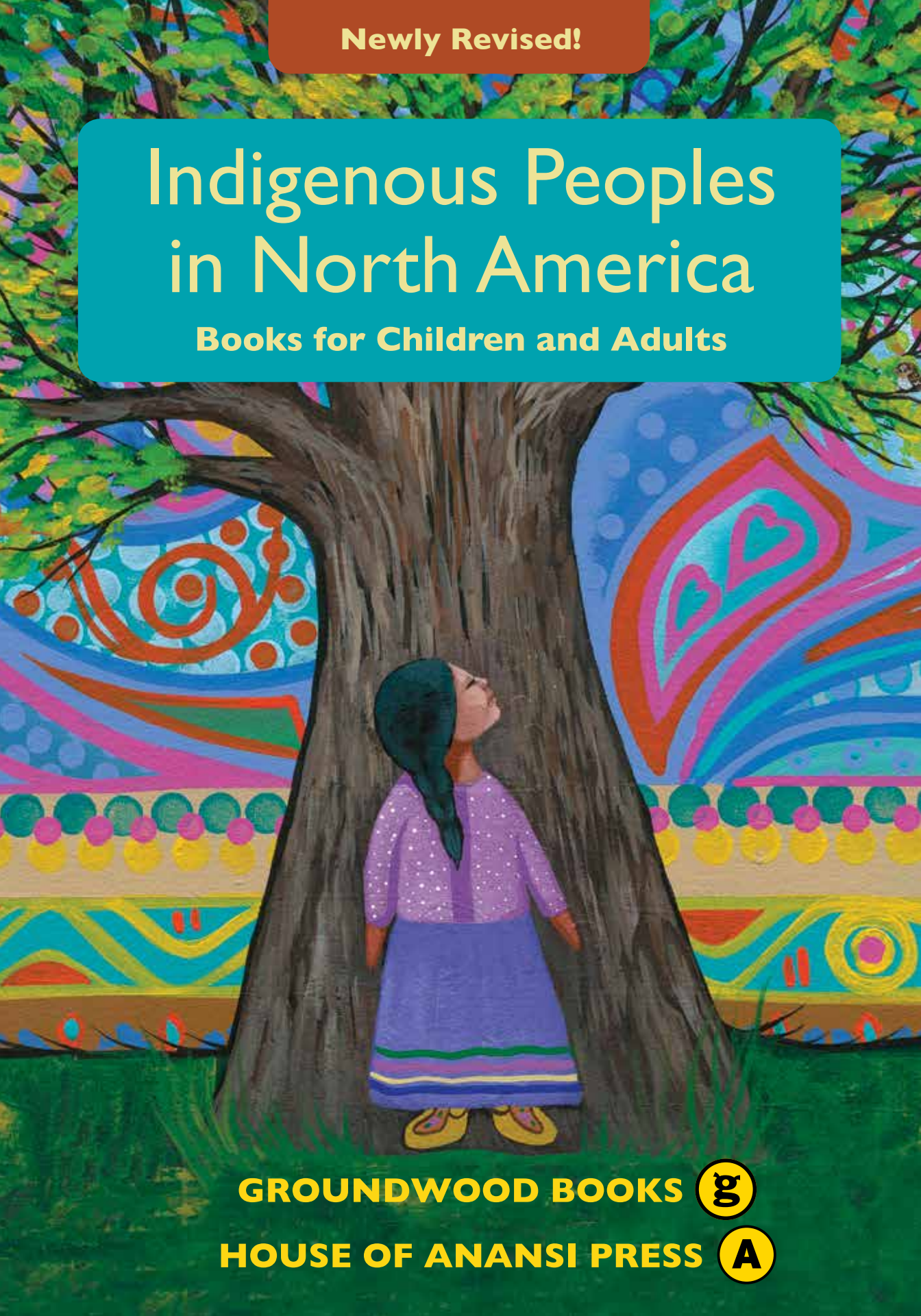


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This is where our office is situated, but the work we publish stretches far beyond a single location. Reading is a journey of the mind, and this collection pulls together books for readers of all ages to explore the abundance and complexity of Indigenous landscapes — both physical and cultural — across Turtle Island. There is no single Indigenous perspective or practice, so while you might first seek the work of authors and illustrators close to home, we also encourage you to travel further afield!

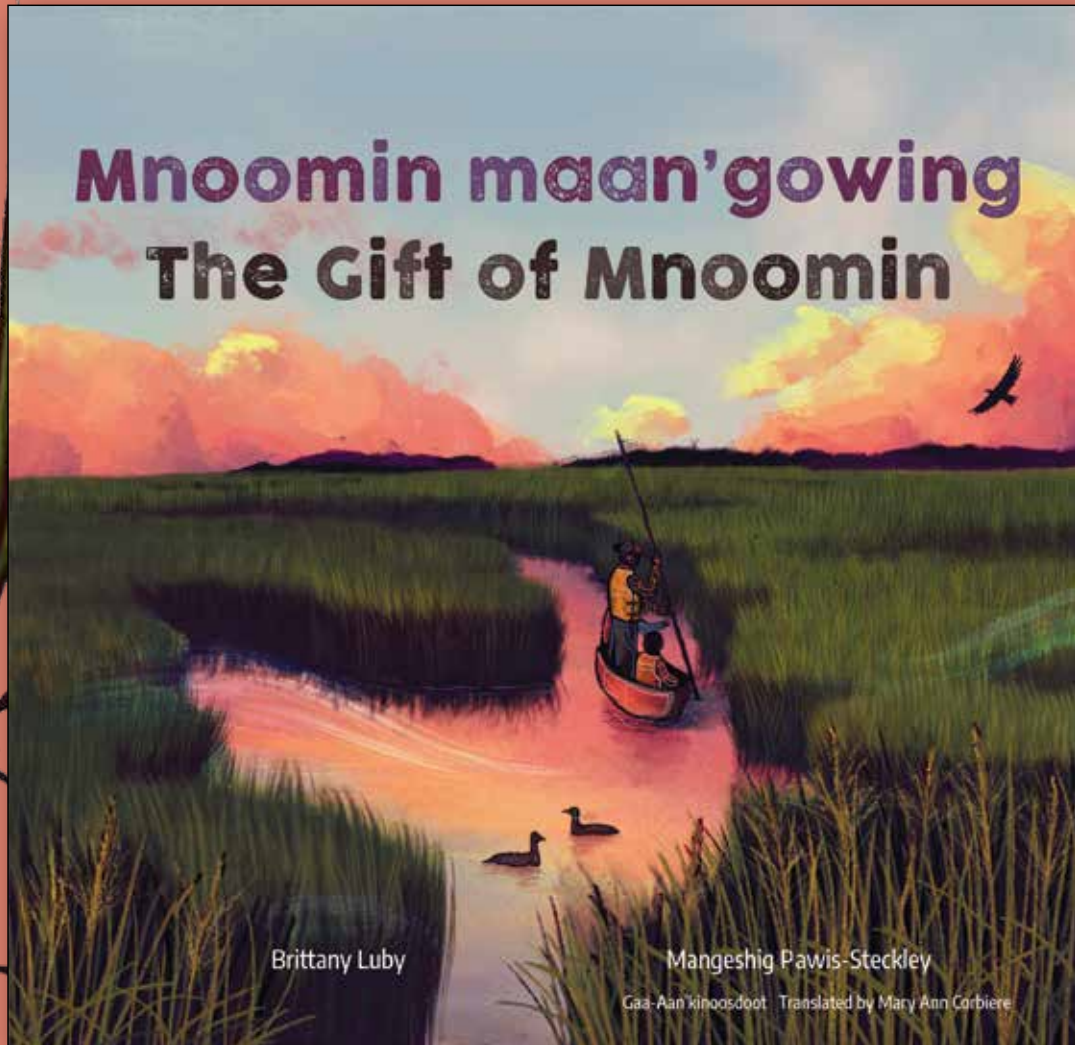
Most of the authors and illustrators featured in these pages identify as Indigenous, with their books offered as knowledge to be shared. The work of non-Indigenous authors has also been included, created as they were in the spirit of learning, allyship and with meaningful cultural consultation.

Every book we read enriches our mental map of the world — it colors our perceptions, fills in the gaps, and delights us with the sights, sounds and smells of its particular setting. But most importantly, storytelling connects us. So as we continue to read, publish, amplify and enjoy more Indigenous literature, we hope you will join us on this path toward better understanding.



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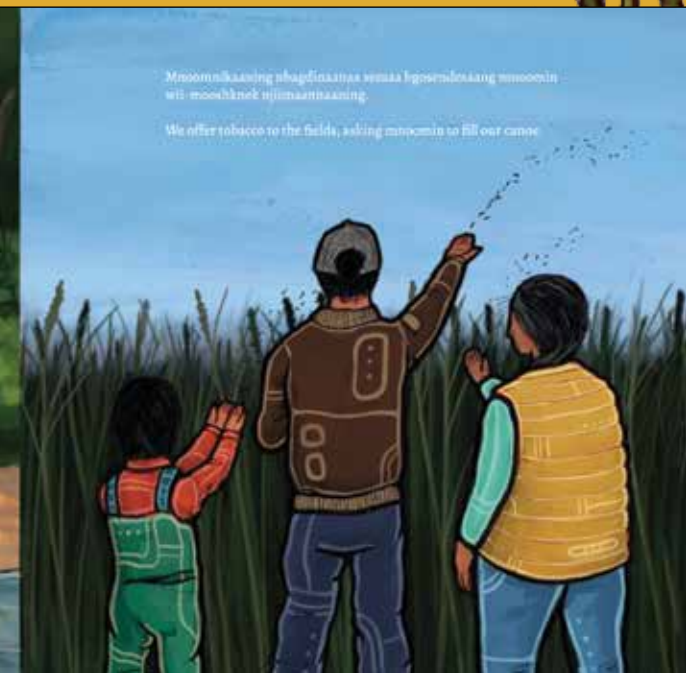
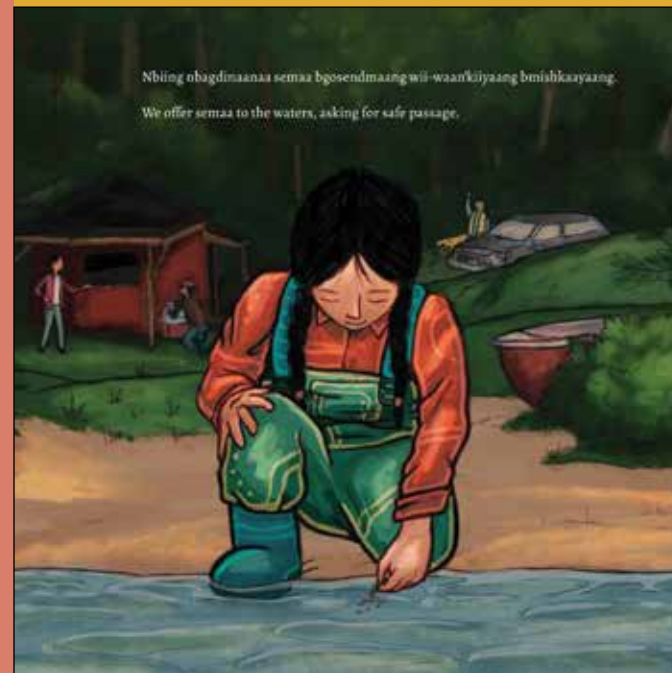


MNOOMIN MAAN'GOWING / THE GIFT OF MNOOMIN

Written by Brittany Luby
Illustrated by Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley
Translated by Mary Ann Corbiere

Ages 3 to 6 / Grades PreK to 1
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People & Places, Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island



MII MAANDA EZHI-GKENDMAANH / THIS IS HOW I KNOW
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 MNOOKMIG DBAADJIGAADE MAANPII
 MZIN'IGNING /
 A BOOK ABOUT THE SEASONS

Written by Brittany Luby
 Illustrated by Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley
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 978-1-77306-326-3 • Hardcover with jacket •
 44 pages • \$19.99

We accompany an Anishinaabe child and her grandmother as they explore the natural wonders of each season in this lyrical, bilingual story-poem.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
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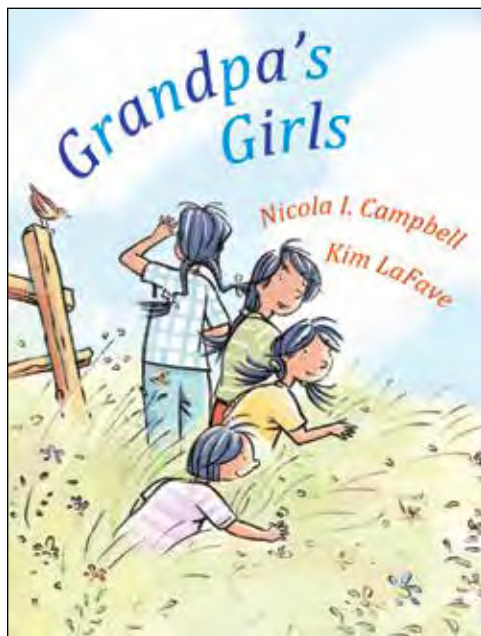


Pii Aamoo bbaa-maandoonmaang
 zhaashi-jiibik, miinwaa
 maamnanaabmangid Gaakaapshiinh
 nbaad mtigoong.

When yellow Bumblebee collects purple
 fireweed with me,
 and we spy brown Screech Owl
 asleep in the tree.



