

## **Aboriginal Perspectives: The Teacher's Toolkit Resources Available From GoodMinds.com**

### **Elementary**

#### **Grade 1, Language: Circle Teachings – The Talking Circle**

#### **Resources**

Benton-Banai, Edward. *The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibway*. Hayward, WI: Indian Country Communications, Inc., 2010. ISBN: 978-0-8166-7382-7.

Edward Benton-Banai's goal in writing *The Mishomis Book* was to provide students with an accurate account of Ojibway culture, history, and worldview based on the oral teachings. This book begins with the Ojibway creation story and how first man came to earth. The fifteen chapters cover the traditional teachings about the acquisition of fire and tools, the creation and meaning of the clan system, the migration of the Ojibway people from the Atlantic Coast to their present locations in Canada and the United States. Topics covered include the four directions, the pipe, the Midewiwin and Sweat Lodge, the Seven Fires prophesy, and the Seven Grandfathers Teaching, values and beliefs, and the role of Elders. Price: \$30.00

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Title**

Mishibinijima, James. *Ojibwe Clans: Ojibwe Doodemag*. Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute, 2005. ISBN: 0-9739907-0-8

18-page illustrated information book written and illustrated by James Mishibinijima for Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute. Each Ojibwe clan is explained with a brief paragraph about the nature of the clan and the role it plays in society. This English and Ojibwe text introduces readers to the importance of family and community in Ojibwe culture. Price: \$9.99

Jacobson, Mark Anthony. *Ojibway Clans: Animal Totems and Spirits*. Native Northwest, 2012. ISBN: 9781554762903. Price: 15.00

24-page picture book about the Ojibwe Clan system. Written and illustrated by Mark Anthony Jacobson, this full-colour art book presents basic information about each clan animal, its name in Ojibwe and the important character attributes of the Turtle, Loon, Thunderbird, Wolf, Marten, Porcupine, Eagle, Butterfly, Sturgeon, Bear, Deer, and Crane. Each 2-page spread features the Woodland style art of the clan animal, bird, or fish, and the facing page provides simple sentences about the values and characteristics of the clan totem. The artist provides a helpful page about Woodland style art and the significance of the clan system.

#### **Grade 1, Language: Respect**

#### **Resources**

Plain, Ferguson. *Eagle Feather*. Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-921827-12-2.

*Eagle Feather: An Honour* is one of popular children's picture books by Ojibwa artist and writer Ferguson Plain. In this story about a young boy and his Mishomis (grandfather), the author presents the reader with a moving story that explains the significance of the eagle feather in Ojibwe culture. The young boy grows up listening to his grandfather's teaching and stories. The boy learns about plants as medicines, camping, traditional songs, values, and lessons from the environment. Price: \$8.95

Silvey, Diane. *Little Bear's Vision Quest*. Victoria: Greater Victoria School District, 1995. ISBN: 1-894114-00-0

An illustrated picture book that teaches respect for others. The main character is Little Bear who lives along the Northwest Coast. Little Bear behaves selfishly and is inconsiderate to his friends. In an effort to teach Little Bear proper behavior and respect, his grandfather sends him away to an island. Little Bear is told to "look inside" and learn from his bad behavior. Finally, Little Bear learns how he hurt his friends' feelings and decides to change. His family welcomes Little Bear home. This story is a wonderful teaching tool because it uses the traditional storytelling method of teaching values to young children. Price: \$17.00

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Title**

McLeod, Elaine. *Lessons From Mother Earth*. Groundwood Books, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-88899-832-3.

A delightful picture book by first-time author Elaine McLeod about the importance of respecting the environment is now back in print. In this story, a young girl goes out to the garden with her grandmother. The child has never visited the garden and the two leave the warmth of a log cabin and begin a long walk outdoors. As they walk, grandmother tells the child about nature and the proper way to pick berries and gather wild plants. They take just enough berries to eat and are careful not to trample the delicate plants. The young child understands that this is her grandmother's garden. She learns that everyone has a responsibility to take care of the plants and the earth. At the end of the story the child follows the teachings from her grandmother and says a prayer of thanks for the berries and plants on Mother Earth. Price: \$9.95

Solomon, Chad. *Rabbit and Bear Paws Sacred Seven* (set of 7 books). Little Spirit Bear Publications, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-9868462-0-5. Price: 69.65

This new selection contains seven stand alone titles each one based on one of the Seven Grandfather Teachings: Courage, Honesty, Humility, Love, Respect, Truth, and Wisdom. Each book is 18 pages and features a brief description of each of the main characters. Simple colour illustrations by Chad Solomon support the storylines developed by Chad Solomon and educator Tanya Leary. The authors and illustrator use humorous storylines as the young heroes attempt to learn the true meaning of these traditional values by copying the actions of each animal or bird. The result is seven fun-filled stories as the three friends learn something about the natural world and important lessons along the way. This collection supports K to Grade 3 Language Strands; Reading, Writing, Oral Communication (Listening and Speaking), Arts 1- 3, Science, 1- 3, Social Studies, 1- 3. Link to Lessons Plans created by Tanya Leary: <http://www.rabbitandbearpaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Sacred-Seven-Lesson-Plans.doc>.

## **Grade 1, Language: Treaties**

### **Resources**

Bruchac, Joseph, and Bruchac, James. *Raccoon's Last Race*. New York: Dial Books–Penguin, 2004. ISBN: 0-8037-2977-4

An Abenaki trickster story retold for young children by father and son storytellers Joseph and James Bruchac. In this story Raccoon was once a fast runner and he enjoyed challenging other animals to races. But he was not a good winner and he made fun of the other animals he defeated. Raccoon learns his lesson during a race. This picture book is an excellent read-aloud story that has a meaningful message about discipline and the consequences of boastfulness and the failure to keep promises. Price: \$22.50

Munsch, Robert, and Kusugak, Michael. *A Promise Is a Promise*. Toronto: Annick Press, 2003. ISBN: 1-55037-008-1

A popular children's picture book by well-known children's author Robert Munsch and Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak. In this story Michael Kusugak and Robert Munsch collaborate by taking the mythical characters that live in the sea ice, the Qallupilluit, and creating an adventure story about a young Inuit girl. Allashua is a quick-thinking girl and convinces the creatures who capture her to let her go home when she promises to bring her brothers and sisters to the creatures. This charming story set in the Canadian Arctic is illustrated with colour drawings that capture the magical nature of the northern creatures called Qallupilluit. The authors explain the nature of these sea ice creatures and their role in keeping children safe. Young children will enjoy the repetition and songs that are incorporated into the story. Price: \$6.95

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Title**

Switzer, Maurice. *We Are All Treaty People*. North Bay: Union of Ontario Indians, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-9868211-0-3

34-page illustrated history produced by the Union of Ontario Indians to promote the understanding of treaties among all people in Ontario. Written by Maurice Switzer with coloured drawings by Charley Herbert the book offers students a brief look at history from the Anishinabek perspective. This book's concise retelling of First Nations history makes it an excellent resource for all schools and libraries. Price: \$25.00

Thomas, Vital. *Yamozha and His Beaver Wife* (Yamoózha Eyits'o Wets'ékéé Tsá). Theytus, 2007. ISBN: 978-1-894778-57-2. Price: 25.95

the World) and his brother Sazea (Little Brother) are used to remind us of the rules of behavior, provide a geography lesson, and teach us that we must always keep our promises. Yamoza often played trickster-like behavior on others and these result in lessons for the people. This being lived in the bush area of the Mackenzie River and one day he as he walked around the land he found a young woman who was alone in the world. Yamoza asked the young woman to marry him and she agreed on the condition that he promise to help her to keep her feet dry and never lead her to over creeks or wet land. He promised but one day Yamoza forgot his promise and his wife turned into her true nature and became a beaver. The accompanying CD-ROM contains a reading in English and one in Dogrib, as well as the audio and visual view of the book.

