

First Nations-themed Books for Kids

The Canadian Children's Book Centre has compiled a list of great First Nations-themed books for kids of all ages. This list includes just some of the First Nations-themed picture books and novels that have been published in Canada.



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Picture Books

An Aboriginal Carol

Written by **David Bouchard**
Illustrated by **Moses Beaver**
Red Deer Press, 2008
ISBN 978-0889954069
Grade 3 / Ages 4 and up

Ancient Thunder

Written and illustrated by **Leo Yerxa**
Groundwood Books, 2006
ISBN 978-0888997463
Grades 2-5 / Ages 7-10

As Long As the Rivers Flow

Written by **Larry Loyie** with
Constance Brissenden
Illustrated by **Heather D. Holmlund**
Groundwood Books, 2002
ISBN 978-0888996961
Grades 3-4 / Ages 8 and up

Beyond the Northern Lights

Written and illustrated by **Lynn Blaikie**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006
ISBN 978-1550051230
Preschool-Grade 3 / Ages 4-8

The Drum Calls Softly

Written by **David Bouchard** and
Shelley Willier
Illustrated by **Jim Poitras**
Red Deer Press, 2008
ISBN 978-0889954212
Grade 3 / Ages 8-12

The Gathering Tree

Written by **Larry Loyie** with
Constance Brissenden
Illustrated by **Heather D. Holmlund**
Theytus Books, 2005
ISBN 978-1894778282
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9-13

The Gift of the Inuksuk

Written by **Mike Ulmer**
Illustrated by **Melanie Rose**
Sleeping Bear Press, 2004
ISBN 978-1585362141
Grades 3-4 / Ages 5-12

Hidden Buffalo

Written by **Rudy Wiebe**
Illustrated by **Michael Lonechild**
Red Deer Press, 2003
ISBN 978-0889953345
Grades 2-4 / Ages 7-10

The Legend of the Caribou Boy

Told by **John Blondin** as told by
George Blondin
Illustrated by **Ray McSwain**
Translated by **Mary Rose Sundberg**
Theytus Books, 2007
ISBN 978-1894778480
Grades 3-5 / Ages 5-10

A Man Called Raven

Written by **Richard Van Camp**
Illustrated by **George Littlechild**
Children's Book Press, 1997
ISBN 978-0892391448
Grade 3 / Ages 6-12

The Métis Alphabet Book

Written by **Joseph Jean Fauchon**
Illustrated by **Sheldon Mauvieux**
The Gabriel Dumont Institute, 2005
ISBN 978-0920915721
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-8

Missuk's Snow Geese

Written by **Anne Renaud**
Illustrated by **Geneviève Côté**
Simply Read Books, 2008
ISBN 978-1894965828
Grades 2-3 / Ages 4-8

The Moccasins

Written by **Earl Einarson**
Illustrated by **Julie Flett**
Theytus Books, 2004
ISBN 978-1894778145
Grades 1-2 / Ages 3-8

The Night Walker

Written by **Richard Thompson**
Illustrated by **Martin Springett**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006
ISBN 978-1550419481
Grades 1-3 / Ages 4-9

Niwechihaw = I Help

Written by **Caitlin Dale Nicholson**
with **Leona Morin-Neilson**
Illustrated by **Caitlin Dale Nicholson**
Groundwood Books, 2008
ISBN 978-0888998125
Grade 1 / Ages 4-6

Nokum is My Teacher

Written by **David Bouchard**
Illustrated by **Allen Sapp**
Red Deer Press, 2007
ISBN 978-0889953673
Grade 3 / Ages 8-11

The Old Man with the Otter Medicine

Told by **John Blondin** as told by
George Blondin
Illustrated by **Archie Beaverho**
Translated by **Mary Rose Sundberg**
Theytus Books, 2007
ISBN 978-1894778497
Grades 3-5 / Ages 5-10