Pii ni nigisod niim, miinwaa
 zhaawshkohagoon hidpaklig goosig;
 When black ice softens,
 and green shoots peek through white snow.



GRANDPA'S GIRLS

Written by Nicola I. Campbell

Illustrated by Kim LaFave

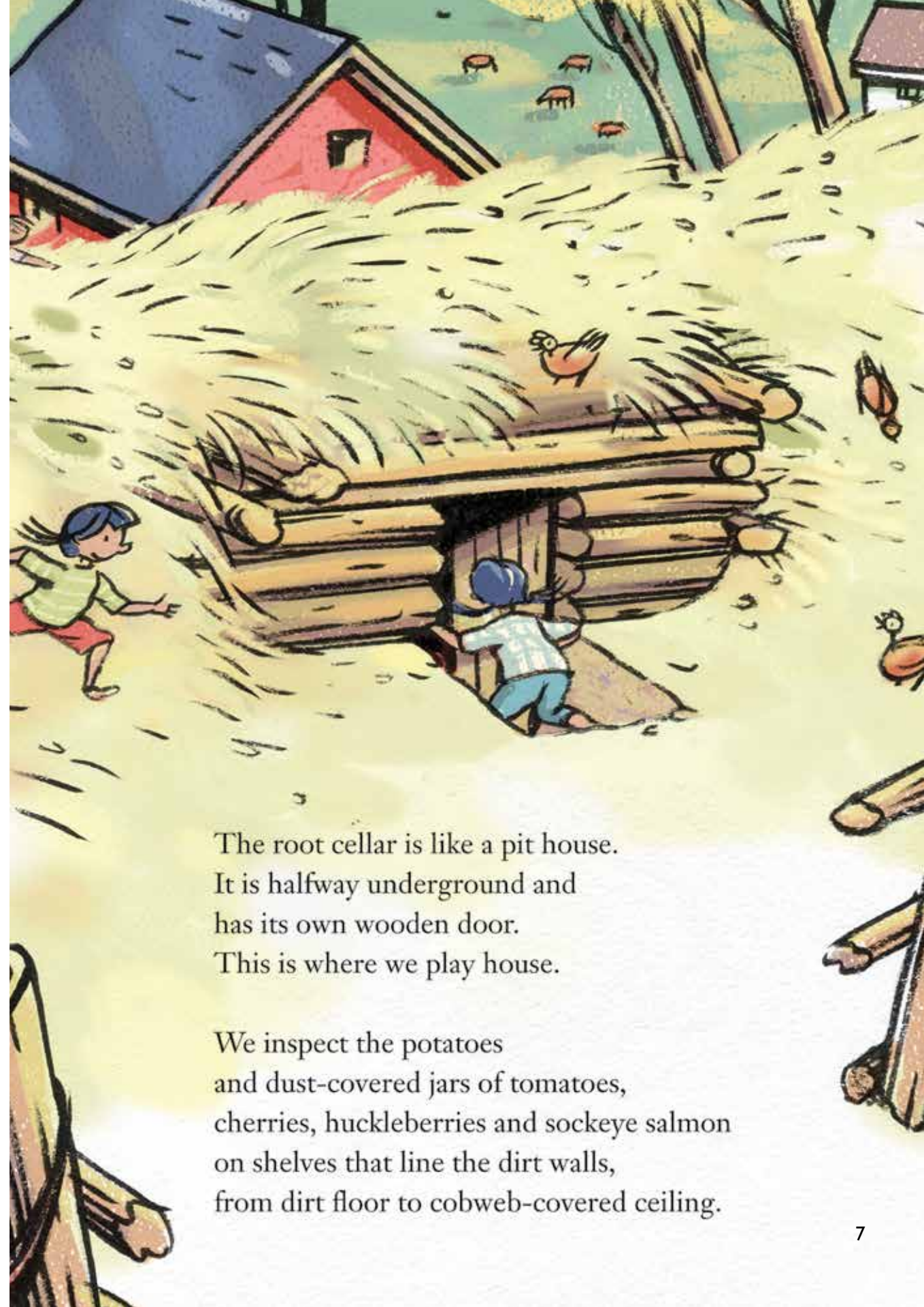
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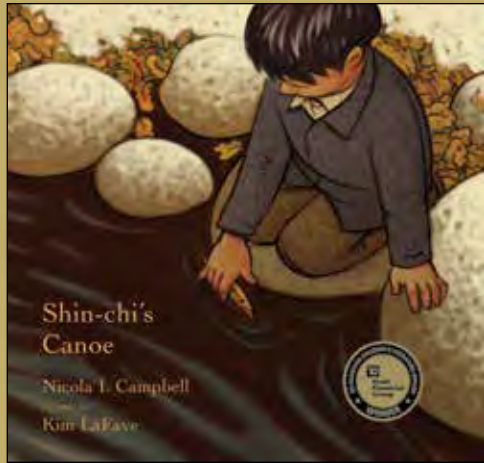
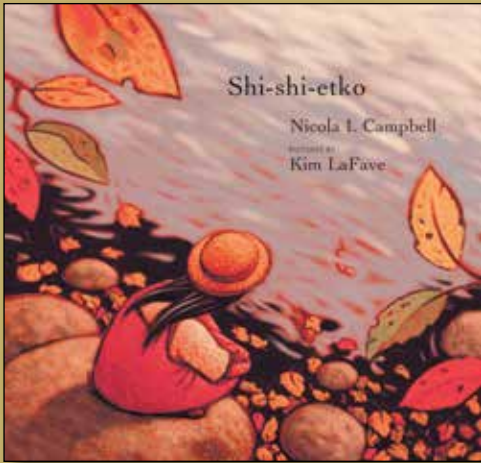
A young girl delights in a visit to Grandpa's farm, where she and her cousins run through the fields, explore the root cellar, swing on a rope out the barn loft window, visit the Appaloosa in the corral and tease the neighbor's pig.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Social Studies, Visual Arts, History



The root cellar is like a pit house.
It is halfway underground and
has its own wooden door.
This is where we play house.

We inspect the potatoes
and dust-covered jars of tomatoes,
cherries, huckleberries and sockeye salmon
on shelves that line the dirt walls,
from dirt floor to cobweb-covered ceiling.



SHI-SHI-ETKO

Written by Nicola I. Campbell
Illustrated by Kim LaFave

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SHIN-CHI'S CANOE

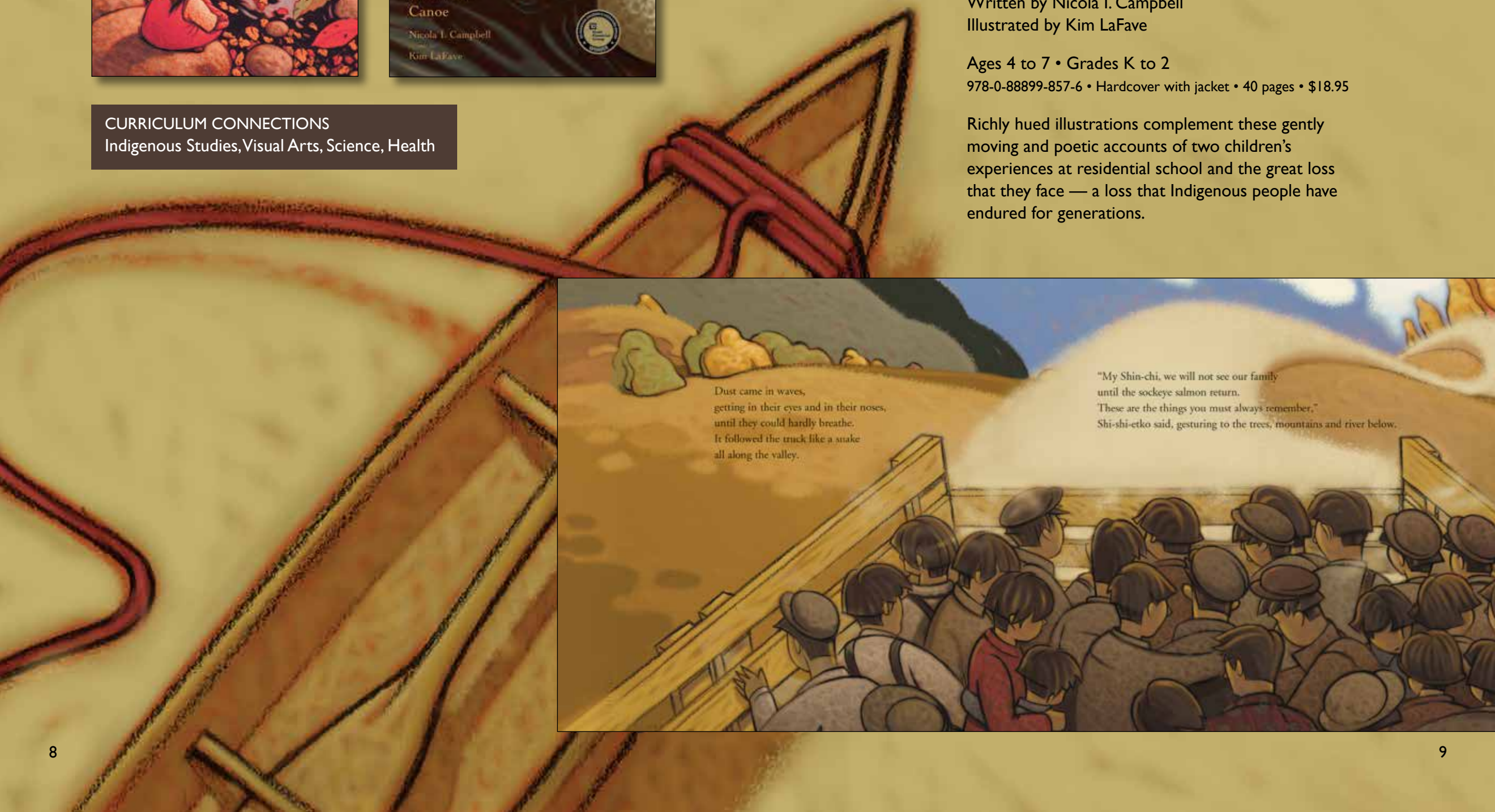
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Illustrated by Kim LaFave

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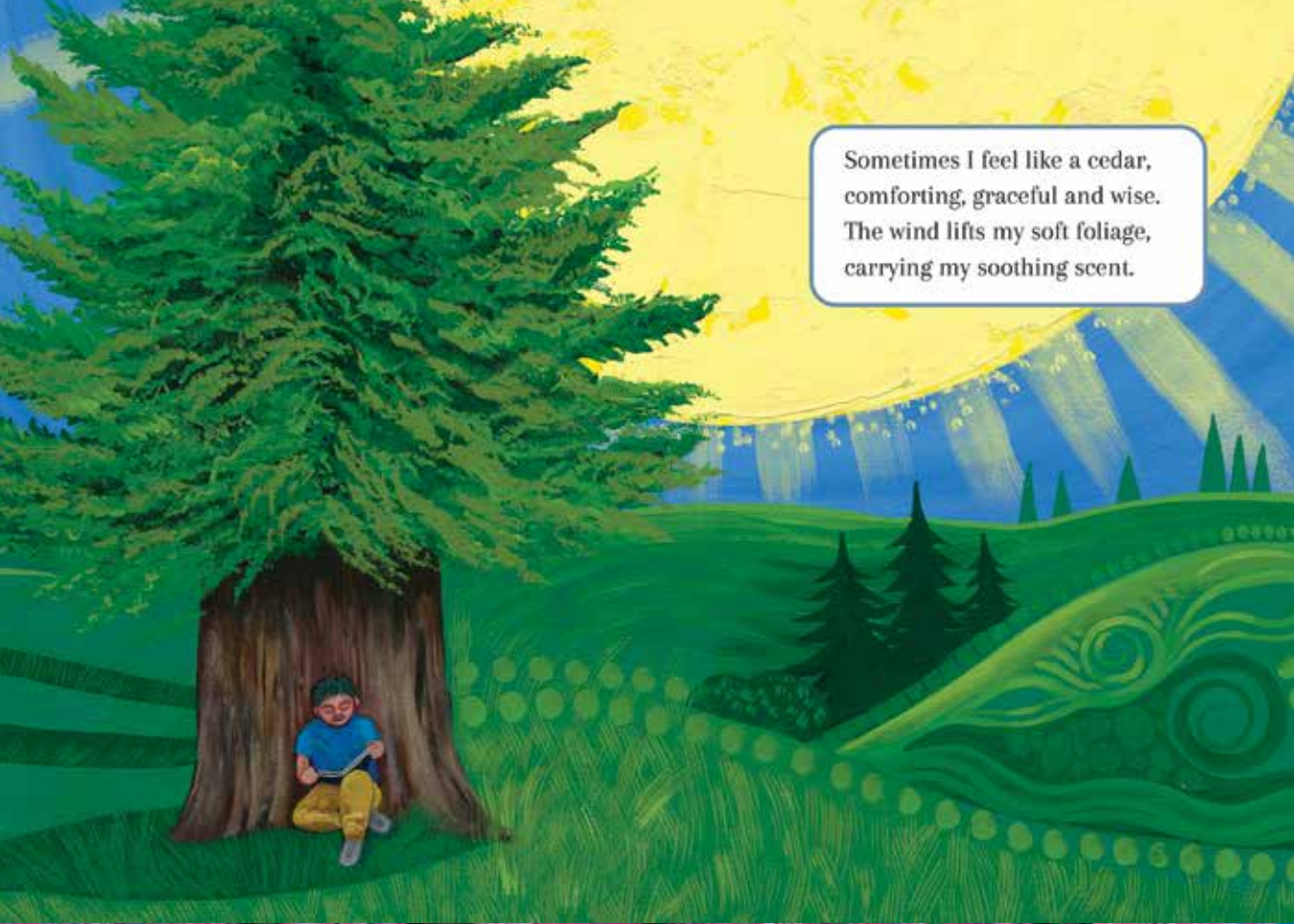
Richly hued illustrations complement these gently moving and poetic accounts of two children's experiences at residential school and the great loss that they face — a loss that Indigenous people have endured for generations.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Indigenous Studies, Visual Arts, Science, Health



Dust came in waves,
getting in their eyes and in their noses,
until they could hardly breathe.
It followed the truck like a snake
all along the valley.