## **Grade 1, Social Studies: Responsibility**

### **Resources**

Goble, Paul. *The Gift of the Sacred Dog*. New York: Aladdin Books–Macmillan Publishing, 1980. ISBN: 0-02-043280-1

The Gift of the Sacred Dog is a children's picture book illustrated and written by Paul Goble. This story is a retelling of a traditional Lakota story about the Creator's gift of the horse to the Plains peoples. \$7.99

Plain, Ferguson. *Eagle Feather*. Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-921827-12-2. Eagle Feather: An Honour is one of popular children's picture books by Ojibwa artist and writer Ferguson Plain. In this story about a young boy and his Mishomis (grandfather), the author presents the reader with a moving story that explains the significance of the eagle feather in Ojibwe culture. The young boy grows up listening to his grandfather's teaching and stories. The boy learns about plants as medicines, camping, traditional songs, values, and lessons from the environment. Price: \$8.95

Umpherville, Tina. *The Spring Celebration*. Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 1995. Out of Stock Indefinitely

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Title**

Yerxa, Leo. *Ancient Thunder*. Groundwood Books, 2006. ISBN: 9780888997463

Ojibwe author and illustrator Leo Yerxa is the 2006 winner of the Governor General's Award for Illustration. Yerxa draws on his appreciation and delight for the wild horses of the Plains as inspiration for the book. In this unique tribute, Yerxa works with hand-made watercolour paper that has the appearance of leather. Price: \$18.95

McLellan. *Goose Girl*. Pemmican, 2007. ISBN: 9781894717441

Picture book about a Cree girl who takes to heart teachings of the geese and how the geese flying south in the fall take the spirits of those who died into the sky promised land. The girl takes the responsibility of passing on these important teachings about the cycle of life. Price: \$10.95

Yahgulanaas, Michael Nicoll. *The Little Hummingbird*. Greystone Books, 2010. ISBN: 978-1-55365-533-6. Price: 18.95

Inspired by the story of a forest fire and the courage and determination of a tiny hummingbird this artist and illustrator has created a breath-taking mix of simple narrative sparsely told and accompanied by moving Haida-inspired art images. This picture book of a fearless hummingbird that carries single drops of water to stop a raging forest fire is taken from a parable of the Quechuan people of South America. While all the fearful forest animals avoid taking action the tiny bird does her best to put out this massive inferno. When the big bear asks hummingbird what she is doing, the small creature answers with the phrase, the best I can. Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai provides words of encouragement to the readers about all people having the responsibility for the environment on a daily basis. An afterword describes the powerful and amazing abilities of the hummingbird. Reading Level: 3.2

## **Grade 1, Social Studies: Respecting Mother Earth**

### **Resources**

Eyvindson, Peter. *Jen and the Great One*. Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 2011. Price: \$10.95

Children's picture book with a strong environmental message about the role of forests and the importance of maintaining their integrity. Young girl takes action to replant more trees.

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Kruger, Leanne Flett. *Taking Care of Mother Earth*. Penticton: Theytus, 2009. ISBN: 978-1-894778-55-8

A children's picture book developed by the Penticton Indian Band Health Department to teach young children about the choices they can make to help care for the environment. The bold and simple drawings convey the message of taking care of the Mother Earth. The author and illustrator are careful to make this book suitable for children of all backgrounds. Price: \$10.95

McLeod, Elaine. *Lessons From Mother Earth*. Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-88899-832-3

A delightful picture book by first-time author Elaine McLeod about the importance of respecting the environment is now back in print. In this story, a young girl goes out to the garden with her grandmother. The girl learns the true meaning of grandmother's garden. She understands that everyone has a responsibility to take care of the plants and the earth. At the end of the story the child follows the teachings from her grandmother and says a prayer of thanks for the berries and plants on Mother Earth. Price: \$9.95

### **Grade 1, Social Studies: The Things We Need Resources**

Corriveau, Danielle. *First Peoples, The Inuit of Canada*. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, 2002. ISBN: 082254850. Out of Print

Root, Letitia, George, Sharon, and Nashkewa, Anissa. *Through the Eyes of the Elders: Cooking*. Southampton, ON: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2004. ISBN: 1-896832-46-6

Step-by-step recipes for making bannock or scone and for making corn soup. Accompanied by black and white photographs of the cooking process. Price: \$9.95

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Wheeler, Bernalda. *I Can't Have Bannock But The Beaver Has A Dam*. Winnipeg: Portage and Main Press, 1993. ISBN: 1-55379-002-2

A wonderful picture book for reading aloud to young children. Bernalda Wheeler creates a refreshing way to introduce young children to contemporary First Nations. Her character is a young boy who asks his mother to make some bannock. Bannock is a traditional bread made by most First Nations in northern Canada. The mother explains why she can't use her stove until the hydro line is fixed. The boy's father actually works for the hydro company and is working to restore the power. It all comes down to the fact that a beaver has cut down a tree for his dam. This is a story set in a modern-day home where traditional foods are cooked. A recipe for bannock is included. Price: \$13.25

Ducharme, Linda. *The Bannock Book*. Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications, 2009. ISBN: 978-1-894717-40-3

A 32-page children's picture book written and illustrated by Reading Recovery teacher Linda Ducharme. The author tells the story of a young girl as she assists her mother with making a healthy bannock for her grandfather, called Pepere. The family is Métis and the author introduces a few Michif terms. The procedure for making bannock is described in simple sentences. The granddaughter assists by measuring the whole wheat flour and other dry ingredients. She also makes several small-size bannocks for herself and shapes them just like her mother. Grandfather has diabetes and this healthy recipe ensures Pepere's continued health. Two recipes are provided at the end of the book. Price: \$10.95

### **Grade 2, Social Studies: Naming Ceremony**

Delaronde, Deborah L. *A Name for a Métis*. Winnipeg: Pemmican, 1999.

A Name For A Métis is the first children's picture book by Métis librarian, Deborah Delaronde of Duck Bay, Manitoba. She tells the humorous story about a young boy who wants a nickname. He asks his parents and grandparents for ideas for a traditional Ojibway name. They suggest all sort of names that could fit his personality and behavior. His mother suggests Gitchi Mangijaan or Great Big Nose because the boy is nose-y about everything around him. The boy also comes up with ideas for a name such as Wajeppi, which means He is quick. Each time a new name is suggested the colourful illustrations capture the often humorous

results. Finally the boy's grandfather comes up with the name, Agaasi Wiisaakodewinini, Little Métis. He explains that this name honours the traditions of the boy's mother and father. A glossary of the twenty-five Ojibway names and words is provided. This book introduces young readers to Métis people in Canada. Price: \$10.95

### GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles

Bruchac, Joseph. *A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull*. New York: Penguin, 1994.. ISBN: 0-698-11616-X

A biography of the young Lakota Sioux youth who became a great leader. Abenaki author Joseph Bruchac retells the story of the boy's early years from his birth in 1831 until the youth's coming of age. Bruchac sets the story within the family and camp of a Plains Nation. The mother and father of the infant, who was to become Sitting Bull, are caring and pleased parents. The selection of a name for the infant is an important event and those around the child watch him carefully for a hint of his characteristics. The picture book does a great job of explaining the childhood of a famous Lakota leader, the importance of names, and the value of determination and hard work. Price: \$9.99

Waboose, Jan. *SkySisters*. Kids Can Press, 2000. ISBN: 1-55074-699-5

A children's picture book by Ojibwe writer and storyteller Jan Bourdeau Waboose. In this contemporary story set in the winter season, two sisters go outdoors to play in the magical world of snow and moonlight to wait for the arrival of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). The sisters bundle up in their parkas and mittens and as they head outdoors their mother reminds them of Nokomis' teachings, wisdom comes on silent wings. The two girls play and run through the snow. On their way to a hill they see a deer, and a white rabbit. The older sister reminds her younger sibling to whisper as they climb up the hill. At the top they enjoy the night sky and make snow angels as they await the arrival of the Sky Spirits (Northern Lights). When the lights arrive, the sisters rename them the SkySisters as they watch the colourful lights dance in the night sky. Price: \$8.95

Sockabasin, Allen. *Thanks to the Animals*. Tilbury House Publishers, 2005. ISBN: 0-88448-270-7. Price: \$19.95

A charming picture book by Passamaquoddy storyteller Allen Sockabasin tells a heart-warming story about the compassionate nature of forest animals who rescue a lost Passamaquoddy child and keep him safe one winter night until the arrival of his father. The author provides a background note about the importance of the Passamaquoddy language along with a list of names for the birds and animals in English and Passamaquoddy. Price: \$19.95

Bruchac, Joseph. *Crazy Horse's Vision*. Lee and Low, 2000. ISBN: 978-1-58430-282-7. Price: 11.00

A fictionalized biography about the childhood and coming of age of the noted Lakota Sioux leader and warrior. Crazy Horse was born in the fall of 1841 or 1842. During his childhood his parents and others in the Lakota village noticed that he was quiet and thoughtful, displaying leadership qualities. The boy did not always carry the name, Crazy Horse. The picture book explains the various names he carried throughout his life. This is an excellent introduction to an important Lakota leader who eventually fought against General Custer at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. DRA: 38; Guided Reading Level: P; AR Level: 4.0; Lexile Measure: 420. Study Guide: <http://www.leeandlow.com/images/pdfs/vision.pdf>.

Jordan-Fenton, Christy & Pokiak-Fenton, Margaret. *When I Was Eight*, 2013. ISBN: 9781554514908  
Price: 9.95

When I was Eight is the 32-page picture book adaptation of Margaret Pokiak-Fenton's book, *Fatty Legs: A True Story*. Margaret and her daughter-in-law, Christy Jordan-Fenton have adapted Margaret's childhood story about her life in a residential school when she was a child. This picture book memoir begins with Olemaun (the stone that sharpens the women's knife, the ulu) living on the land with her family. Her older sister has attended residential school and brought back a special book about a girl named Alice. Olemaun wants to attend this school too. Reluctantly her father agrees. A rude awakening occurs when Olemaun's long braids are cut off, and her warm Inuk clothing is replaced by thin clothes and scratchy underwear. Even her name is taken and she is now known as Margaret. The realities of residential school are presented to primary and junior students in a matter-of-fact manner. All readers can identify with this Inuk girl whose courage and

determination help her to overcome the challenges of a foreign culture and learn to read. Highly recommended.