Orphans in the Sky

Written by **Jeanne Bushey**
Illustrated by **Vladyana Krykorka**
Red Deer Press, 2004
ISBN 978-0889952911
Grades 1-3 / Ages 4-8

Peace Walker: The Legend of Hiawatha and Tekanawita

Written and illustrated by **C.J. Taylor**
Tundra Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0887765476
Grades 4-6 / Ages 8 and up

The Red Sash

Written by **Jean E. Pendziwol**
Illustrated by **Nicolas Debon**
Groundwood Books, 2005
ISBN 978-0888995896
Grades 3-4 / Ages 7-12

Secret of the Dance

Written by **Andrea Spalding** and **Alfred Scow**
Illustrated by **Darlene Gait**
Orca Book Publishers, 2006
ISBN 978-1551433967
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-12

The Shaman's Nephew: A Life in the Far North

Written by **Simon Tookoome** and **Sheldon Oberman**
Illustrated by **Simon Tookoome**
Stoddart Publishing, 1999
ISBN 978-0773761896
Grades 4-8 / Ages 9 and up

Shin-chi's Canoe

Written by **Nicola I. Campbell**
Illustrated by **Kim LaFave**
Groundwood Books, 2008
ISBN 978-0888998576
Grades 3-4 / Ages 5 and up

Shi-shi-etko

Written by **Nicola I. Campbell**
Illustrated by **Kim LaFave**
Groundwood Books, 2005
ISBN 978-0888996596
Grades 3-4 / Ages 5 and up

Skysisters

Written by **Jan Bourdeau Waboose**
Illustrated by **Brian Deines**
Kids Can Press, 2000
ISBN 978-1550746990
Grade 3 / Ages 5-9

The Song Within My Heart

Written by **David Bouchard**
Illustrated by **Allen Sapp**
Raincoast Books, 2002
ISBN 978-1551925592
Grades 1-3 / Ages 6-10

Tiktala

Written by **Margaret Shaw-MacKinnon**
Illustrated by **László Gal**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2005
ISBN 978-1550051438
Grade 4 / Ages 5-10

Which Way Should I Go?

Written by **Sylvia Olsen** with **Ron Martin**
Illustrated by **Kasia Charko**
Sono Nis Press, 2007
ISBN 978-1550391619
Grades 1-3 / Ages 6-8

Yamozha and His Beaver Wife

As told by **Vital Thomas**
Illustrated by **Archie Beaulieu**
Translated by **Mary Siemens**
Theytus Books, 2007
ISBN 978-1894778572
Grades 3-5 / Ages 5-10

Yetsa's Sweater

Written by **Sylvia Olsen**
Illustrated by **Joan Larson**
Sono Nis Press, 2006
ISBN 978-1550391558
Grades 2-3 / Ages 5-9

Zoe and the Fawn

Written by **Catherine Jameson**
Illustrated by **Julie Flett**
Theytus Books, 2006
ISBN 978-1894778435
Grades 1-2 / Ages 5-7

Novels

Against the Boards (Sports Stories)

Written by **Lorna Schultz Nicholson**
James Lorimer, 2005
ISBN 978-1550288643
Grades 4-6 / Ages 8-12

Broken Circle

Written by **Christopher Dinsdale**
Napoleon Publishing, 2004
ISBN 978-1894917155
Grades 3-7 / Ages 8-12

Catching Spring (Orca Young Readers)

Written by **Sylvia Olsen**
Illustrated by **Darlene Gait**
Orca Book Publishers, 2004
ISBN 978-1551432984
Grades 3-4 / Ages 7-10

Curse of the Shaman: A Marble Island Story

Written by **Michael Kusugak**
Illustrated by **Vladyana Krykorka**
HarperTrophyCanada, 2006
ISBN 978-0006395126
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-14

Dreamspeaker

Written by **Anne Cameron**
Harbour Publishing, 2005
ISBN 978-1550173642
Grades 8-9 / Ages 13-14

Frost

Written by **Nicole Luiken**
Great Plains Publications, 2007
ISBN 978-1894283724
Grade 7 / Ages 12 and up