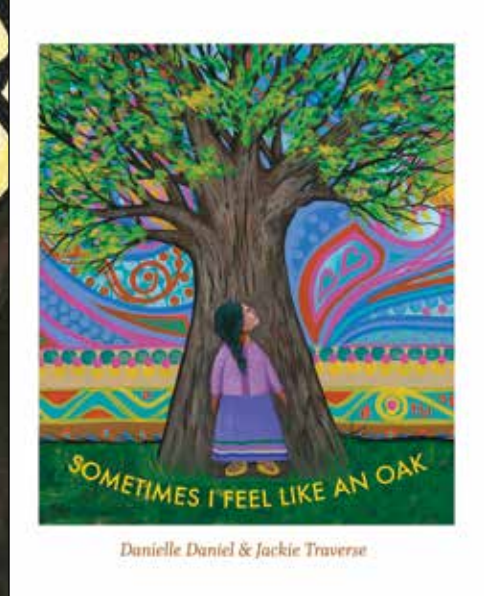
"My Shin-chi, we will not see our family
until the sockeye salmon return.
These are the things you must always remember,"
Shi-shi-etko said, gesturing to the trees, mountains and river below.



Sometimes I feel like a cedar,
comforting, graceful and wise.
The wind lifts my soft foliage,
carrying my soothing scent.



Sometimes I feel like a cherry blossom,
delicate, fragrant and pretty.
I bloom dainty pink flowers
that tumble like paper confetti.



SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE AN OAK

Written by Danielle Daniel
Illustrated by Jackie Traverse

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Following the success of *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox* and *Sometimes I Feel Like a River*, this companion book explores the nature and beauty of trees.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Science & Nature, Trees &
Forests, Emotions & Feelings



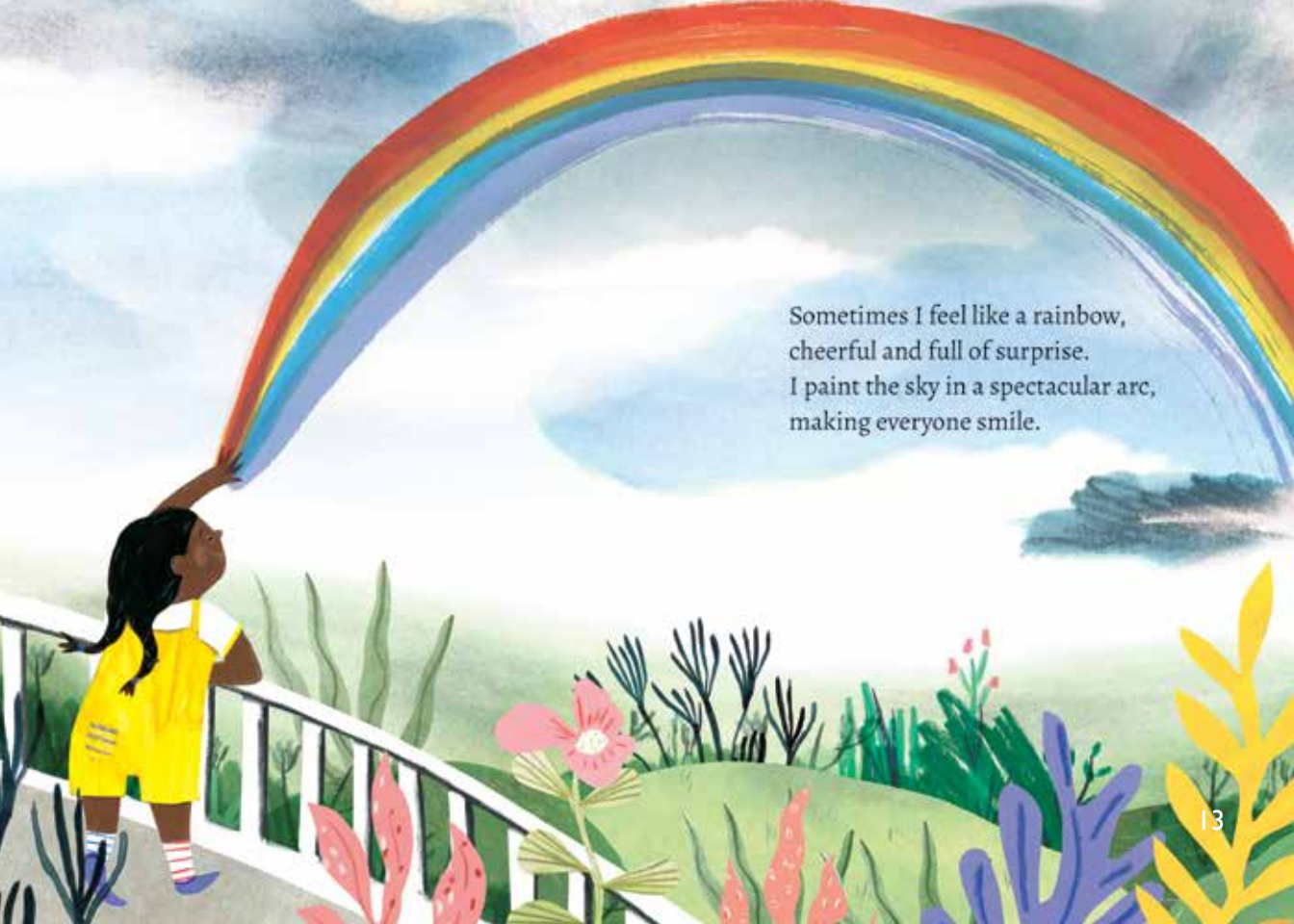
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A RIVER

Written by Danielle Daniel
Illustrated by Josée Bisailon

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32 pages • \$18.99

Following the huge success of *Sometimes I Feel Like a Fox*, this companion book is a lyrical celebration of our relationship to the natural world.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Science & Nature, Environment,
Emotions & Feelings



Sometimes I feel like a rainbow,
cheerful and full of surprise.
I paint the sky in a spectacular arc,
making everyone smile.



SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE A FOX

Written and illustrated by Danielle Daniel

Ages 4 to 7 • Grades K to 2

978-1-77306-117-7 • Trade paperback • 40 pages • \$12.99

In this introduction to the Anishinaabe tradition of totem animals, young children explain why they identify with different creatures such as a deer, beaver or moose.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Language Arts, Visual Arts





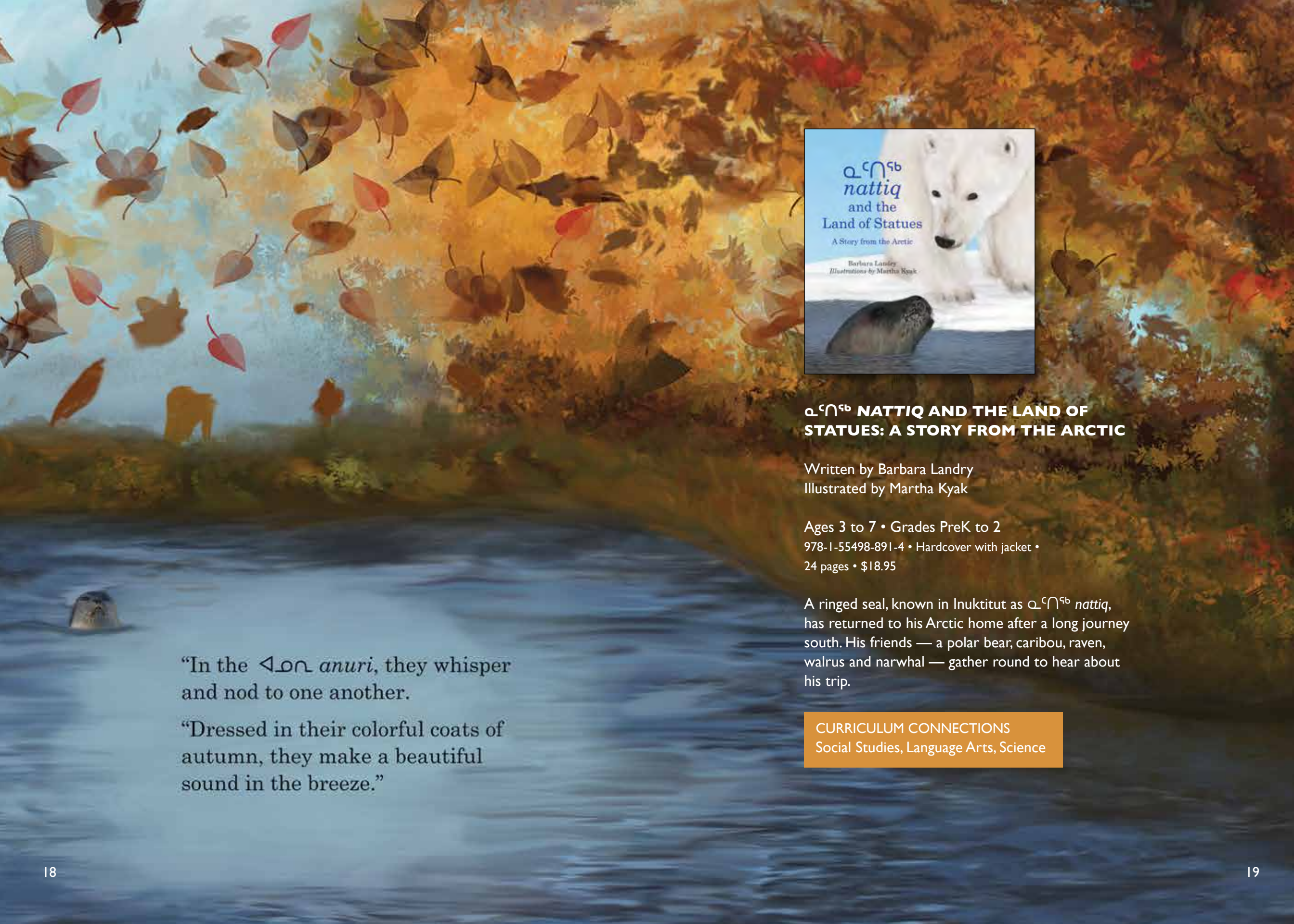
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KISIMI TAIMAIPPAKTUT ANGIRRARIJARANI
ONLY IN MY HOMETOWN

Written by Anknakuluk Friesen
 Illustrated by Ippiksaut Friesen
 Translated by Jean Kusugak

Ages 3 to 7 • Grades PreK to 2
 978-1-55498-883-9 • Hardcover with jacket • 24 pages • \$18.95

The northern lights shine, women gather to eat raw caribou meat, and everyone could be family in this ode to small-town life in Nunavut, written in English and translated into Inuktitut syllabics and transliterated roman characters.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
 Health & Daily Living, Language Arts, Social Studies



ᐁᑦᑎᑦᑲ NATTIQ AND THE LAND OF STATUES: A STORY FROM THE ARCTIC

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Illustrated by Martha Kyak

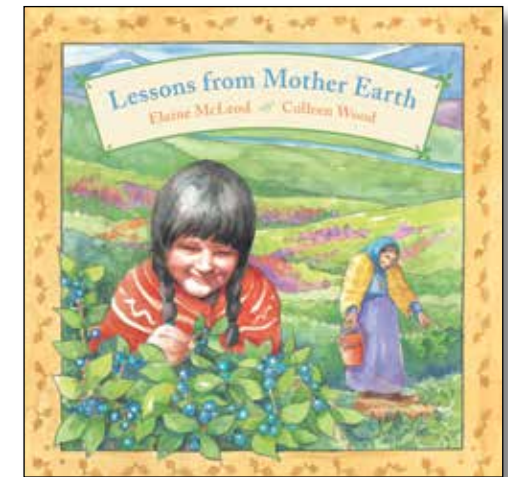
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A ringed seal, known in Inuktitut as ᐁᑦᑎᑦᑲ *nattiq*, has returned to his Arctic home after a long journey south. His friends — a polar bear, caribou, raven, walrus and narwhal — gather round to hear about his trip.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Social Studies, Language Arts, Science

“In the ᐱᐅᑦ *anuri*, they whisper and nod to one another.

“Dressed in their colorful coats of autumn, they make a beautiful sound in the breeze.”



LESSONS FROM MOTHER EARTH

Written by Elaine McLeod
Illustrated by Colleen Wood

Ages 3 to 6 • Grades PreK to 1
978-0-88899-832-3 • Trade paperback • 24 pages •
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Tess has visited her grandmother many times without really being aware of the garden. But today they step outside the door, and Tess learns that if you take care of the plants that are growing, you will always find something to nourish you.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Social Studies, Science and Nature





CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Visual Arts, Music, History

THE HURON CAROL

English lyrics by Jesse Edgar Middleton
Original lyrics by Father Jean de Brébeuf
Illustrated by Ian Wallace

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In the early 1600s Father Jean de Brébeuf settled among the Huron, or Ouendat, people and wrote the original version of this famous Christmas carol in Huron. Multilingual versions of the text, the music and a full description of how this carol has come down to us today are included.