## **Grade 2 Social Studies: Social Celebrations – Remembrance Day**

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Garrett, Leslie. *Tom Longboat: Born to Run*. Pearson Education Canada, 2005. ISBN: 0-13-124461-2

This biography is written for the Guided Reading Level T-U and the DRA Level 50. This brief biography tells the story of the Onondaga marathon runner who won the Boston Marathon in 1907. His early years spent growing up on the Six Nations reserve family farm is changed when his father died and young Tom is sent to the Mohawk Institute Residential School. Through personal courage and perseverance in an often racist sports world, Tom made a name for himself as the fastest man on two feet. He served in the Canadian military during World War 1 and lived out his life with dignity and quiet integrity in Toronto and later on the reserve. He died in 1949. Price: \$12.95

Trottier, Maxine. *Canadian Heroes*. Scholastic Canada Ltd, 2007. ISBN: 0-439-94898-3.

Easy-to-read mini biographies of Canadian Heroes including the Ojibwe war veteran Tommy Prince. Price: \$5.99

Nelson, S.D. *Quiet Hero: The Ira Hayes Story*. Lee and Low, 2006. ISBN: 978-1-60060-427-0.

The story of the remarkable Pima soldier Ira Hayes and his life. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery in 1955, Ira Hayes died as a quiet hero of World War Two. The author and illustrator has created a sensitive picture book that recounts the life story of this Native American soldier whose life was one of courage, bravery, and quiet strength. Included at the end of the story are numerous black and white photographs from Ira's life and a brief synopsis of his military career. This book discusses patriotism and what it means to be a Native American soldier and hero. Highly recommended. DRA: 38; Guided Reading: Level P; Intervention: 24. Price: \$9.95

Loyie, Larry. *When the Spirits Dance*. Theytus, 2006. ISBN: 978-1-926886-02-2

Award-winning authors Larry Loyie and Constance Brissenden draw on personal family stories in this children's book about a Cree family during the Second World War. The narrative, told through Larry's eyes, explains how the family rationed food, collected birch sap, and waited for any news from the battlefield. Throughout the story the authors have woven facts about how the war years changed the life of one Cree community. Teachings about the environment and the vision quest become vital parts of the narrative. The reality of the Second World War is highlighted by the inclusion of black and white family photographs and images of the community in northern Alberta. Colour photographs showing the landscape and the Northern Lights add to the feeling that Mother Earth is central to the story. Price: \$16.95

## **Grade 2 Social Studies: Seasonal Traditions**

### **Resources**

Orie, Sandra de Coteau. *Did You Hear the Wind Sing Your Name? An Oneida Song of Spring*. New York: Bloomsbury USA, 2002. Out of Print

Waboose, Jan Bourdeau. *Skysisters*. Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2000. ISBN: 1-55074-699-5

A children's picture book by Ojibwe writer and storyteller Jan Bourdeau Waboose. In this contemporary story set in the winter season, two sisters go outdoors to play in the magical world of snow and moonlight to wait for the arrival of the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). Price: \$8.95

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Swamp, Jake. *Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message*. New York: Lee and Low, 1995. ISBN: 1-880000-54-7

A children's picture book by Chief Jake Swamp. This version of the Iroquois Thanksgiving Address or Ganhonyohk is written especially for children who want to know more about Six Nations Iroquois spirituality. The Thanksgiving Address is one of the key speeches of the Six Nations Iroquois. The Thanksgiving Address

is given to open and close social and religious gatherings in traditional Iroquois communities. The Address varies in length and detail according to each speaker. Jake Swamp is a Mohawk Chief and has prepared a simplified text that young readers can appreciate. Each page of the text addresses one aspect of creation, beginning with the people and extending to all of creation, including the food plants, animals, plants, trees, water, birds, four winds, thunders, sun, moon, stars, and spirit protectors. Above all, the speech gives thanks to the Creator or Great Spirit for the wonderful gifts of Mother Earth. Price: \$9.95

Meuse-Dallien, Theresa. *The Sharing Circle: Stories about First Nations Culture*. Halifax: Nimbus Publishing Limited, 2003. ISBN: 1-55109-450-9

This illustrated information book written by Mikmaw writer Theresa Meuse-Dallien and illustrated by Mikmaw artist Arthur Stevens provides young readers a basic understanding of First Nations cultural teachings. Through the use of seven brief stories about a young First Nation boy and his family, the author introduces information about the Eagle Feather; Sweetgrass, Sage, Cedar, and Tobacco; Medicine Pouch; Dreamcatcher; The Talking Circle; The Medicine Wheel; and the Drum. Price: \$10.95

Benton-Banai, Edward. *Anishinaabe Almanac: Living Through the Seasons*. Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-9739907-9-9.

56-page illustrated information guide to the yearly cycle by Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) teacher Edward Benton-Banai. Provides key cultural and language details and traditional stories to explain the worldview and seasonal cycle of life for Ojibwe people in the past and today. Developed in a calendar format the colour illustrations explain the 13 moons, the important ceremonial cycle, and people's interdependence with the earth and all other life forms. Price: \$39.99

Yerxa, Leo. *Last Leaf First Snowflake To Fall: A Poem*. Groundwood, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-55498-124-3. Price: 9.95.

Last Leaf First Snowflake to Fall by Ojibwe artist Leo Yerxa is a celebration of the seasonal change from fall to winter. Through prose poetry and collage images, Yerxa weaves an engaging account of a Nishnawbe (Ojibwe) parent and child who travel in the woods during autumn. They begin by paddling a canoe to an island where they walk through different types of terrain. As evening approaches the pair set up camp and they settle in for the night. Using their upturned canoe for shelter the two fall asleep hearing the wind howl. During the night the first snow falls and they awake to the earth blanketed in snow. The falls colours have disappeared and a new season has begun. The picture book takes the reader through a imaginative journey of sight and sound during the seasons.

### **Grade 3, Social Studies: Seventh-Generation Stewardship**

#### **Resources**

Caduto, Michael J., and Bruchac, Joseph. "Seventh-Generation Stewardship". In *Keepers of Life: Native Stories and Environmental Activities for Children*. Keepers of the Earth Series. Saskatoon: Fifth House, 1991.

Cherry, Lynne. *A River Ran Wild*. New York: Harcourt Brace, 2002. ISBN: 0-15-216372-7

This information picture book explores the dynamic life story of a river ecosystem in New Hampshire from the distant past up to the present. Telling the history of a waterway introduces young readers to the ways human behaviour interacts on the natural environment. The focus of the story is the Nashua River in New Hampshire but the story could be told for any river located in North America. Price: \$9.50

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Carriere, Ken. *The Bulrush Helps the Pond*. Saskatoon: Gabriel Dumont Institute, 2002. ISBN: 0-920915-65-5

A description of northeastern Saskatchewan's wetland ecology as seen through the eyes of the Swampy Cree people. The book presents a visual exploration of the seasonal cycle of nature on a pond. The book is generously illustrated with full-colour nature photographs and the occasional sketch. Each photo image presents an animal, water bird, or plant that resides on or around a marshland ecosystem. The focus is the bulrush and both text and images tell the story of the changing seasons. Price: \$23.95

Hainu, Rebecca. *A Walk on the Tundra*. Inhabit Media, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-926569-43-7.

40-page picture book featuring a bored young Inuk girl who is waiting for her friends to come out of their homes to play. She carelessly throws away her empty pop can into the ditch wondering what she will do while waiting for her friends. Then she sees her grandmother out walking. Grandmother asks her to join her on the walk to pick plants for medicines and tea. As the two walk on the tundra grandmother shows her granddaughter the helpful tundra's colourful flowers, mosses, shrubs, and lichens. They pick a few for tea and add the others to grandmother's medicine bag. The pair returns to the village and the girl realizes that there is a lot to do on the tundra in her backyard. She also picks up her discarded pop can to dispose of properly. The girl's family enjoys a cup of tea from the blossoms they picked. Price: \$13.95

Ense, Ken. *The Creation of Turtle Island*. Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute, 2005. ISBN: 0-9730422-2-2

This Ojibwe traditional account of the creation of the earth is told in simple sentences effectively illustrated by the author. Because the animals and birds of the earth had forgotten the teachings about respect for the earth, the Creator G-zhe Mni-doo, decided to teach the creatures a lesson. The result is the story about making a difference with our gifts and remembering the teachings. So we must respect and give thanks for those who make a difference. Price: \$9.99

### **Grade 3 Social Studies: Feasts of Thanksgiving**

#### **Resources**

Caduto, Michael, and Bruchac, Joseph. *Native American Gardening: Stories, Projects and Recipes for Families*. Golden, CO: Fulcrum, 1996. ISBN: 1-55591-148-X

An introduction to the world of native food plants written by Joseph Bruchac and Michael Caduto, co-authors of the Keepers series of environmental books. This book brings traditional knowledge from a selection of First Nations cultures and introduces practical ways for families to apply this knowledge to their gardening projects. They stress the importance of the earth and all plants, animals, and humans that reside on it. The focus for the plant section is the Three Sisters of corn, beans, and squash. Price: \$21.95

*The Great Peace ... The Gathering of Good Minds*. CD-ROM. Brantford, ON: Goodminds.com, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, 2011.