The Girl With a Baby

Written by **Sylvia Olsen**
Sono Nis Press, 2003
ISBN 978-1550391428
Grades 8-12 / Ages 13-17

Good for Nothing

Written by **Michel Noël**
Translated by **Shelley Tanaka**
Groundwood Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0888996169
Grades 7-9 / Ages 13 and up

Hiding in Hawk's Creek

Written by **Brenda Chapman**
Napoleon Publishing, 2006
ISBN 978-1894917247
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10-14

Murphy and Mousetrap

(Orca Young Readers)

Written by **Sylvia Olsen**
Illustrated by **Darlene Gait**
Orca Book Publishers, 2005
ISBN 978-1551433448
Grades 3-5 / Ages 8-11

The Night Wanderer: A Native Gothic Novel

Written by **Drew Hayden Taylor**
Annick Press, 2007
ISBN 978-1554510993
Grade 7 / Ages 12 and up

Northern Star

(Sports Stories)

Written by **Lorna Schultz Nicholson**
James Lorimer, 2006
ISBN 978-1550289107
Grade 4 / Ages 9-13

Orphan Ahwak

Written by **Raquel Rivera**
Orca Book Publishers, 2007
ISBN 978-1551436531
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-13

Roughing

(Sports Stories)

Written by **Lorna Schultz Nicholson**
James Lorimer, 2004
ISBN 978-1550288582
Grades 4-6 / Ages 8-13

Sister to the Wolf

Written by **Maxine Trottier**
Kids Can Press, 2004
ISBN 978-1553375203
Grades 7-9 / Ages 11-14

Sky

Written by **Pamela Porter**
Illustrated by **Mary Jane Gerber**
Groundwood Books, 2004
ISBN 978-0888996077
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-11

The Sugar Bush

(Adventures of Rabbit and Bear Paws)

Written by **Chad Solomon** and **Christopher Meyer**
Illustrated by **Chad Solomon**
Little Spirit Bear Productions, 2006
ISBN 978-0973990508
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-13

Tuk and the Whale

Written by **Raquel Rivera**
Illustrated by **Mary Jane Gerber**
Groundwood Books, 2008
ISBN 978-0888998910
Grades 2-6 / Ages 7-11

The Way Lies North

Written by **Jean Rae Baxter**
Ronsdale Press, 2008
ISBN 978-1553800484
Grade 6 / Ages 10-12

White Girl

Written by **Sylvia Olsen**
Sono Nis Press, 2004
ISBN 978-1550391473
Grades 9-10 / Ages 14 and up

Will's Garden

Written by **Lee Maracle**
Theytus Books, 2008
ISBN 978-1894778596
Grades 9-10 / Ages 14 and up

Yellow Line

(Orca Soundings)

Written by **Sylvia Olsen**
Orca Book Publishers, 2005
ISBN 978-1551434629
Grades 7-9 / Ages 14-17

Non-Fiction

Arctic Adventures: Tales from the Lives of Inuit Artists

Written by **Raquel Rivera**
Illustrated by **Jirina Marton**
Groundwood Books, 2007
ISBN 978-0888997142
Grades 4-5 / Ages 8 and up

The Delta is My Home (Land is Our Storybook)

Written by **Tom McLeod** and **Mindy Willett**
Photography by **Tessa Macintosh**
Fifth House Publishers, 2008
ISBN 978-1897252321
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9 and up

Gabriel Dumont (The Canadians)

Written by **George Woodcock**
Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2003
ISBN 978-1550414929
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10-13

Goodbye Buffalo Bay

Written by **Larry Loyie** with **Constance Brissenden**
Theytus Books, 2008
ISBN 978-1894778626
Grades 3-6 / Ages 8-11

Great Women from our First Nations (A First Nations Book for Young Readers)

Written by **Kelly Fournel**
Second Story Press, 2007
ISBN 978-1897187258
Grade 5 / Ages 9-13

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump (Wonders of Canada)

Written by **Anna Rebus**
Weigl Educational Publishers, 2008
ISBN 978-1553883906
Grade 3 / Ages 8-12

The Inuit Thought of It: Amazing Arctic Innovations

(We Thought of it)
Written by **Alootook Ipellie** with **David MacDonald**
Annick Press, 2007
ISBN 978-1554510870
Grade 3 / Ages 8 and up

The Kids Book of Aboriginal People in Canada (Kids Book of...)