The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair

as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.



nôhkôm ayamihâw. ᓄᓂᓂ ᓇᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ. Nôhkôm prays.



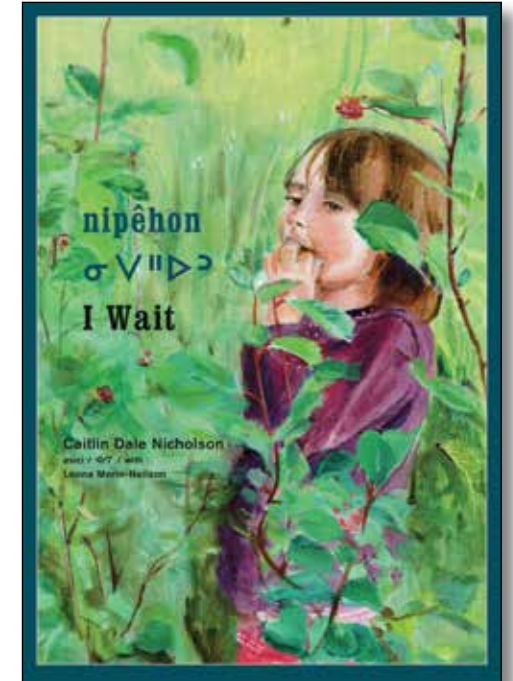
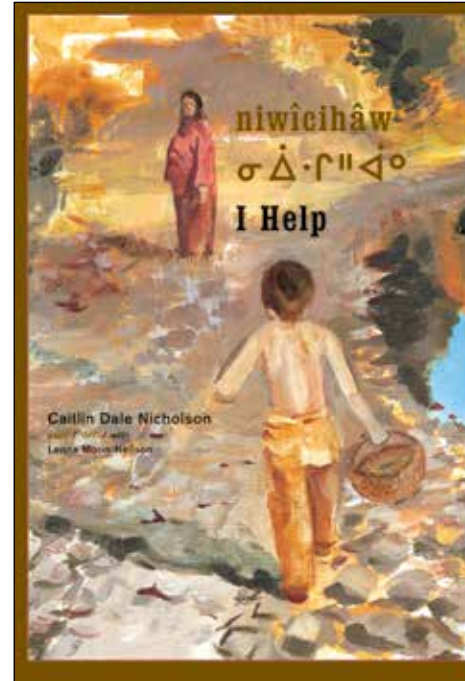
nitayumihân. ᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ. I pray.



nipêhon. ᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ. I wait.



nikâwiw pêhow. ᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ. Mom waits.



NIWĪCHĀW / ᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ / I HELP

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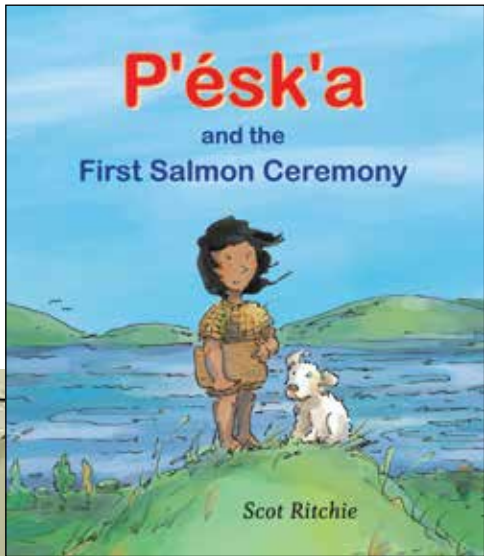
NIPÊHON / ᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂᓂ / I WAIT

by Caitlin Dale Nicholson with Leona Morin-Neilson

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These simple stories in Cree and English show the patience, love and humor between generations on family outings to pick ingredients for tea.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Visual Arts, Language Arts, Science and Nature



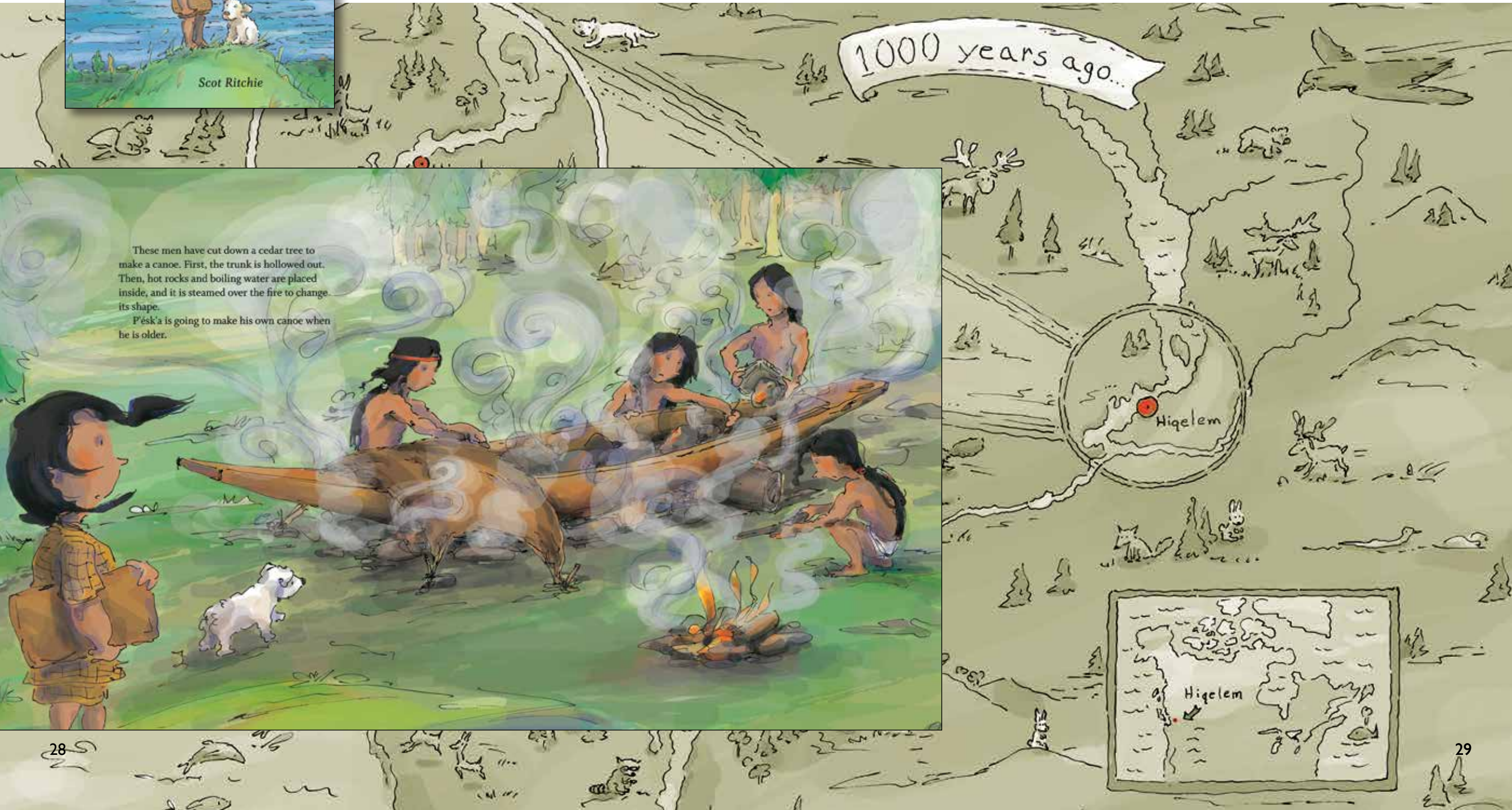
P'ÉSK'A AND THE FIRST SALMON CEREMONY

Written and illustrated by Scot Ritchie

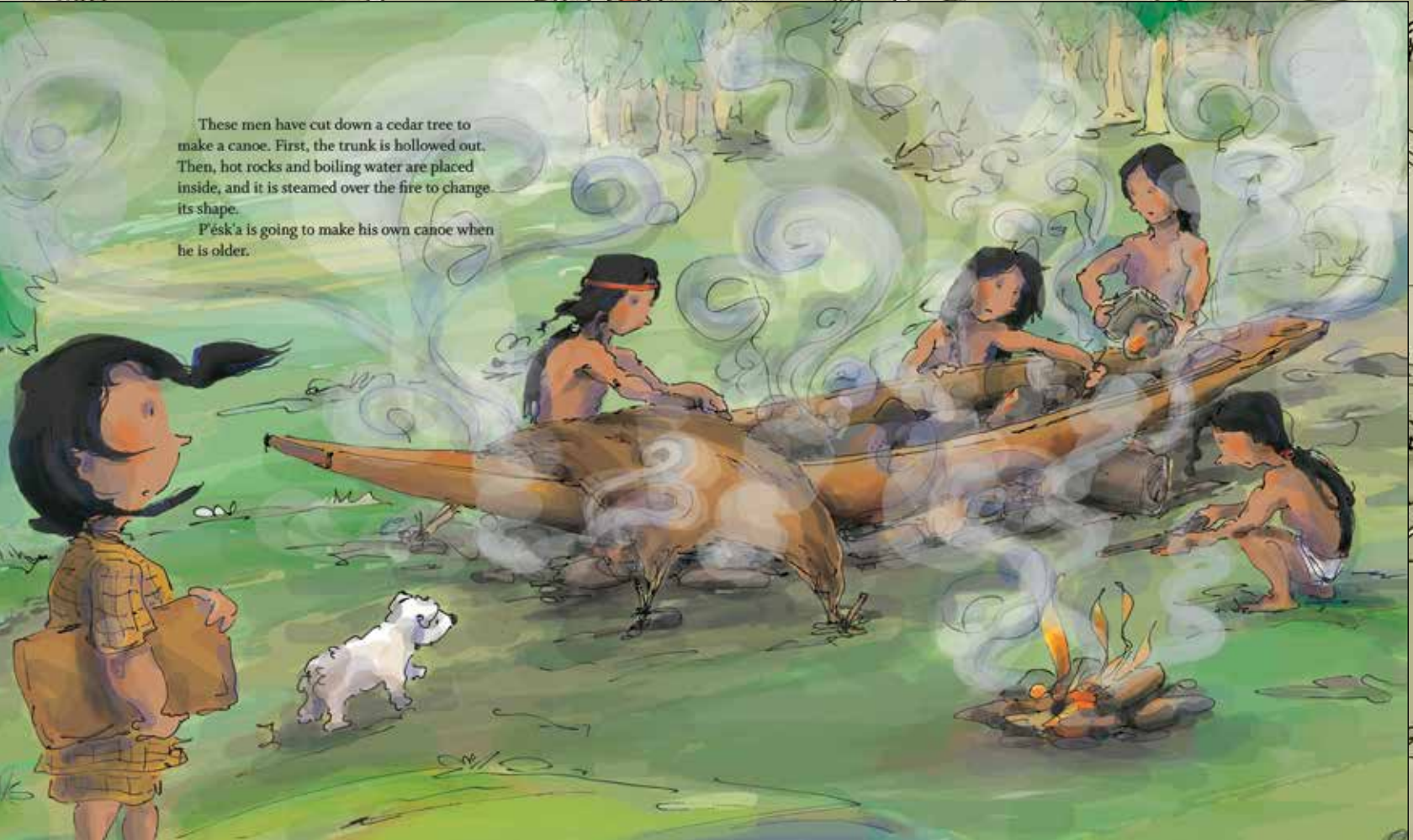
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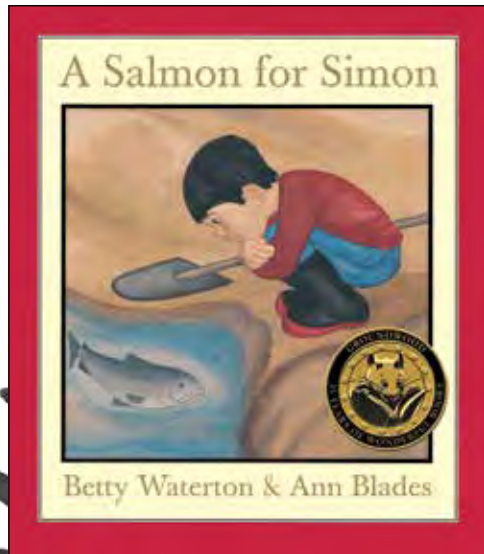
It's the day of the first salmon ceremony, and P'esk'a is excited to celebrate. His community, the Sts'ailes people, give thanks to the river and the salmon it brings by commemorating the first salmon of the season.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
 Visual Arts, Science, Health, Social Studies, Language Arts



These men have cut down a cedar tree to make a canoe. First, the trunk is hollowed out. Then, hot rocks and boiling water are placed inside, and it is steamed over the fire to change its shape.
 P'esk'a is going to make his own canoe when he is older.