Price: \$50.00; Institutional: \$150.00 (CD-ROM & Teacher Guide)

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Bruchac, Joseph. *Squanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving*. New York: Voyager Books, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-15-206044-2

Picture book from Abenaki author and storyteller Joseph Bruchac offers elementary school readers a new explanation of the so-called first Thanksgiving celebrated in the United States. Price: \$7.99

Auger, Dale. *Mwakwa: Talks to the Loon: A Cree Story for Children*. Surrey: Heritage House, 2007. ISBN: 978-1-894974-32-5.

Picture book that explains the importance of giving thanks for food in Cree hunting culture. Price: \$12.95

Swamp, Jake. *Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message*. New York: Lee and Low, 1995. ISBN: 1-880000-54-7

A children's picture book by Chief Jake Swamp. This version of the Iroquois Thanksgiving Address or Ganhonyohk is written especially for children who want to know more about Six Nations Iroquois spirituality. The Thanksgiving Address is one of the key speeches of the Six Nations Iroquois. Jake Swamp is a Mohawk Chief and has prepared a simplified text that young readers can appreciate. Each page of the text addresses one aspect of creation, beginning with the people and extending to all of creation, including the food plants, animals, plants, trees, water, birds, four winds, thunders, sun, moon, stars, and spirit protectors. Above all, the speech gives thanks to the Creator or Great Spirit for the wonderful gifts of Mother Earth. Price: \$9.95

### **Grade 3, Social Studies: What Settlers Learned from Aboriginal People – Food Preservation**

#### **Resources**



Caduto, Michael, and Bruchac, Joseph. *Native American Gardening: Stories, Projects and Recipes for Families*. Golden, CO: Fulcrum, 1996.

**GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Toulouse, Pamela Rose. *Achieving Aboriginal Student Success: A Guide for K to 8 Classrooms*. Winnipeg: Portage and Main Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-55379-316-8.

Large section covers the contributions First Nations and Inuit made to Canada and the world. Price: \$33.50

Powell, Patricia Hruby. *Ziiniyah: Hait'eego Naadaa Shonaozt'e' - Zinnia: How the Corn Was Saved*. Salina Bookshelf Inc, 2003. ISBN: 1-893354-38-5.

Retelling of a Navajo legend explains Navajo agricultural traditions and stresses how individuals can take responsibility for their community. Price: \$24.95

Hunter, Sally. *Four Seasons of Corn - A Winnebago Tradition*. Lerner Publications Company, 1997. ISBN: 0-8225-9741-1.

Story of a twelve-year-old boy as he learns how to plant and harvest corn from his Winnebago grandfather. This modern family that resides in an urban centre maintains the tradition of planting corn. They travel to a farm where they plant corn. In the fall they harvest and dry the corn. The text includes the importance of the Green Corn Ceremony among the Winnebago as a time for giving thanks for the corn. A recipe for dried corn soup is included in this sensitive and informative volume. Price: \$10.95

**Grade 3, Social Studies: What Settlers Learned from Aboriginal People – Technology**  
**GoodMinds.com Recommended Title**

Clark, Karin. *First Nations Technology*. Greater Victoria School District, 1996. ISBN: 1-89114-34-5. Price: 15.00.

This primary level reader introduces students to the technology of the First Nations of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Illustrated with black and white images, the controlled vocabulary text gives young readers an idea of how the Salish, NuuChahNulth and KwaKwaKa'wakw lived in the past and today. The book covers houses, travel, hunting, fishing, gathering, clothing, and food preparation. The contributions and achievements of the Northwest Coast Nations are highlighted. An excellent introduction to the traditional and contemporary technology of the First Nations in British Columbia.

**Grade 4, Social Studies: Walking in Someone Else's Shoes**  
**GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Toulouse, Pamela Rose. *Achieving Aboriginal Student Success: A Guide for K to 8 Classrooms*. Winnipeg: Portage and Main Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-55379-316-8.

Large section covers the key cultural regions in Canada and the First Nations and Inuit who made these regions their homelands. Price: \$33.50

Silvey, Diane. *The Kids Book of Aboriginal Peoples of Canada*. Toronto: Kids Can Press, 2005. ISBN: 1-55074-998-6

Author Diane Silvey, a member of the Sechelt Band of the Coast Salish, effectively recounts the basic information about the seven cultural regions of Canada and describes the impact of the environment on these regions. Price: \$19.95

Harvey, Sarah. *Great Lakes and Rugged Ground: Imagining Ontario*. Orca Book Publishers, 2010. ISBN: 978-1-55469-105-0

Informative text and luminous illustrations, *Great Lakes and Rugged Ground* is a celebration of more than four hundred years of Ontario's history. Each detail-rich illustration depicts a particular moment in the province's dynamic saga from first European contact, the War of 1812, the building of the railroad and the Rideau Canal, the early development of the industries that have made the province the backbone of the national economy, through the emergence of a unique Canadian cultural identity, the hardships of two World Wars and modern industrial development. Price: \$19.95

Leitch Smith, Cynthia. *Indian Shoes*. Harper Collins, 2002. ISBN: 0-06-029531-7

One of 6 short stories in this collection is about shoes. The key story, "Indian Shoes" poses an interesting comment about the nature of Aboriginal peoples arts and crafts in a commercial market. Grandpa takes Ray to a neighbourhood antique store where he admires a pair of beaded Seminole moccasins. Unfortunately the shoes remind grandpa of his youth growing up in Oklahoma and are overpriced for his budget. Ray decides that his grandpa must have these shoes and devises an ingenious way of acquiring them. The author makes the subtle point about Aboriginal people living in an urban society.

Eyvindson, Peter. *Kookum's Red Shoes*. Pemmican, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-894717-54-0. Price: 10.95

In this story, an Elder, Kookum, tells about her experiences as a child attending a Catholic-run residential school. As a child growing up in a loving family, Kookum recalls seeing a movie called *The Wizard of Oz*. Like Dorothy, Kookum is taken up into a wild and scary tornado as she is whisked away from her home into a foreign residential school. She had to leave her lovely red shoes behind. The story follows Kookum's at residential school and she finds her beautiful red shoes are too small when she eventually returned to her home community. This story makes a fine introduction for elementary students into the experience of one Elder who endured the trauma of residential school. By introducing the reader to the magical story of *Oz* the author creates a new approach to this difficult subject.

## **Grade 5, Language: Aboriginal Heroes**

### **Resources**

Archibald, Jo-ann, Jeff Smith, and Val Friesen, eds. *Courageous Spirits: Aboriginal Heroes of Our Children*. Penticton, BC: Theytus, 1993. Out of Print

Newhouse, David R., Voyageur, Cora J., and Beavon, Dan, eds. *Hidden in Plain Sight: Contributions of Aboriginal Peoples to Canadian Identity and Culture*. University of Toronto Press: Toronto, 2005. ISBN 0-8020-8581-4 \$42.95

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Schilling, Vincent. *Environmentalists from our First Nations*. Toronto: Second Story Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-897187-98-2

In this book, the author Vincent Schilling has selected eleven individuals from the USA and Canada who work for the betterment of Mother Earth and her peoples in the field of environmental science. Price: \$19.95

Schilling, Vincent. *Native Athletes in Action*. Summertown: 7th Generation, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-9779183-0-0

Brief biographical sketches of 13 outstanding male and female athletes from Canada and the United States. Price: \$11.00

Schilling, Vincent. *Native Men of Courage*. Summertown: 7th Generation, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-9779183-3-1.

10 biographical sketches about Aboriginal men who have contributed significantly to the betterment of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities. Price: \$11.95

Fournel, Kelly. *Native Women of Courage for Young Readers*. Summertown: 7th Generation, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-9779183-2-4

A collection of brief biographical sketches of ten outstanding First Nations women. Métis author Kelly Fournel celebrates the lives of Winona LaDuke, Sarah Winnemucca, Maria Tallchief, Mary Kim Titla, Sandra Lovelace Nicholas, Susan Aglukark, Wilma Mankiller, Suzanne Rochon-Burnett, Lorna B. Williams, and Pauline Johnson. Price: \$11.00

Voyageur, Cora, Newhouse, David, and Beavon, Dan. *Hidden in Plain Sight: Contributions of Aboriginal Peoples to Canadian Identity and Culture, volume 2*. Toronto: University of Toronto, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-4426-1012-5

A mix of brief biographical sketches and longer essays are organized around themes such as economic and community development; environment; education; politics and northern power; and arts and culture. Much more than a simple recitation of foods and tools developed by First Nations and Inuit, this book resounds with a refreshing approach to the topic of Indigenous contributions to the world. Price: \$37.95

Ball, Heather. *Great Women Leaders*. Second Story Press, 2004. ISBN: 1-896764-81-9

Each 8-10 page biography outlines the woman's early years, her contribution, and the challenges she overcame. A Biography of Roberta Jamieson. Price: \$12.95

Florence, Melanie. *Jordin Tootoo: the Highs and Lows in the Journey of the First Inuit to Play in the NHL*. James Lorimer, 2010. ISBN: 978-1-55277-529-5

Biography about NHL Inuk player Jordin Tootoo. Price: \$9.95

Lewis, Wendy. *Lacrosse Warrior: The Life of Lacrosse Champion Gaylord Powless*. James Lorimer, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-55277-001-6

