orca Chief compassionately sends them out with his pod to show them how to sustainably harvest the ocean's resources.

Source: <http://www.harbourpublishing.com/title/OrcaChief>



The Land of Os: John Ramsay by David A. Robertson

(Grades 4 - 6)

Portage & Main Press 2014

When Richard's class from Big Spirit School takes a canoe trip, he and his classmates chance upon an elderly woman. She tells them the story of her grandfather, John Ramsay, of the Sandy Bar community on Lake Winnipeg. Ramsay's land was taken by the government and given to the new settlers from Iceland who arrived there in 1875. Yet many owed their survival to Ramsay, who helped them through freezing winters, hunger, and a devastating smallpox epidemic.

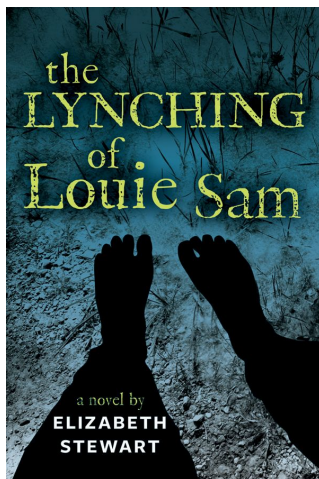
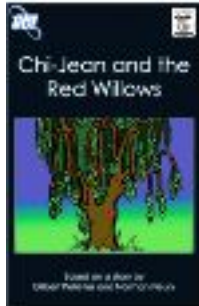
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Stories of our People, Comic Series

Gabriel Dumont Institute Press

This montage contains covers of the “Stories of our People” comic books published by the Gabriel Dumont Institute Press in 2016. These comics are adapted from stories originally published by the Gabriel Dumont Institute graphic novel “Stories of Our People / Lii zistwayr di la naasyoon di Michif: A Métis Graphic Novel Anthology” in 2008. These five individual comics are: “Chi-Jean and the Red Willows,” “How Michif was Lost,” “Whistle for Protection,” and “Attack of the Roogaroos!”

Source: <http://www.metismuseum.ca/resource.php/148342>



The Lynching of Louie Sam by Elizabeth Stewart

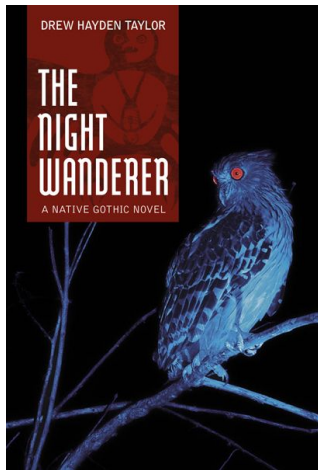
Annick Press

Murder, racism, and injustice wreak havoc in a frontier town.

Between 1882 and 1968 there were 4,742 lynchings in the United States. In Canada during the same period there was one—the hanging of Louie Sam, a member of the Stó:lo tribe.

The year is 1884, and 15-year-old George Gillies lives in the Washington Territory, near the border with British Columbia. In this newly settled land, white immigrants have an uneasy relationship with the Native Indians. When George and his siblings discover the murdered body of a local white man, suspicion immediately falls on a young Indian named Louie Sam. George and his best friend, Pete, follow a lynch mob north into Canada, where the terrified boy is seized and hung.

Source: <http://www.annickpress.com/Lynching-of-Louie-Sam-The>



The Night Wanderer: A Native Gothic Novel by Drew Hayden Taylor
(Grades 7+)
Annik Press 2007

Nothing ever happens on the Otter Lake reservation. But when 16-year-old Tiffany discovers her father is renting out her room, she's deeply upset. Sure, their guest is polite and keeps to himself, but he's also a little creepy.

Little do Tiffany, her father, or even her astute Granny Ruth suspect the truth. The mysterious Pierre L'Errant is actually a vampire, returning to his tribal home after centuries spent in Europe. But Tiffany has other things on her mind: her new boyfriend is acting weird, disputes with her father are escalating, and her estranged mother is starting a new life with somebody else.

Fed up and heartsick, Tiffany threatens drastic measures and flees into the bush. There, in the midnight woods, a chilling encounter with L'Errant changes everything ... for both of them.

Source: <http://www.annickpress.com/Night-Wanderer-The>