A SALMON FOR SIMON

Written by Betty Waterton

Illustrated by Ann Blades

Ages 4 to 7 • Grades K to 2

978-0-88899-276-5 • Trade paperback •

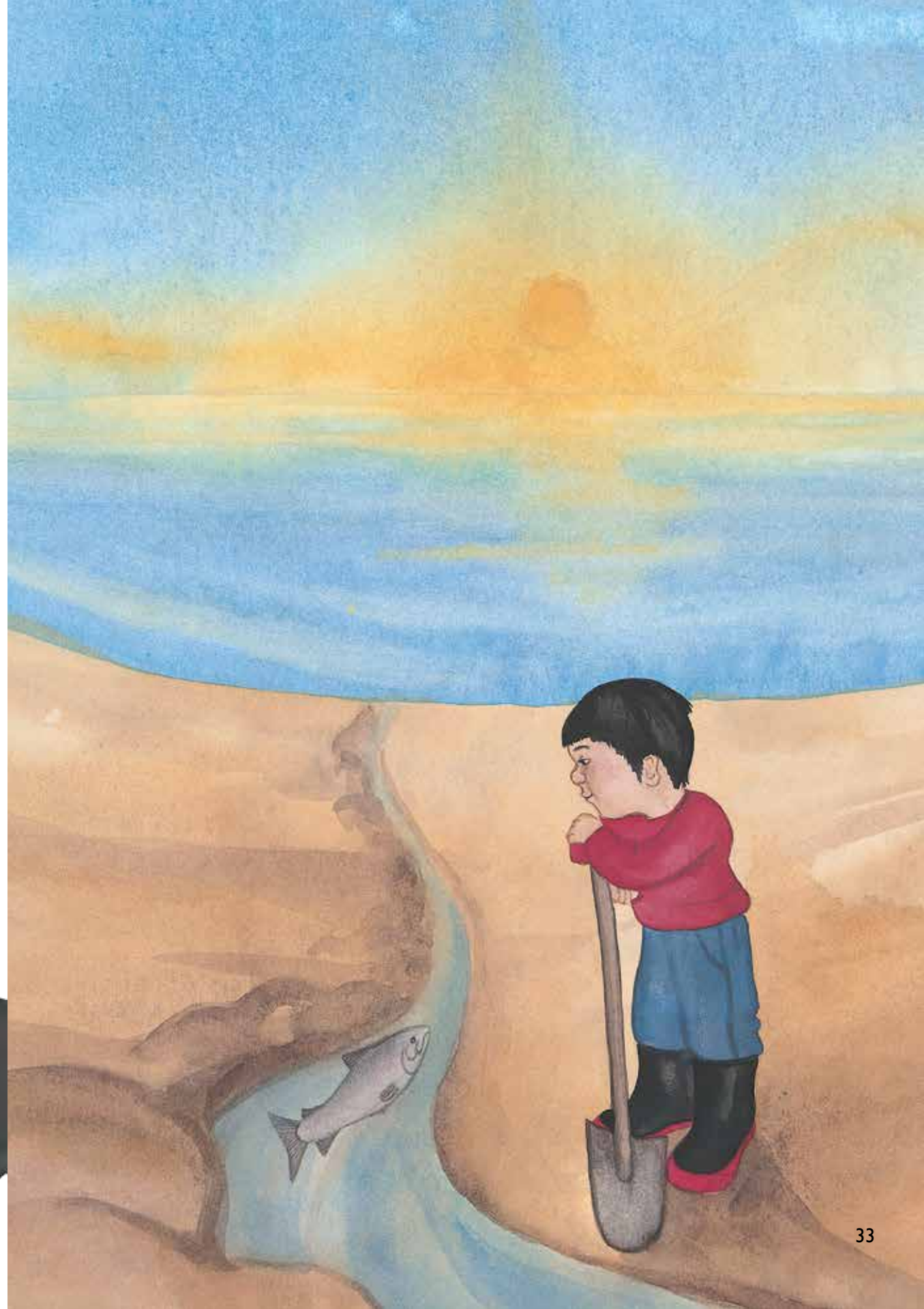
32 pages • \$7.95

978-1-55498-392-6 • Hardcover •

32 pages • \$14.95

Simon has always longed to catch a salmon. But when his luck suddenly changes and an eagle accidentally drops one into a tidal pool, Simon is torn between sympathy for the fish and the desire to catch something of his own.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Science and Nature, Environment





IF YOU WANT TO VISIT A SEA GARDEN

Written by Kay Weisman
Illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers

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This lyrical story follows a young child and an older family member who set out to visit a sea garden early one morning, where they explore the beach and discover the many sea creatures that live there.

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ANCIENT THUNDER

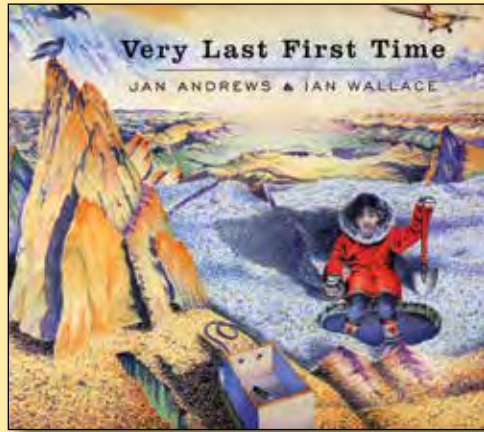
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A beautiful and visionary book from Leo Yerxa, an artist of Ojibway ancestry, *Ancient Thunder* celebrates wild horses and the natural world of the prairies.

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Language Arts, Visual Arts





VERY LAST FIRST TIME

Written by Jan Andrews
 Illustrated by Ian Wallace

Ages 5 to 9 • Grades K to 4
 978-0-88899-043-3 • Hardcover with jacket •
 32 pages • \$19.99

Every winter in Eva's Inuit village on Ungava Bay in northern Canada, the people walk on the bottom of the frozen sea to gather mussels. Today, for the first time, Eva is going to go out by herself.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
 Science, Social Studies, Geography



Soon her mussel pan was full, so she had time to explore.

She found a rock pool that was deep and clear. Small shrimps in the water darted and skittered in the light from her candle. She stopped to watch them. Reaching under a ledge, she touched a pinky-purple crab. The fronds of the anemones on the ledge tickled her wrist.





COYOTE TALES

Written by Thomas King

Illustrated by Byron Eggenschwiler

Ages 6 to 9 • Grades 1 to 4

978-1-55498-833-4 • Hardcover with jacket •

56 pages • \$16.95

Two tales, set in a time “when animals and human beings still talked to each other,” display Thomas King’s cheeky humor and master storytelling skills. In *Coyote Sings to the Moon*, Coyote insults Moon, sending her down to the bottom of the pond. In *Coyote’s New Suit*, mischievous Raven wreaks havoc when she suggests that Coyote’s toasty brown suit is not the finest in the forest, thus prompting him to steal suits belonging to all the other animals.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Humorous Stories / Animals / General

One evening, Coyote heard Old Woman and the animals singing to the moon.

“Pardon me,” said Coyote, smiling his Coyote smile. “Exactly what are you doing?”

“We’re singing to the moon,” said Old Woman.

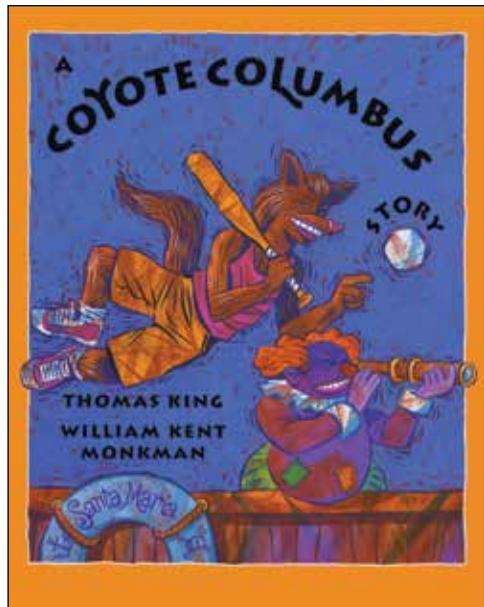
“Well,” said Coyote, taking out his comb and brushing his coat, checking his teeth with his tongue and wiping his nose on his arm. “What you need is a good tenor.”

“No! No!” shouted all the animals. “You have a terrible singing voice!”

“Yes,” said Old Woman. “Your voice could scare Moon away.”

“Hummph,” said Coyote, whose feelings were hurt. “Why would anyone want to sing to Moon, anyway?”





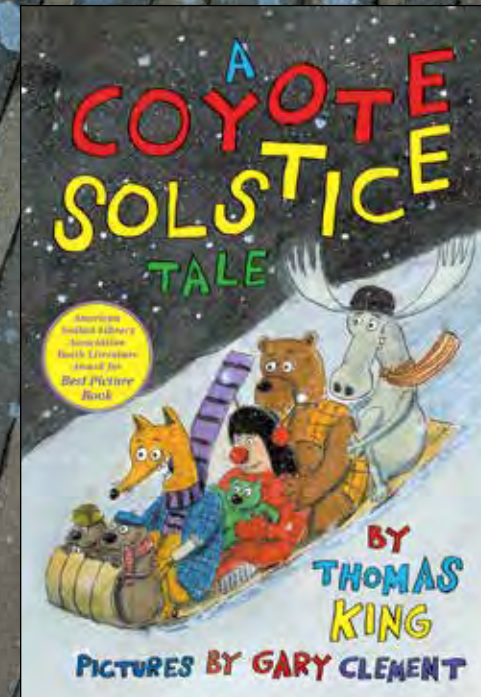
A COYOTE COLUMBUS STORY

Written by Thomas King
 Illustrated by William Kent Monkman

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 978-0-88899-830-9 • Trade paperback • 32 pages •
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Thomas King uses a bag of literary tricks to shatter the stereotypes surrounding Christopher Columbus's voyages. In doing so, he invites children to laugh with him at the crazy antics of Coyote, who unwittingly allows Columbus to bring about the downfall of her human friends.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
 Social Studies, Geography, Physical Education and Health



A COYOTE SOLSTICE TALE

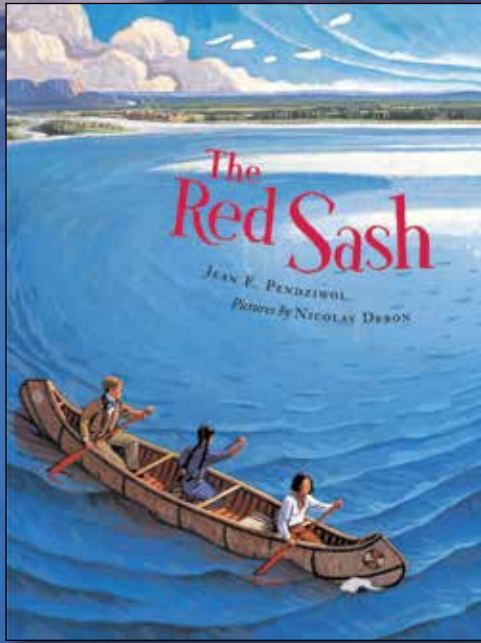
Written by Thomas King
 Illustrated by Gary Clement

Ages 5 to 8 • Grades K to 3
 978-1-77306-912-8 • Trade paperback • 64 pages • \$12.99

Trickster Coyote is having his friends over for a festive solstice get-together in the woods when a little girl comes by unexpectedly. She leads the party-goers through the snowy woods to a shopping mall — a place they have never seen before.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
 Social Studies, Geography,
 Physical Education and Health,
 Science