The life and lacrosse career of well-known sports figure Gaylord Powless (1946-2001). Born on the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Gaylord came from a family of lacrosse players and began playing the sport when he was young. The author provides basic details about the Six Nations Iroquois, the community, family, and education system that made up Gaylord's world. Price: \$9.95

Ball, Heather. *Astonishing Women Artists: The Women's Hall of Fame Series*. Second Story Press, 2007. ISBN: 978-1-897187-23-4

Profiles ten phenomenal women with a passion for art. Although Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashvak is the only Aboriginal artist listed, her biography and contributions to Canadian art makes compelling reading. Price: \$13.25

Trottier, Maxine. *Canadian Stars*. Scholastic Canada, 2004. ISBN: 0-439-96972-7

Easy-to-read mini biographies of Canadian entertainers including Shania Twain and Tom Jackson. Price: \$5.99

Golus, Carrie. *Sports Heroes and Legends: Jim Thorpe*. Lerner Publications Company, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-8225-8729-3

Biography of the greatest athlete of North America. Covers Jim Thorpe's early years, his family, college, years, and his final days. Reading Level: 6.9; Interest Level: 7-12; Accelerated Reader: reading level: 6.9. Price: \$11.50

Garrett, Leslie. *Tom Longboat: Born to Run*. Pearson Education, 2005. ISBN: 0-13-124461-2

One of the titles in the Reaching Readers, Canadian Biographies series. Guided Reading Level T-U and the DRA Level 50. This brief biography tells the story of the Onondaga marathon runner who won the Boston Marathon in 1907. His early years spent growing up on the Six Nations reserve family farm is changed when his father died and young Tom is sent to the Mohawk Institute Residential School. Through personal courage and perseverance in an often racist sports world, Tom made a name for himself as the fastest man on two feet. He served in the Canadian military during World War 1 and lived out his life with dignity and quiet integrity in Toronto and later on the reserve. Price: \$12.95

Stanbridge, Joanne. *Joseph Brant: Leader and Protector*. Pearson Education Canada, 2005. ISBN: 0-13-124467-1. Price: \$12.95

This biography is written for the Guided Reading Level X-Y and the DRA Level 60. This brief biography of Mohawk leader Joseph Brant provides basic information about his family and upbringing. His role in the American Revolution is detailed and his leadership role is profiled. With archival images, maps, and information sidebars, the author has delivered a fairly accurate picture of the man and his times.

Laxer, James. *Tecumseh*. Groundwood Books, 2012 ISBN: 978-1-55498-123-6. Price: 19.95.

This is an illustrated biography of Tecumseh, the Shawnee leader, discussing his efforts to form a confederacy of First Nations to oppose the encroaching colonists, his leadership, and his role in the War of

1812, in which he sided with the British against the United States and developed a friendship with Major General Isaac Brock. Reading Level: 5.9

Sigafus, Kim. *Great Writers from Our First Nations*. Second Story Press, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-92690-85-6. Price: 10.95

Authors Kim Sigafus and Lyle Ernst selected ten individuals from the USA and Canada who work in the field of literature. These men and women are all authors and their works are varied and engaging. Celebrated authors such as Ojibwe author Louise Erdrich, Kiowa/Cherokee scholar and author N. Scott Momaday, Abenaki storyteller and writer Joseph Bruchac, and Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Sherman Alexie are well-known and best selling writers residing in the United States. Choctaw writer Tim Tingle is a well-known storyteller from the United States who has authored several books about his Nation. Métis writer Maria Campbell is considered a pioneer in Aboriginal literature as she has served as storyteller, author, playwright, and scholar throughout her career. Her works are studied in high schools and university courses and she represents a strong voice in the field of Métis literature. Cree playwright and author Tomson Highway has written award-winning dramas as well as novels and children's picture books. Each biography includes a photograph and details about the activist's education, culture, and career.

### **Grade 5, Language: Creation Stories – Where We All Come From**

#### **Resources**

Bruchac, Joseph, and Caduto, Michael J. "The Earth on Turtle's Back." In *Keepers of the Earth: Native American Stories and Environmental Activities for Children*. Keepers of the Earth series. Golden, CO: Fulcrum Publishing, 1997, p. 25.

This resource provides hands-on activities that inspire children to understand and appreciate Native American cultures and the earth. Price: \$28.50

Goodminds.com. <http://www.goodminds.com/>

A catalogue of Indigenous North American educational resources for students in Kindergarten to postsecondary grades.

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Johnston, Basil. *The Gift of the Stars: Anangoog Meegjiwaewinan*. Cape Croker: Kegedonce Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-9784998-6-0

Recently published collection of Ojibwe stories for children and young adults written by the renowned author and linguist Basil Johnston. Bilingual text (English/Ojibwe). Price: \$19.50

Johnston, Basil. *Living in Harmony: Mino-nawae-indawaewin*. Kegedonce Press, 2011. ISBN: 9780986874000. Price: 16.00

Contains 10 stories in English. The Ojibwe language version follows each story. These legends and oral traditions are meant to be read aloud resources for elementary students. They are also suitable for adult literacy students and anyone interested in knowing more about Anishinaabe traditional stories. This bilingual collection includes four stories about Fox and his adventures; a story about Buzzards; a story about flowers such as the White Water Lily and one about the Lady's Slipper. Other stories include Nan'b'oozoo and the Skunk, and one about the Little Thunderbirds. The stories stress the importance of living together in harmony and respect.

### **Grade 5, Language: Stereotypes – Learning to Unlearn**

#### **Resources**

Keeshig-Tobias, Lenore. *Bird Talk*. Orlando, FL: Harcourt Brace, 1994. Out of Print

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Peacock, Thomas and Wisuri, Marlene. *To Be Free: Understanding and Eliminating Racism*. Afton: Afton Historical Society Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-1-890434-80-9

A resource that addresses the issues of racism, stereotypes, team mascots, identity, and cross-cultural understanding in a manner that can engage senior elementary and secondary level students. Price: \$26.50

White, Tara. *I Like Who I Am*. Theytus, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-894778-63-3

Children's picture book about identity, bullying, and assertiveness. A young Mohawk girl named Celina experiences her first day in an elementary school in a Mohawk community. Celina takes her new found awareness further when she shows compassion and empathy to the bully when the tables are turned. Mohawk author Tara White has written a moving story that is compelling and optimistic. The brightly-coloured illustrations by Lee Claremont draw on Mohawk traditions by weaving gentle reminders of cultural images and clearly expressing the feelings of those in the story. This book is an excellent tool to introduce discussions about bullying, prejudice, and identity to elementary students.

King, Thomas. *Coyote Columbus Story*. Douglas and McIntyre, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-88899-830-9

Thomas King story that satirizes the journey of Columbus from the Old World to North America. Through illustrations by Kent Monkman and King's witty dialogue, readers of all ages will be treated to a First Nation's perspective of the so-called discovery of North America. Shattering all stereotypes with humour, the story features a female Creator in the form of Coyote, the trickster. The picture book sets the generally accepted American history saga of discovery on its head with brilliantly rendered images of contact as Columbus and his crew arrives and refuses to play baseball with Coyote. Price: \$9.95

Aikins, Anne Marie. *Racism: Deal With It Before It Gets Under Your Skin*. James Lorimer, 2004. ISBN: 1-55028-844-X

One of the titles in the Deal With It Series created to assist adolescents with everyday conflicts in their lives and promotes peaceful resolution. This title examines the sources for racial and cultural conflicts as these relate to students. Stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination are defined with easy to understand examples presented in comic format, a quiz, letters to a Conflict Counsellor, do's and don'ts, and tips on how to deal with these issues. Price: \$13.95

## **Grade 5, Language: Talking Circle**

### **Resources**

Ross, Rupert. *Returning to the Teachings: Exploring Aboriginal Justice*. Toronto: Penguin Books, 1996. ISBN: 9780143055594. ISBN: 0-14-305559-3. Price: \$22.00

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Meuse-Dallien, Theresa. *The Sharing Circle: Stories about First Nations Culture*. Halifax: Nimbus Publishing Limited, 2003. ISBN: 1-55109-450-9

This illustrated information book written by Mikmaw writer Theresa Meuse-Dallien and illustrated by Mikmaw artist Arthur Stevens provides young readers a basic understanding of First Nations cultural teachings. Through the use of seven brief stories about a young First Nation boy and his family, the author introduces information about the Eagle Feather; Sweetgrass, Sage, Cedar, and Tobacco; Medicine Pouch; Dreamcatcher; The Talking Circle; The Medicine Wheel; and the Drum. Price: \$10.95

Bouchard, David. *Seven Sacred Teachings of White Buffalo Calf Woman*. MTW Publishers, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-9784327-5-1.

