INDIGENOUS IDENTITIES

Through Children's Literature



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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**



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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