THE RED SASH

Written by Jean E. Pendziwol

Illustrated by Nicolas Debon

Ages 5 to 8 • Grades K to 3

978-1-77306-982-1 • Trade paperback • 40 pages • \$14.99

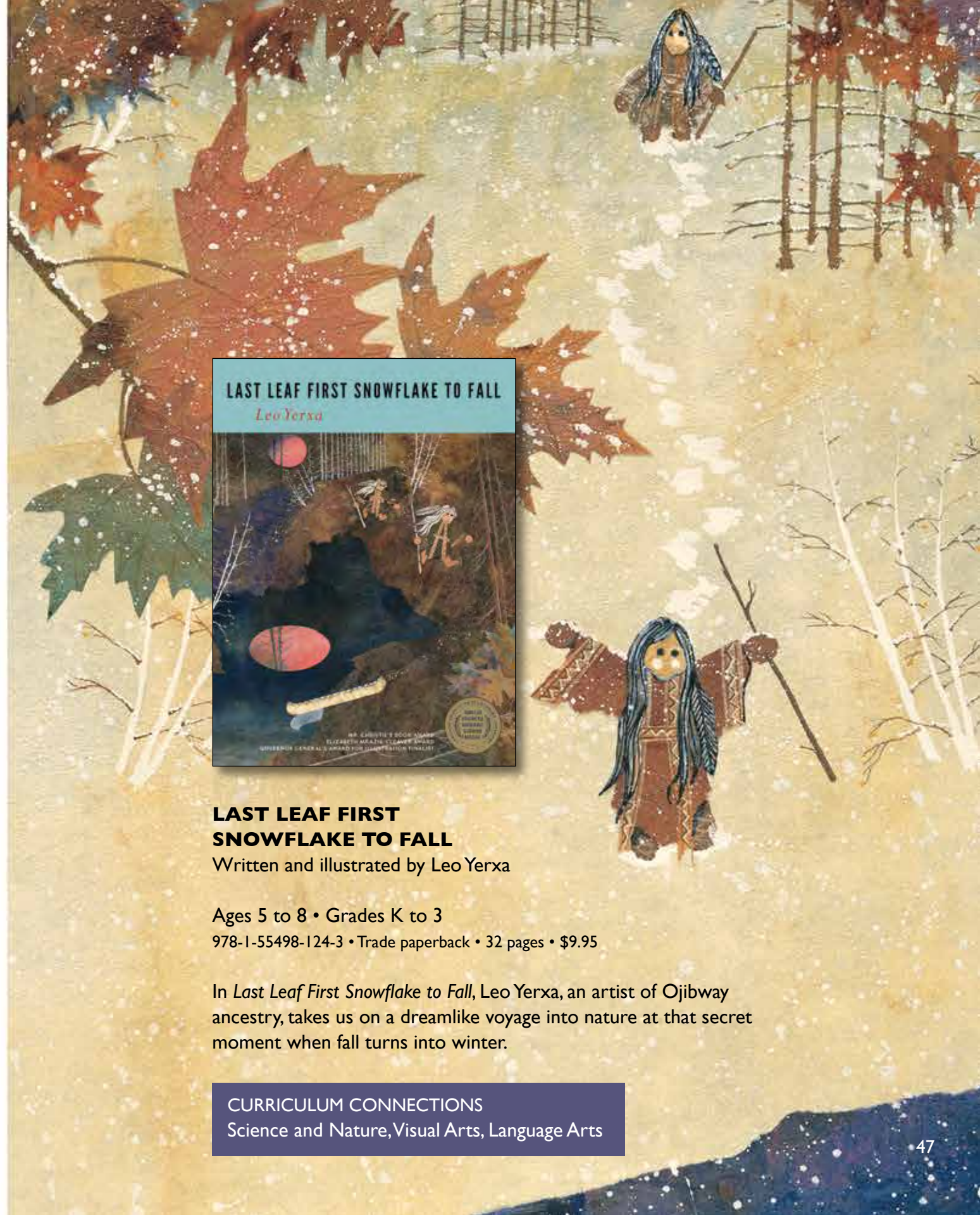
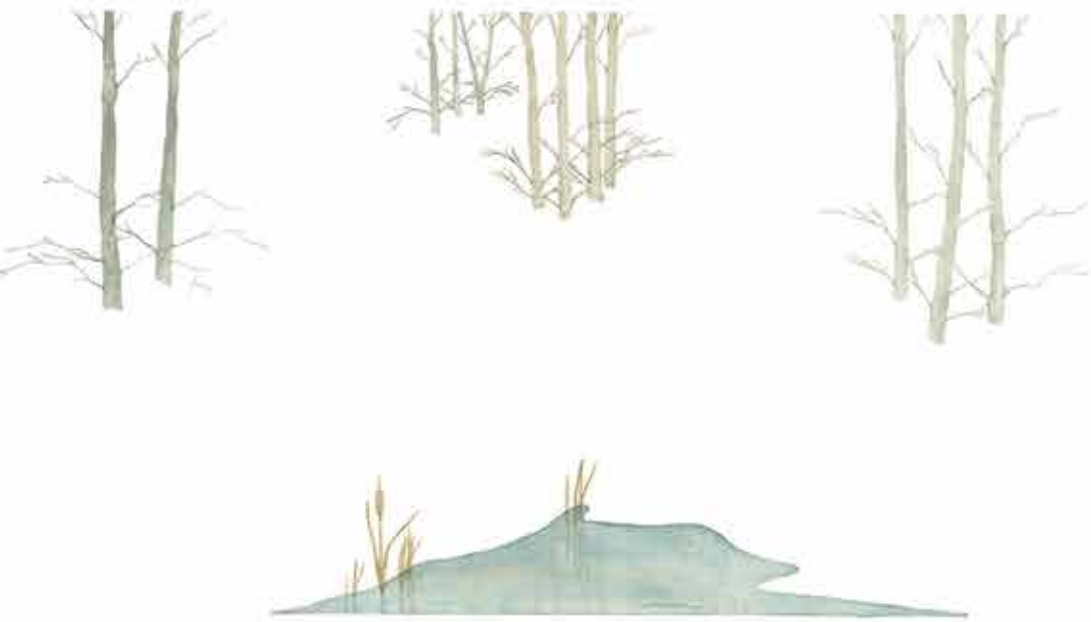
It is Rendezvous, when the fabled voyageurs who spend the winter in the vast North American wilderness come back to the fur-trading post of Fort William, at the head of the Great Lakes. When a storm hits, a young Métis boy saves a gentleman with the North West Company.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Geography, History, Social Studies, Physical and Outdoor Education

We push our canoe into the river and paddle out onto the great sea. It is not far. I pretend that I am a voyageur and paddle hard to a little bay on the largest island. We lift our canoe out of the water and gently place it on the rocky beach. I go to set my snares on the furthest side of the island.

The blanket of leaves that yesterday covered the earth
was now covered with a blanket of snow
to keep her warm during her long winter sleep
My blanket was also covered in snow
I brushed the snow away
Gone were the colors of yesterday
I arose from the earth
and walked into the light
of a new season



LAST LEAF FIRST SNOWFLAKE TO FALL
Leo Yerxa



**LAST LEAF FIRST
SNOWFLAKE TO FALL**

Written and illustrated by Leo Yerxa

Ages 5 to 8 • Grades K to 3

978-1-55498-124-3 • Trade paperback • 32 pages • \$9.95

In *Last Leaf First Snowflake to Fall*, Leo Yerxa, an artist of Ojibway ancestry, takes us on a dreamlike voyage into nature at that secret moment when fall turns into winter.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Science and Nature, Visual Arts, Language Arts



MAGGIE LOU, FIREFOX

Written by Arnolda Dufour Bowes

Illustrated by Karlene Harvey

Ages 9 to 12 / Grades 4 to 7

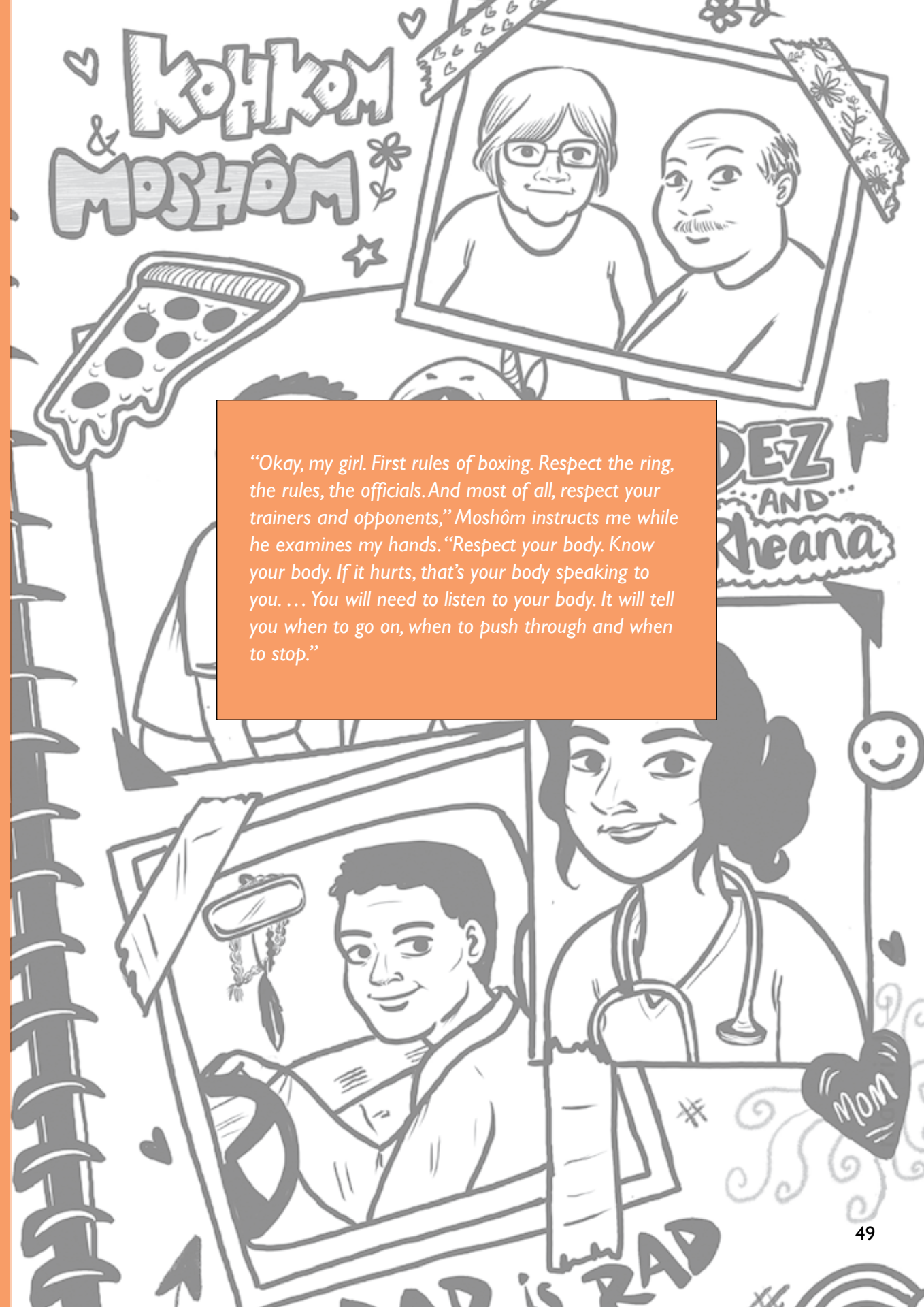
978-1-77306-881-7 • Trade paperback •

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Maggie Lou's grandpa doesn't call her Firefox for nothing. She's always finding ways to make life more interesting — even if this means getting into big trouble.

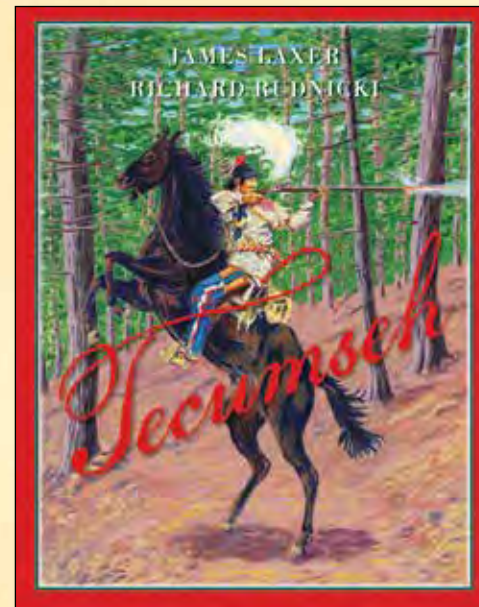
CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

People & Places, Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island, Humorous stories



“Okay, my girl. First rules of boxing. Respect the ring, the rules, the officials. And most of all, respect your trainers and opponents,” Moshôm instructs me while he examines my hands. “Respect your body. Know your body. If it hurts, that’s your body speaking to you. ... You will need to listen to your body. It will tell you when to go on, when to push through and when to stop.”

Tribal Chiefs Tecumseh is shown in the middle foreground. Clockwise from Tecumseh are chiefs who supported the native confederacy from the Chippewa, Winnebago, Muscogee, Cherokee, Sac, Potawatomi and Ottawa tribes.



TECUMSEH

Written by James Laxer

Illustrated by Richard Rudnicki

Ages 9 to 12 • Grades 4 to 7

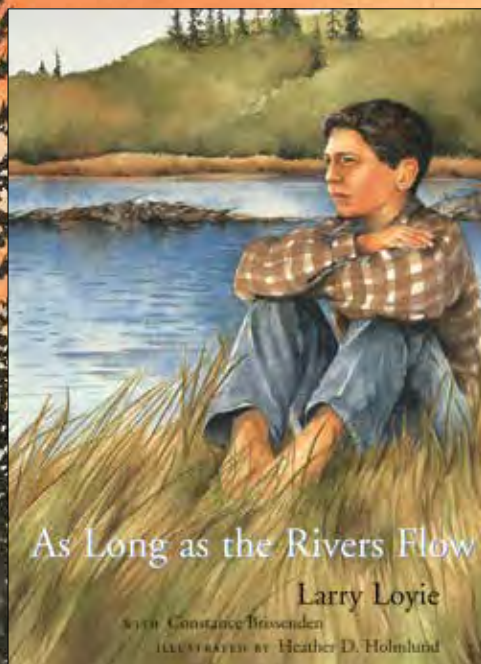
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Two hundred years after his death, the Shawnee chief Tecumseh is still considered one of the greatest First Nations leaders of North America. This richly illustrated biography tells the story of his remarkable life, culminating in the War of 1812.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Indigenous Studies, Civics and Careers, History, Geography



AS LONG AS THE RIVERS FLOW

Written by Larry Loyie with
Constance Brissenden
Illustrated by Heather D. Holmlund

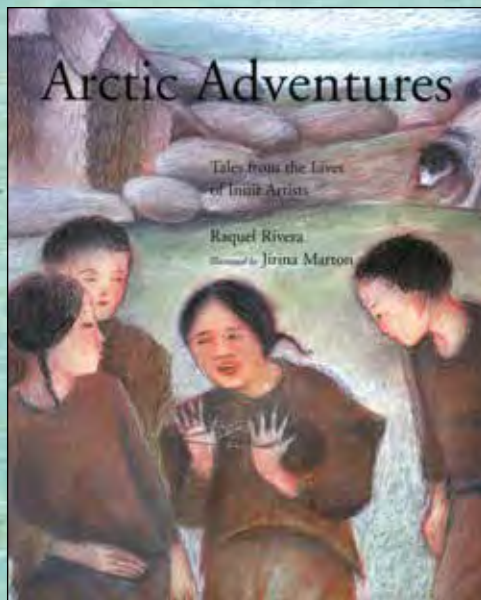
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As Long as the Rivers Flow is the story of
Larry Loyie's last summer before entering
residential school.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Indigenous Studies, Social Studies, Science and Nature





**ARCTIC ADVENTURES:
TALES FROM THE LIVES OF INUIT ARTISTS**

Written by Raquel Rivera
Illustrated by Jirina Marton

Ages 6 to 9 • Grades 1 to 4
978-0-88899-714-2 • Hardcover with jacket • 48 pages • \$18.95

These stories, drawn from the lives of four Inuit artists, offer young readers a glimpse into this rich culture defined by the land, hunting, hunger, magic and extreme weather.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Language Arts, Visual Arts, Family Studies, Science

Oonark's Arctic Adventure

Oonark sewed all the clothes for her family, right down to their furry socks. She used the skins of animals to make them. First she would lay a caribou skin out to dry. Then she would scrape it to make the stiffness go away. Then she would wet it a little, wain and then scrape it again and again. Finally, to make the skin really soft and supple, she would chew on it.