The book combines the Seven Grandfather Teachings and the White Buffalo Calf Woman teachings into a coherent mix. The book begins with a foreword briefly explaining the teachings of White Buffalo Calf Woman told in first person. She explains that she taught the people the Seven Sacred Ceremonies: the Sun Dance; Coming of Age; the Peace Pipe; the Medicine Wheel; the Good Red Road; the Vision Quest; and the Sweat Lodge. The Seven Grandfather Teachings include Humility; Honesty; Respect; Courage; Wisdom; Truth; and Love. The book is produced as an art book with illustrations by Kristy Cameron and includes a DVD with the text told in English, French, Cree, and Ojibwe. Price: \$24.95

Ferris, Melanie. *Sinew and Sage 1: Literacy Workbook*. Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2007. ISBN: 978-1-896832-75-3

This workbook contains seven lessons that cover topics such as the alphabet, alphabetical order, spelling, word recognition, upper and lower case letters, and comprehension. Each lesson begins with a brief reading passage on topics such as First Nations People, Inuit, Métis, Medicine Wheel, sharing circles, and our children. Price: \$9.95

## **Grade 6, Social Studies: Achievements of Aboriginal People in Canada**

### **Resources**

Newhouse, David, Voyageur, Cora J., and Beavon, Daniel J.K., eds. *Hidden in Plain Sight: Contributions of Aboriginal Peoples to Canadian Identity and Culture*. Vol. 1. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2005. ISBN: 0-8020-8581-4. Price: \$42.95

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Ipellie, Alootook. *The Inuit Thought of It: Amazing Arctic Innovations*. Toronto: Annick Press, 2007. ISBN: 978-1-55451-087-0

An excellent resource about Inuit contributions to Canada. Price: \$9.95

Landon, Rocky. *A Native American Thought of It: Amazing Inventions and Innovations*. Toronto: Annick Press, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-55451-154-9

An excellent resource about First Nations contributions to Canada. Price: \$9.95

Voyageur, Cora, Newhouse, David, and Beavon, Dan. *Hidden in Plain Sight: Contributions of Aboriginal Peoples to Canadian Identity and Culture, volume 2*. Toronto: University of Toronto, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-4426-1012-5

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Boyden, Linda. *Giveaways: An ABC Book of Loanwords from the Americas*. University of New Mexico Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-8263-4726-8.

Colourful and informative alphabet book with a difference. This 74-page book offers students in grade 3 to 6 an opportunity to expand their vocabularies by introducing little-known loan words that have made their way from Indigenous languages into the English language. Educator and storyteller Linda Boyden created this unique picture book that builds on the traditional meaning of the giveaway. Indigenous peoples and those who have attended a powwow will know the meaning of the word, giveaway. A giveaway is a tradition among First Nations who often give gifts to visitors and friends during an important event. In this way the author shares the multitude of words that came into the English language from an Indigenous language from North, Central and South America. The letter A represents Abalone; B represents Barbecue, and C represents Canoe. Each of these loan words acknowledges the contribution of Indigenous peoples to the world. Price: \$21.95

## **Grade 6, Social Studies: Current Aboriginal Perspectives**

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Loyie, Larry and Brissenden, Constance. *Goodbye Buffalo Bay*. Penticton: Theytus, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-894778-62-6

Residential school survivor and author Larry Loyie explains his last year attending residential school in this engaging novel.

Maracle, Sylvia. *Onkwehonwe-Neha: Mohawk Way of Life*. Sister Vision Press, 1994. ISBN: 0-920813-93-3

Skonaganleh:ra Sylvia Maracle offers senior elementary and secondary school students an opportunity to read about the history of First Nations in Canada as well as the history of Six Nations Iroquois Onkwehonwe in a short 23-page illustrated book. Provides a Mohawk perspective on treaties, land, the changes First Nations in Canada instigated on their communities behalf to promote self-government, control of education, and a better way of life. Price: \$7.00

Wilson, Janet. *Shannen and the Dream for a School*. Toronto: Second Story Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-926920-30-6

One of the titles in the Kids Power Series from Second Story Press. The author Janet Wilson has taken the real-life story of Shannen Koostachin, her friends and family of Attawapiskat and created a fictionalized account in a chapter book format. Shannen was a student attending JR Nakogee Elementary when her and other community students began a campaign to have a new school built. The school had been contaminated by a fuel spill in 1979, and now students were forced to endure moldy and drafty portables during the school day. At thirteen Shannen and her classmates created a YouTube video about their school portables' conditions and how they all wanted a safe and healthy building in which to learn. The video turned viral and garnered support from a variety of students across Canada as well as support from organizations. The author successfully weaves created dialogue into this fictionalized story but remains faithful to the heart of this moving story. Portraying a history of this James Bay Cree community's 30-year efforts to lobby for a decent school building as well as explaining the history of the Indian Act and the role of the federal government in the lives of First Nations is accomplished with ease and simplicity. Price: \$14.95

Switzer, Maurice. *We Are All Treaty People*. North Bay: Union of Ontario Indians, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-9868211-0-3

34-page illustrated history produced by the Union of Ontario Indians to promote the understanding of treaties among all people in Ontario. Written by Maurice Switzer with coloured drawings by Charley Herbert the book offers students a brief look at history from the Anishinabek perspective. This book's concise retelling of First Nations history makes it an excellent resource for all schools and libraries. Price: \$25.00

## **Grade 6, Social Studies: Different but Similar – Comparing Algonquian and Iroquoian Nations**

### **Resources**

Kirk, Connie Ann. *The Mohawks of North America*. First Peoples series. Toronto: Lerner Publishing Group, 2002. ISBN: 978-0-8225-4853-9. Out of Print

Robinson, D. *The Cree of North America*. First Peoples series. Toronto: Lerner Publishing Group, 2002. ISBN: 978-0-8225-4178-3. Out of Print

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Tole, Jim. *Ten Legends Workbook: Ojibwa and Iroquois Legends, An Intermediate Workbook*. Southampton: Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2007. ISBN: 1-896832-08-3

90-page valuable resource for older elementary students who require high interest and low vocabulary materials from an Iroquois or Ojibwe perspective. Price: \$12.95

Lund, Bill. *The Iroquois Indians*. Mankato: Capstone Press, 1997. ISBN: 0-7368-8442-4

This is an excellent book for grades three to six that explains the basics of Iroquois culture. Price: \$7.95

Lund, Bill. *The Ojibwa Indians*. Mankato: Capstone Press, 1997. ISBN: 0-7368-8443-2.

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Dwyer, Helen. *Mohawk History and Culture* (Native American Library). Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2013. ISBN: 9781433966682. Price: 34.85

This excellent and accurate 48-page information book offers students from grades 5 to 8 basic and accurate information about the Mohawk in the United States and Canada. Organized in five chapters the book begins with Land and Origins. This two-page spread explains the origin or creation story, names, and geographic location in New York State, Ontario, and Quebec. The remaining chapters cover History; Traditional Way of Life; Mohawk Life Today; and Current Mohawk Issues. Reading Level: 7.7; Fountas & Pinell: W

Dwyer, Helen. *Ojibwe History and Culture* (Native American Library). Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2013. ISBN: 9781433974212. Price: 34.85

This 48-page information book offers students from grades 5 to 8 basic and accurate information about the Ojibwe in the United States and Canada. Organized in five chapters the book begins with Land and Origins. This two-page spread explains the origin or creation story, names, and geographic location. The remaining chapters cover History; Traditional Way of Life; Ojibwe Life Today; and Current Ojibwe Issues. Fountas & Pinell: W; Reading Level: 6.6

Dwyer, Helen. *Oneida History and Culture* (Native American Library). Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2013. ISBN: 9781433974250. Price: 34.85

This 48-page information book offers students from grades 5 to 8 basic and accurate information about the Oneida in the United States and Canada. Organized in five chapters the book begins with Land and Origins. This two-page spread explains the origin or creation story, names, and geographic location in New York State, Ontario, and Wisconsin. The remaining chapters cover History; Traditional Way of Life; Oneida Life Today; and Current Oneida Issues. Reading Level: 8.3; Fountas & Pinell: W

Dwyer, Helen. *Cree History and Culture* (Native American Library). Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2013. ISBN: 9781433974175. Price: 34.85.

This 48-page information book offers students from grades 5 to 8 basic and accurate information about the Cree in United States and Canada including the Plains Cree, Woods Cree, and James Bay Cree. Organized in five chapters the book begins with Land and Origins. This two-page spread explains the origin or creation story, names, and geographic location. The remaining chapters cover History; Traditional Way of Life; Cree Life Today; and Current Cree Issues. Fountas & Pinell: W; Reading Level: 7.2

Dwyer, Helen. *Ojibwe History and Culture* (Native American Library). Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2013. ISBN: 9781433974212. Price: 34.85.

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Doak, Robin S. *Subarctic Peoples* (First Nations of North America). Heinemann Library, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-4329-4965-5. Price: 10.95.

Books in the series offer information to grade four to six students about the cultural history of the major cultural regions of North America. This title discusses the Subarctic culture region of northern Canada and Alaska that includes the Algonquin, the Cree, the Innu, the Ojibwe, and Athabaskan people of Alaska. The colourful and well-designed resource offers the standard information about migration theory of Indigenous Peoples in North America, and then proceeds to explain their economies, transportation, clothing styles, spirituality, storytelling, art, trade, and contributions. Guided Reading Level: Q

## **Grade 6, Social Studies: Issues Concerning First Nations Today**

### **Resources**

King, Thomas. *The Truth About Stories: A Native Narrative*. CBC Massey Lectures. Toronto: Anansi, 2003. ISBN: 0-88784-696-3. Price: \$19.95

In true storyteller fashion Tom King looks at the breadth and depth of First Nations experience and imagination in this humour-filled talk. Beginning with traditional oral stories, King weaves his way through identity, literature and history, religion and politics, popular culture and social issues, in an effort to make sense of Canada's relationship with Aboriginal peoples.