Written by **Diane Silvey**
Illustrated by **John Mantha**
Kids Can Press, 2005
ISBN 978-1550749984
Grades 5-6 / Ages 10-14

Lacrosse Warrior: The Life of Mohawk Lacrosse Champion Gaylord Powless
(Recordsbooks)

Written by **Wendy A. Lewis**
James Lorimer, 2008
ISBN 978-1552770016
Grades 4-5 / Ages 12 and up

Life in an Anishinabe Camp
(Native Nations of North America)

Written by **Niki Walker**
Crabtree Publishing, 2003
ISBN 978-0778704652
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10-14

Life in the Far North
(Native Nations of North America)

Written by **Bobbie Kalman** and **Rebecca Sjonger**
Crabtree Publishing, 2003
ISBN 978-0778704690
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10-14

Life of the California Coast Nations
(Native Nations of North America)

Written by **Molly Aloian** and **Bobbie Kalman**
Crabtree Publishing, 2005
ISBN 978-0778704744
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-12

Life of the Powhatan
(Native Nations of North America)

Written by **Rebecca Sjonger** and **Bobbie Kalman**
Crabtree Publishing, 2005
ISBN 978-0778704720
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-12

Nations of the Eastern Great Lakes
(Native Nations of North America)

Written by **Rebecca Sjonger** and **Bobbie Kalman**
Crabtree Publishing, 2005
ISBN 978-0778704737
Grades 4-6 / Ages 9-12

Nations of the Northwest Coast
(Native Nations of North America)

Written by **Kathryn Smithyman** and **Bobbie Kalman**
Crabtree Publishing, 2003
ISBN 978-0778704706
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10-14

Nations of the Western Great Lakes
(Native Nations of North America)

Written by **Kathryn Smithyman** and **Bobbie Kalman**
Crabtree Publishing, 2003
ISBN 978-0778704645
Grades 4-6 / Ages 10-14

The Native American Thought of It: Amazing Inventions and Innovations
(We Thought of it)

Written by **Rocky Landon** with **David MacDonald**
Annick Press, 2008
ISBN 978-1554511549
Grade 3 / Ages 8 and up

Native Crafts: Inspired by North America's First Peoples
(Kids Can Do It)

Written by **Maxine Trottier**
Illustrated by **Esperança Melo**
Kids Can Press, 2000
ISBN 978-1550745498
Grades 2-6 / Ages 8 and up

SGang Gwaay
(Wonders of Canada)

Written by **Annalise Bekkering**
Weigl Educational Publishers, 2008
ISBN 978-1553883869
Grade 3 / Ages 8-12

Stones, Bones and Stitches: Storytelling Through Inuit Art
(Lord Museum Book)

Written by **Shelley Falconer** and **Shawna White**
Tundra Books, 2007
ISBN 978-0887768545
Grade 8 / Ages 10 and up

We Feel Good Out Here
(Land is Our Storybook)

Written by **Julie-Ann André** and **Mindy Willett**
Photography by **Tessa Macintosh**
Fifth House Publishers, 2008
ISBN 978-1897252338
Grades 4-5 / Ages 9 and up

When the Spirits Dance

Written by **Larry Loyie** with **Constance Brissenden**
Theytus Books, 2006
ISBN 978-1894778404
Grade 3 / Ages 8-12



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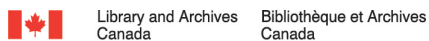
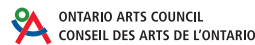
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