Oonark used her ulu to cut the skins. Skins with soft new fur were good for making shirts, trousers and socks. The fur was worn on the inside, all fuzzy and cozy. Strong fur from the summer coats of caribou was good for wearing on the outside, just like the caribou did. Anamin fur protected Oonark and her family all winter long.

Oonark sewed mittens, trousers, parkas, amauti and the kammit that kept their feet warm and dry. But she didn't just sew clothes. She also made tents, kayak skins, leads for the dog team — things she and her family needed to live on the land.

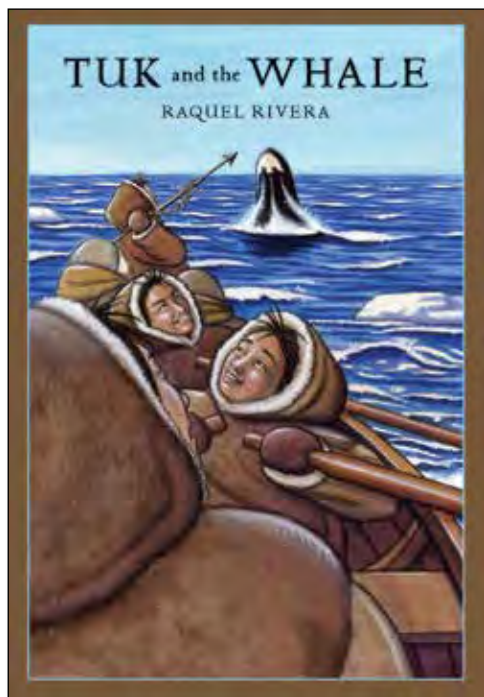
Jessie Oonark (ca. 1906–1985)

Soon after their arrival to Baker Lake (Qooqutissuaq) after being stranded on the tundra, Oonark arranged a marriage for her daughter. To support herself and her son, she took up work as a janitor.

Oonark (who adopted the name Jessie when she converted to Christianity) began to draw about her mother. One day she was looking at the artwork of school children and realized that she could do better. When Dr. Andrew Macpherson, a wildlife biologist, heard this, he provided Oonark with drawing paper and some colored pencils.

Today Jessie Oonark is known around the world for her wall hangings and prints. She often developed motifs inspired by traditional Inuit decorations found in carvings, harnesses and clothing. In this way she has brought the cultural history of her people into her art.

Jessie Oonark started making art at her first job and continued until Oonark finished the rest of her family nearby every year later. Her eight surviving children work as artists—drawing, printmaking, carving and creating wall hangings. During her career as an artist, Oonark was elected a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts and was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. She died in 1985 and is commemorated by the Jessie Oonark Arts and Crafts Centre in Baker Lake.



TUK AND THE WHALE

Written by Raquel Rivera
 Illustrated by Mary Jane Gerber

Ages 8 to 10 • Grades 3 to 5
 978-0-88899-891-0 • Trade paperback •
 96 pages • \$9.95

Told from the point of view of a young Inuit boy in the early 1600s, this story imagines what might have happened if the people of Tuk's Baffin Island winter camp had encountered European whalers, blown far north from their usual whaling route.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
 Science, Social Studies, Geography, History

Grandfather suddenly stopped working.

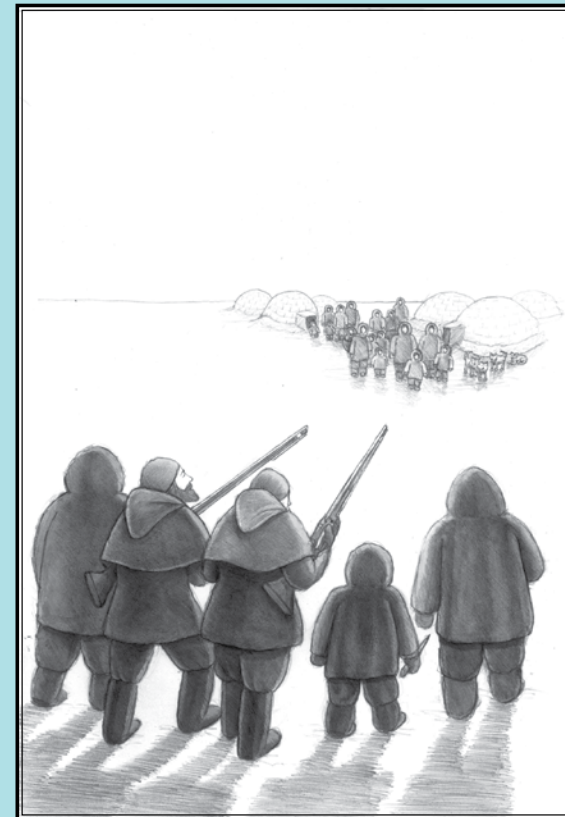
He had been drilling holes through a flat piece of driftwood. Wood was a rare find. This piece would fill another gap between the sled runners of the family's kamotiq.

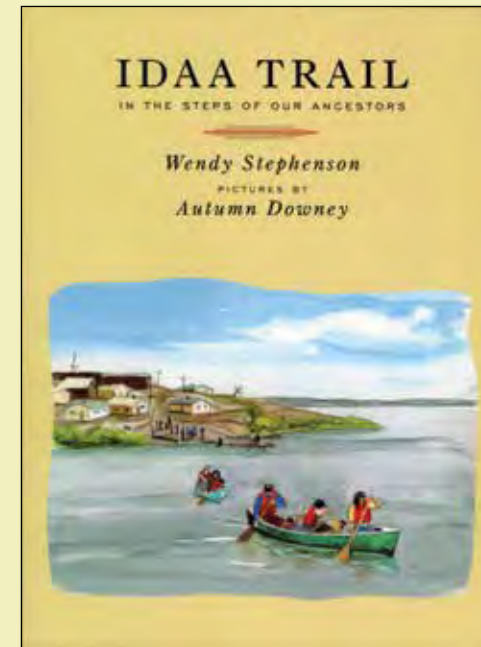
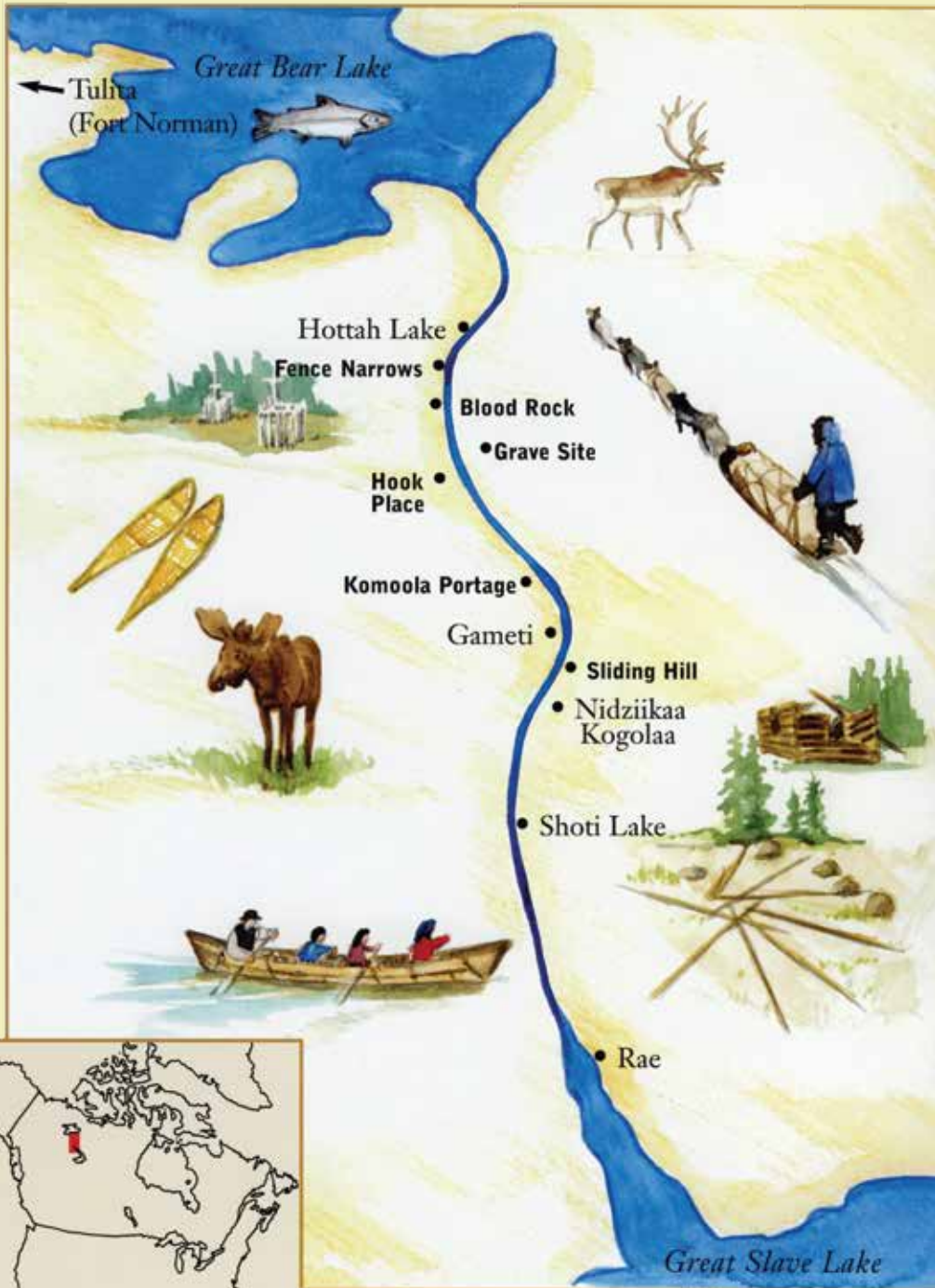
Now he sat perfectly still. His bow-drill stopped spinning.

Tuk watched while Grandfather slowly leaned back on his heels. Did the old man hear something? Tuk strained his ears. All he could hear was the whump-whump of a raven's wings beating at the wind.

"They are here," said Grandfather. He went back to work, spinning the drill shaft deeper into the wood.

Tuk's eyes widened.





IDAA TRAIL: IN THE STEPS OF OUR ANCESTORS

Written by Wendy Stephenson
Illustrated by Autumn Downey

Ages 7 to 10 • Grades 2 to 5
978-0-88899-576-6 • Hardcover with jacket •
64 pages • \$19.95 CDN • \$18.95 US

Etseh, Etsi and their three grandchildren have just embarked on a month-long canoe trip in the Northwest Territories — from the town of Rae to Hottah Lake. They are following the Idaa trail, a trade route that the Dogrib people have traveled for hundreds of years.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Geography, History, Science





**MY NAME IS SEEPEETZA:
30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION**

Written by Shirley Sterling

Ages 9 to 12 • Grades 4 to 7
978-1-77306-856-5 • Trade paperback • 144 pages •
\$12.99