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**



Switzer, Maurice. *We Are All Treaty People*. North Bay: Union of Ontario Indians, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-9868211-0-3

34-page illustrated history produced by the Union of Ontario Indians to promote the understanding of treaties among all people in Ontario. Written by Maurice Switzer with coloured drawings by Charley Herbert the book offers students a brief look at history from the Anishinabek perspective. This book's concise retelling of First Nations history makes it an excellent resource for all schools and libraries. Price: \$25.00

Keeshig-Tobias, Polly. *The Illustrated History of the Chippewas of Nawash*. Chippewas of Nawash - Kendasswin Literacy, 1996. ISBN: 0-9680904-0-0

The story is presented in comic book format with a narrative style that covers eleven episodes. Set in the Saugeen Peninsula of Grey/Bruce Counties of Ontario, the story takes the reader through the periods of history of First Nations People in Ontario. We are introduced to leading figures that worked to maintain their people's traditional territory. Covers land rights issues, treaties, etc. Price: \$19.98

Fadden, Ray Tehanetorens. *Wampum Belts of the Iroquois*. Book Publishing Company, 1999. ISBN: 1-57067-082-X

Important introductory text about the significance and historical value of wampum used by the Six Nations Iroquois (Haudenosaunee). Over 40 wampum belts are described and accompanied by photographs of reproductions. The belts record Iroquois cultural history, interaction with other Native American tribes, and peace and friendship agreements or treaties with government officials. Price: \$12.45

## **Grade 7, Language: Aboriginal Poetry**

### **Resources**

Armstrong, Jeannette, and Grauer, Lally, eds. *Native Poetry in Canada: A Contemporary Anthology*. Peterborough: Broadview Press, 2001. ISBN: 1-55111-200-0. Price: \$36.95

Hirschfelder, Arlene, and Singer, Beverly R., eds. *Rising Voices: Writings of Young Native Americans*. Toronto: Random House, 1993. ISBN: 0-8041-1167-7. Price: \$8.99

Johnson, E. Pauline. *E. Pauline Johnson Tekahionwake: Collected Poems and Selected Prose*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2002. ISBN: 0-8020-8497-4. Price: \$33.95

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Bouchard, David. *The Secret of Your Name: Proud to be Métis*. Calgary: Red Deer Press, 2010. ISBN: 978-0-88995-439-7. Price: \$24.95

This 2010 picture book by renowned Métis author David Bouchard recounts the emotional story of the author's identity told in the poetic text and the engaging images of artist Dennis Weber.

Bouchard, David. *The Elders Are Watching*. Raincoast Books, 2003. ISBN: 9781551926414.

This combination of poetic art explores the theme of First Nations and their relationship to the environment. Twenty-five evocative, colour images drawn by Vickers are combined with four-line verses written by Bouchard. Together the Tsimshian artist and the British Columbian teacher gently focus the reader's attention to the importance of the environment and the teachings of the elders. Price: \$21.95

Bouchard, David. *Long Powwow Nights*. Red Deer Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-88995427-4.

Moving picture book co-written by David Bouchard and Pam Aleekuk. The bilingual 32-page book has text in English and Mi'kmaq and an audio CD accompanies the book. Bouchard's rhythmic poems are inspired by the child's fond memories of powwows attended with his mother. Price: \$24.95

Delorande, Deborah. *Christmas La Pouchinn*. Theytus, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-894778-87-9

Picture book written in rhyming verse by author Deborah Delorande about the importance of the Métis seasonal round of activities by families and communities.

Harjo, Joy. *For a Girl Becoming*. University of Arizona Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-8165-2797-7

Creek poet and musician Joy Harjo is a picture book that celebrates the life stages of a girl from birth to adulthood in verse and colourful pastel illustrations. Price: \$26.50

Joe, Rita. *For the Children*. Wreck Cove: Breton Books, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-895415-98-8.  
A book of poetry by renowned Mi'kmaw poet Rita Joe (1932-2007). Price: \$16.95

McLaughlin, Timothy P. *Walking on Earth and Touching the Sky: Poetry and Prose from Lakota Youth at Red Cloud Indian School*. Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-4197-0179-5. Price: \$21.95  
A poetry anthology with a difference. Collected in this anthology are 109 poems and short prose pieces authored by 61 former students of Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Reservation between 1997 to 2000. Poet and teacher Timothy McLaughlin encouraged the students in grades 5 to eight to compose poems and brief prose pieces. He selected and organized these moving and vibrant works into a solid collection. Organized around themes such as the Natural World, Misery, Native Thoughts, Silence, Spirit, Family, Youth and Dreams, and Language the poems speak of the everyday lives of Pine Ridge youth. Price: \$21.95

### **Grade 7, Language: Gestures and Movements in Aboriginal Dances**

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Ancona, George. *Powwow*. New York: Harcourt Brace and Company, 1993. ISBN: 0-15-263269-7. Price: \$12.50

Patton, Anne. *Fiddle Dancer, Li Daanseur di Vyaeloon*. Saskatoon: Gabriel Dumont Institute, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-920915-76-9. Price: \$15.50

Klippenstein, Blaine. *Andrea's Fiddle*. Loon Books, 2008. ISBN: 978-1-896201-82-5  
Children's picture book and accompanying audio CD that celebrates Métis fiddle music. Price: \$25.00

Spalding, Andrea. *Secret of the Dance*. Orca Book Publishers, 2006. ISBN: 978-1-55469-129-6  
Picture book tells the fictional story of a nine-year-old Kwakwaka'wakw boy who witnesses a Potlatch Ceremony in 1935. Retired provincial court judge, Alfred Scow, recounts the event to Andrea Spalding about this once forbidden ceremony. Price: \$9.95

Pelletier, Jeanne. *The Story of the Rabbit Dance*. Gabriel Dumont Institute, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-920915-77-6  
Children's picture book about the origin of the Métis dance known as the rabbit dance. Métis storyteller Jeanne Pelletier tells this story about a trapper named Jacques who witnesses an interesting sight on his way to a community event. The story is simply told in English and Michif text and the book has an audio CD included. Price: \$15.50

Bouchard, David. *The Drum Calls Softly*. Red Deer Press, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-88995-421-2  
A picture book co-written with educator Shelley Willier and illustrated by Jim Poitras. The story is told in rhyming verse as the narrator celebrates with others the joy of the round dance and the music of the drum. This bilingual Cree and English book offers readers insight into the cultural understanding of First Nations by drawing them into the circle. They explore the seasons, the life cycle, cultural values, and making new friends. The 32-page book is illustrated with colour paintings of the dance by Jim Poitras. The book is accompanied by an audio CD which contains the English text, the Cree text and music by the Northern Cree Drum. Price: \$24.95

### **Grade 7, Language: Viewpoints in Aboriginal and Mainstream Media**

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Ziervogel, Kim. *Meet a Journalist: Waubgeshig Rice*. Ningwakwe Learning Press, 2009. ISBN: 978-1-897541-04-3

A 16-page booklet published by Ningwakwe Learning Press that celebrates the life of an Ojibwe journalist. This book is part of the Career Path Choices Series that showcases the career opportunities for

Aboriginal students and explores the career choice of Waubgeshig Rice who currently works as a journalist for CBC. Price: \$14.95

## **Grade 7: Cross-Cultural Perspectives**

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Trottier, Maxine. *Death of My Country: The Plains of Abraham Diary of Genevieve Aubuchon*. Scholastic, 2005. ISBN: 0-439-97662-7

Historical novel by Maxine Trottier that explores an Abenaki girl's experiences during the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in New France, 1759. This novel is part of the Dear Canada series. Genevieve is a Catholic orphan raised in a French widow's household. Her older brother remains connected to the Abenaki community but his loyalties are to his sister. Genevieve's comfortable life changes when war between the British and French is declared. Price: \$14.99

Solomon, Chad. *Adventures of Rabbit and Bear Paws: The Voyageurs*. Little Spirit Productions, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-9739906-2-1

Graphic novel based on the characters in the comic strip, two Ojibwe brothers known as Rabbit and Bear Paws. Set in North America during the fur trade this humorous story features a lacrosse game, an encounter with fur traders, a flying canoe, and Mohawk character. Price: \$11.95

## **Grade 7, History: Exploring Cultural Differences**

### **Resources**

*The Great Peace ... The Gathering of Good Minds*. CD-ROM. Brantford, ON: Goodminds.com, Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, 2011. Price: \$50.00; Institutional: \$150.00 (CD-ROM & Teacher Guide)

Thomas, Jacob E. *Teachings from the Longhouse*. Toronto: Stoddart Publishing, 1997. Out of Print

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Benton-Banai, Edward. *The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibway*. Hayward, WI: Indian Country Communications, Inc., 2010. ISBN: 978-0-8166-7382-7.

Edward Benton-Banai's goal in writing *The Mishomis Book* was to provide students with an accurate account of Ojibway culture, history, and worldview based on the oral teachings. This book begins with the Ojibway creation story and how first man came to earth. The fifteen chapters cover the traditional teachings about the acquisition of fire and tools, the creation and meaning of the clan system, the migration of the Ojibway people from the Atlantic Coast to their present locations in Canada and the United States. The final chapter describes more recent history. Throughout the book, the author includes the use of Ojibway words and their meanings, as well as helpful maps and illustrations. Other major topics covered include the four directions, the pipe, the Midewiwin and Sweat Lodge, the Seven Fires prophesy, and the Seven Grandfathers Teaching, values and beliefs, and the role of Elders. Price: \$30.00

Woodcock, George. *Gabriel Dumont. Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2003. ISBN: 1-55041-492-5*  
Biography of Métis leader during Northwest Resistance. Price: \$9.95

Palud-Pelletier, Noëlie. *Louis, Son of the Prairies*. Pemmican, 2005. ISBN: 0-921827-11-3

The early life of Métis leader, Louis Riel. This fourth printing is the English translation by Elizabeth Maguet of Noëlie Palud-Pelletier's 1984 French edition. Told in a fictionalized series of anecdotes, the book attempts to provide students with an account of a Métis child's life in mid-nineteenth century western Canada. Price: \$9.95

Truss, Jan. *A Very Small Rebellion*. Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2005. ISBN: 1-55041-930-7

Novel set in the 1950s in a Prairie classroom. The students are Métis and First Nation and their teacher introduces the idea of the class performing a play. The students begin their rehearsals and their study of the historic period in Canadian history known as the Riel or Northwest Resistance. The author has selected to combine a story about the students' school play along with brief entries at the beginning of each chapter that

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Trottier, Maxine. *Blood Upon Our Land: The North West Resistance Diary of Josephine Bouvier*. Scholastic Canada, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-545-99905-2

Historical fiction set during the time of the Northwest Resistance featuring a Métis girl. Price: \$14.99

## **Grade 8, History: Important Aboriginal Women**

### **Resources**

Kelm, Mary-Ellen, and Townsend, Lorna, eds. *In the Days of Our Grandmothers: A Reader in Aboriginal Women's History in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2006. ISBN: 0-8020-7960-1. Price: \$41.00

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Fournel, Kelly. *Native Women of Courage for Young Readers*. Summertown: 7th Generation, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-9779183-2-4

A collection of brief biographical sketches of ten outstanding First Nations women. Métis author Kelly Fournel celebrates the lives of Winona LaDuke, Sarah Winnemucca, Maria Tallchief, Mary Kim Titla, Sandra Lovelace Nicholas, Susan Aglukark, Wilma Mankiller, Suzanne Rochon-Burnett, Lorna B. Williams, and Pauline Johnson. Price: \$11.00

McIntosh, Kenneth. *Native Women in the Americas*. Philadelphia: Mason Crest Publishers, 2005. ISBN: 1-59084-862-4

This volume describes the history and cultural traditions of Indigenous women of North and South America. With specific examples and quotes, the author demonstrates to readers the various means Indigenous women of the Americas played and continue to play in the lives of their communities. Each chapter covers themes such as history and cultural survival; spirituality today; Indigenous women in the military and in sports; Indigenous women and leadership; Indigenous women in the arts; Native women in the healing arts and education; and the Seventh Generation and the future for Indigenous women of the Americas. Price: \$25.25

Wilson, Janet. *Shannen and the Dream for a School*. Toronto: Second Story Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-926920-30-6

One of the titles in the Kids Power Series from Second Story Press. Author Janet Wilson has taken the real-life story of Shannen Koostachin, her friends and family of Attawapiskat and created a fictionalized account in a chapter book format. Shannen was a student attending JR Nakogee Elementary when her and other community students began a campaign to have a new school built. The school had been contaminated by a fuel spill in 1979, and now students were forced to endure moldy and drafty portables during the school day. At thirteen Shannen and her classmates created a YouTube video about their school portables' conditions and how they all wanted a safe and healthy building in which to learn. The video turned viral and garnered support from a variety of students across Canada as well as support from organizations. The author successfully weaves created dialogue into this fictionalized story but remains faithful to the heart of this moving story. Portraying a history of this James Bay Cree community's 30-year efforts to lobby for a decent school building as well as explaining the history of the Indian Act and the role of the federal government in the lives of First Nations is accomplished with ease and simplicity. Price: \$14.95

MacLeod, Elizabeth. *The Kids Book of Great Canadian Women*. Kids Can Press, 2006. ISBN: 978-1-55337-820-4

Profiles more than 130 women and their amazing feats in exploration, science, the arts, politics and many other fields. The entries are organized by area of expertise such as art, performance, scientists, athletes, writers, innovators, and politicians. Aboriginal women featured include: Shania Twain, Susan Aglukark, Pitseolak Ashoona, Kenojuak Ashevak, Thanadelthur, Kateri Tekakwitha, Shawnadithit, Pauline Johnson, Nellie Cournoyea, Roberta Jamieson, and Molly Brant. Price: \$19.95

Voyageur, Cora, Newhouse, David, and Beavon, Dan. *Hidden in Plain Sight: Contributions of Aboriginal Peoples to Canadian Identity and Culture, volume 2*. Toronto: University of Toronto, 2011. ISBN: 978-1-4426-1012-5

A mix of brief biographical sketches of men and women and longer essays are organized around themes such as economic and community development; environment; education; politics and northern power; and arts and culture. Much more than a simple recitation of foods and tools developed by First Nations and Inuit, this book resounds with a refreshing approach to the topic of Indigenous contributions to the world. Price: \$37.95

### **Grade 8, History: Lives of Métis and First Nation Peoples in Western Canada in the 1890s**

#### **Resources**

Campbell, Maria. *Riel's People: How the Métis Lived*. Vancouver: Douglas and McIntyre, 1992. Out of Print

Racette, Calvin. *Flags of the Métis*. Saskatoon: Gabriel Dumont Institute, 1987. Out of Print

#### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

Reed, Kevin, Elijah, Mary Joy, and Lickers, Keith. *Aboriginal Peoples in Canada*. Toronto: Pearson Education and GoodMinds.com, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-13-510649-5. Price: \$65.00 (for Ontario School Boards)

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### **Grade 8, History: The Red River Rebellion**

#### **Resources**

Neering, Rosemary. *Louis Riel*. Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1999. This biography of Louis Riel makes excellent use of historical documents, maps, illustrations, and archival photographs. Price: \$9.95

Stanbridge, Joanne. *Poundmaker: Peace Chief*. Don Mills, ON: Pearson Education Canada, 2005. ISBN: 0-13-124444-2.

One of the titles in the Reaching Readers, Canadian Biographies series published by Pearson Education. This biography is written for the Guided Reading Level O-P and the DRA Level 34-38. This biography of Cree leader Poundmaker offers grade 3 students basic information about the people of the Canadian Prairies and their history of contact. \$11.95

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Dorion, Leah. *The Giving Tree: A Retelling of a Traditional Métis Story about Giving and Receiving*. Gabriel Dumont Institute, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-920915-90-5

Bilingual picture book that celebrates the Métis concept of generosity. Nevertheless the book is a valuable addition to the growing collection of Michif literature. The end notes offers teachers and older students information about the Red River Cart Wheel Teachings that include Respect, Love, Kindness, Strength, Sharing, Balance, Caring, Courage, Honesty, Patience, and Tolerance. The book comes with an audio CD with the story told in English by Leah Dorion, and the Michif translation by Norman Fleury. Price: \$15.95

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## **Grade 8, History: Treaties 1 to 8**

### **Resources**

Morris, Alexander. *The Treaties of Canada with the Indians of Manitoba and the North-West*. Toronto: Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 1991. ISBN: 0-920079-83-0. Price: \$21.95

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Title**

Switzer, Maurice. *We Are All Treaty People*. North Bay: Union of Ontario Indians, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-9868211-0-3

34-page illustrated history produced by the Union of Ontario Indians to promote the understanding of treaties among all people in Ontario. Written by Maurice Switzer with coloured drawings by Charley Herbert the book offers students a brief look at history from the Anishinabek perspective. This book's concise retelling of First Nations history makes it an excellent resource for all schools and libraries. Price: \$25.00

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Anderson, Mike. *A History of the Ojibwe People: Ojibwe Culture and Literacy Exercise Workbook*. Ningwakwe Learning Press, 1998. ISBN: 1-896832-09-1

This 34-page book provides basic information about the people of the Rainy River district of Treaty #3. The sections contain information about recipes, Ojibwe words and stories, clothing, transportation, homes, spirituality, and the yearly cycle of activity. The content includes short essays about life on a reserve in the Treaty 3 area in the 1930s and 1940s, Treaty Day, and grass dancing. Price: \$9.95

## **Grade 8, History: Treaties and Legislation – Transforming Lifestyles**

### **Resources**

Ward, Donald. *The People: A Historical Guide to the First Nations of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba*. Saskatoon: Fifth House Books, 1997. ISBN: 1-895618-56-8. Price: \$12.95

### **GoodMinds.com Recommended Titles**

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