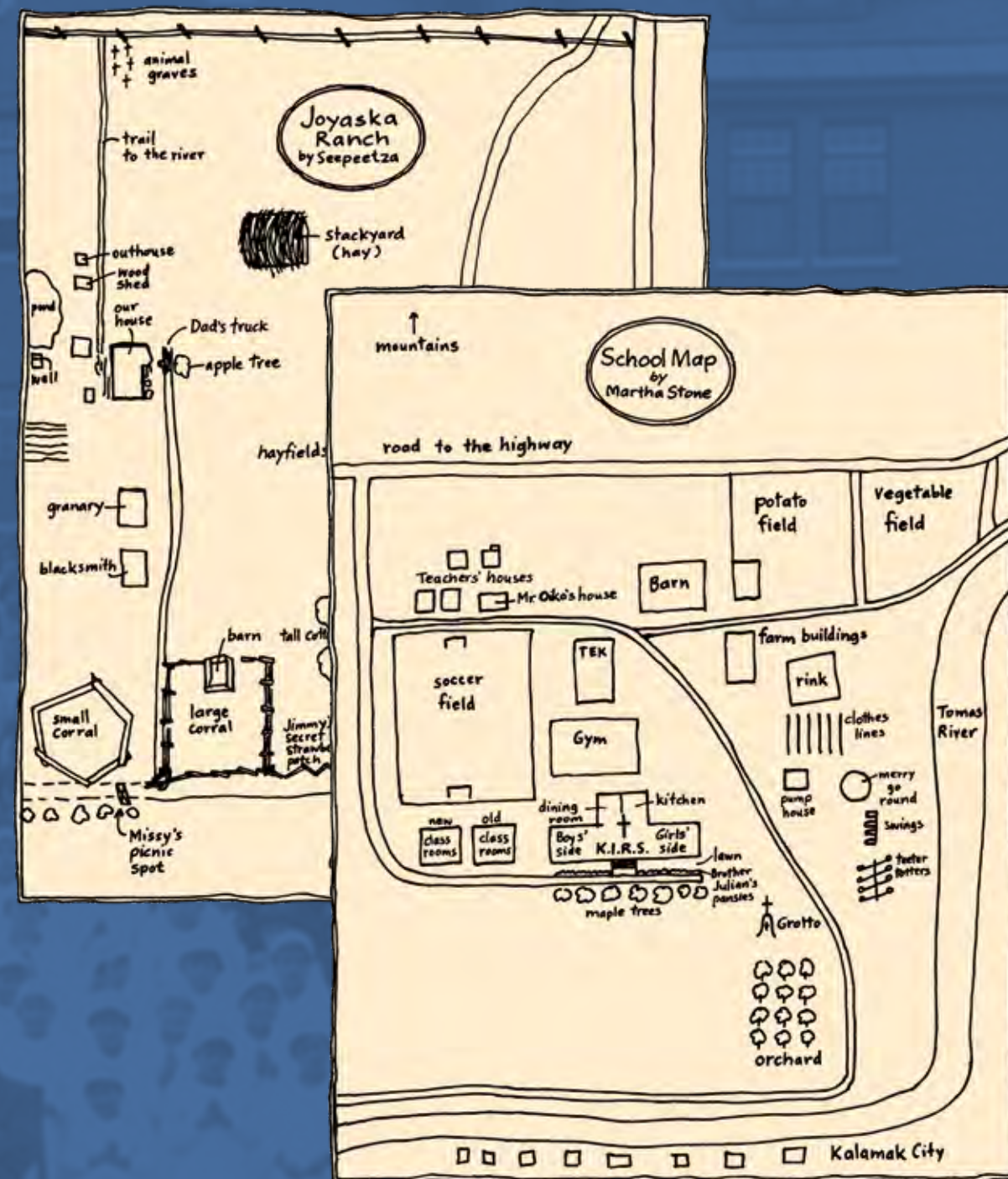
At six years old, Seepeetza is taken from her happy family life on Joyaska Ranch to live as a boarder at the Kalamak Indian Residential School. An honest, inside look at life in a residential school in the 1950s, and how one indomitable young spirit survived it.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Language Arts, History, Social Studies, Science

Today my teacher Mr. Oiko taught us how to write journals. You have to put the date and place at the top of the page. Then you write about what happens during the day. I like journals because I love writing whatever I want. Mr. Oiko says a good way to start is to talk about yourself, where you live, your age, grade, what kind of family you have.

My name is Martha Stone. I am twelve years old in grade six at the Kalamak Indian Residential School. It's next to the Tomas River across from the city of Kalamak, British Columbia.



Learning about grief is hard. You have to be honest with yourself, and that's not easy. Grief is something you'd rather not think about. You'd rather pretend it wasn't there. And there's no real cure for it, except to speak it and share it and honor what you've lost.

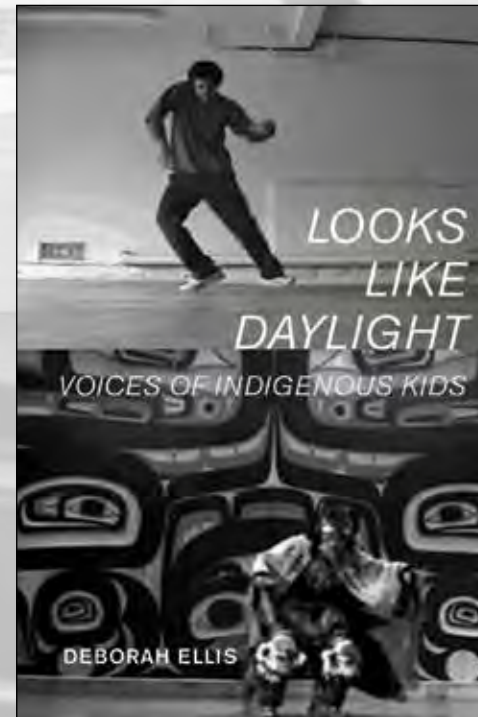
— Tingo, age 14

If I had all the power in the universe I'd take away the chemical plants, make the reservation a bit bigger and have everything clean and good again. My ancestors used to be able to drink from the river. Imagine that!

— Miranda, age 12

There are big problems, but small bits of light can help. The people in South Indian Lake are good people. Even with all the pain they try to be there for each other. I'm proud to be part of them.

— Larry, age 18



**LOOKS LIKE DAYLIGHT:
VOICES OF INDIGENOUS
KIDS**

Written by Deborah Ellis
Foreword by Loriene Roy

Ages 12 and up • Grades 7 and up
978-1-55498-121-2 • Trade paperback •
256 pages • \$14.99 CDN • \$12.99 US

A compelling collection of interviews with Indigenous children aged nine to eighteen from all over the continent, from Iqaluit to Texas, Haida Gwaii to North Carolina. Some of the stories are heartbreaking, while many others are full of pride and hope.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

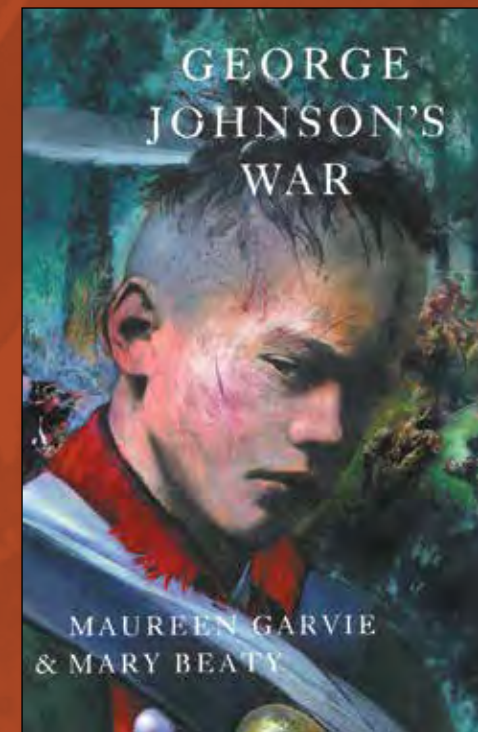
English, Geography, Humanities and Social Sciences,
Indigenous Studies, Civics and Careers, History



Peter and I rode down to the river while our sisters were still dreaming in bed. We set out from the Hall at a canter, the dogs snuffling alongside, birds singing away. I was pleased it was just the two of us, none of his friends or anyone else along. We took the back way to the river, stopping to pull up a bag of baby eels he'd left in the creek. I wiggled one out of the sack and threw it at him.

“Don’t waste your bait!” he called back at me. “You’ll have to catch your own eels when I’m off to Philadelphia.”

That was how he told me he was leaving.



GEORGE JOHNSON'S WAR

Written by Maureen Garvie and Mary Beaty

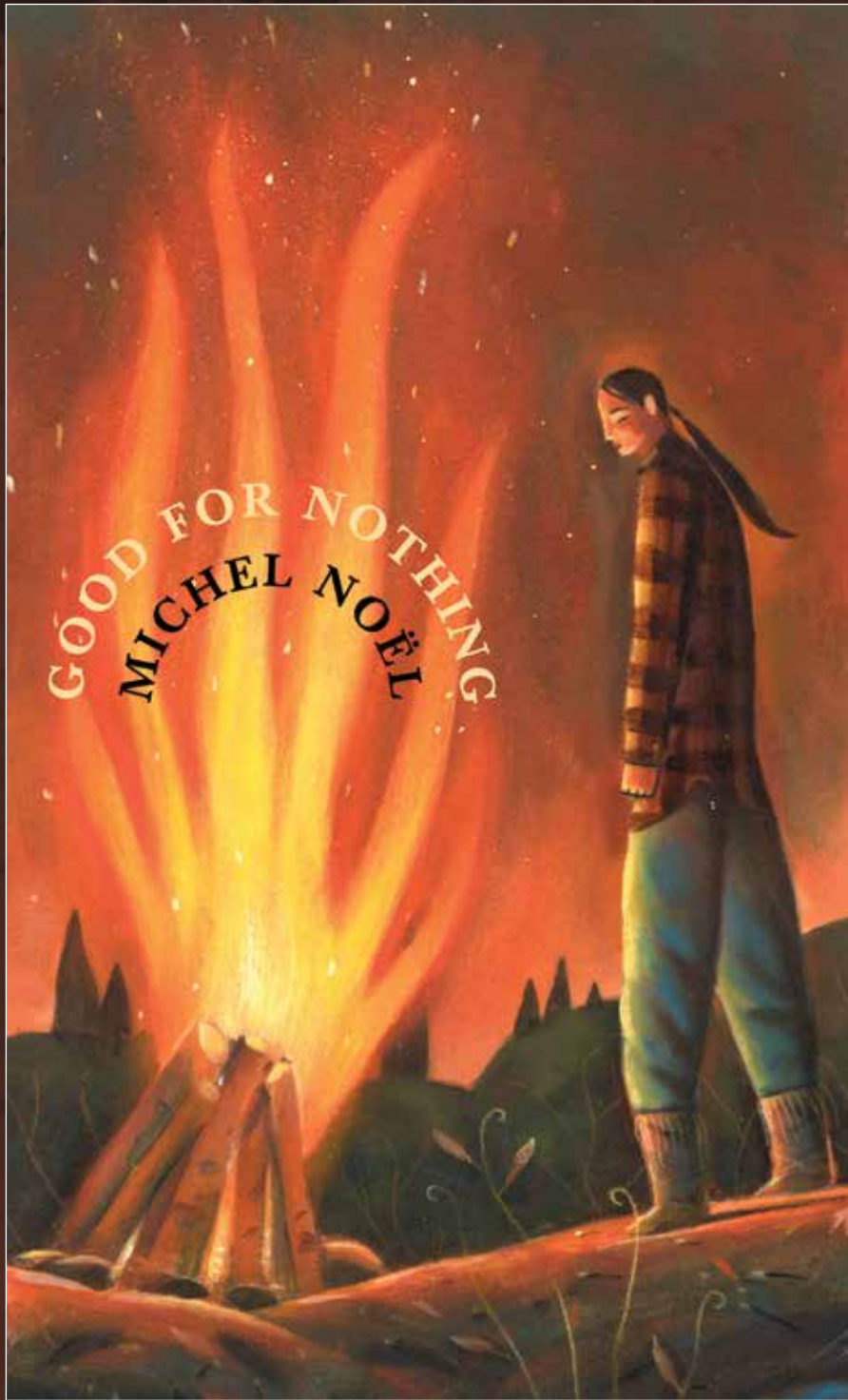
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978-0-88899-468-4 • Trade paperback • 248 pages • \$12.95 CDN • \$8.95 US

George Johnson's father is Sir William Johnson, one of the richest and most powerful men in colonial New York. His mother is Molly Brant, stepdaughter of a Mohawk chief and sister of Iroquois leader Joseph Brant. George spends his early years in a grand mansion called Johnson Hall, but his cloistered life changes as the War for American Independence looms.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Geography, History, Civics and Careers, Indigenous Studies



GOOD FOR NOTHING

Written by Michel Noël

Translated by Shelley Tanaka

Ages 13 to 17 • Grades 8 to 12

978-0-88899-616-9 • Trade paperback • 324 pages • \$14.99

The year is 1959, and fifteen-year-old Nipishish returns to his reserve in northern Quebec after being kicked out of residential school, where the principal tells him he's a good-for-nothing. He must try to rediscover the old ways, face the officials who find him a threat, and learn the truth about his father's death.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Indigenous Studies, History, Geography, Social Sciences, English

Wherever I go on the reserve, people recognize me.

"Kwe! Nipishish, how are you doing?"

"Okay, fine!" I answer as firmly as I can. "Actually, really good!"

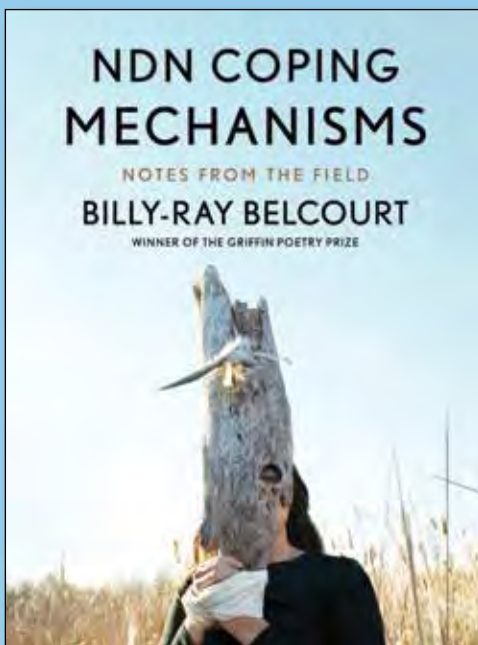
But the questions keep coming.

"So you've come back to us?"

"Yes, I'm living with Manie —"

"You're not going back to the residential school?"

"No! That's all over." I cut them off. My voice is harsh, like the crack of a whip.



**NDN COPING MECHANISMS:
NOTES FROM THE FIELD**

Written by Billy-Ray Belcourt

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112 pages • \$19.99

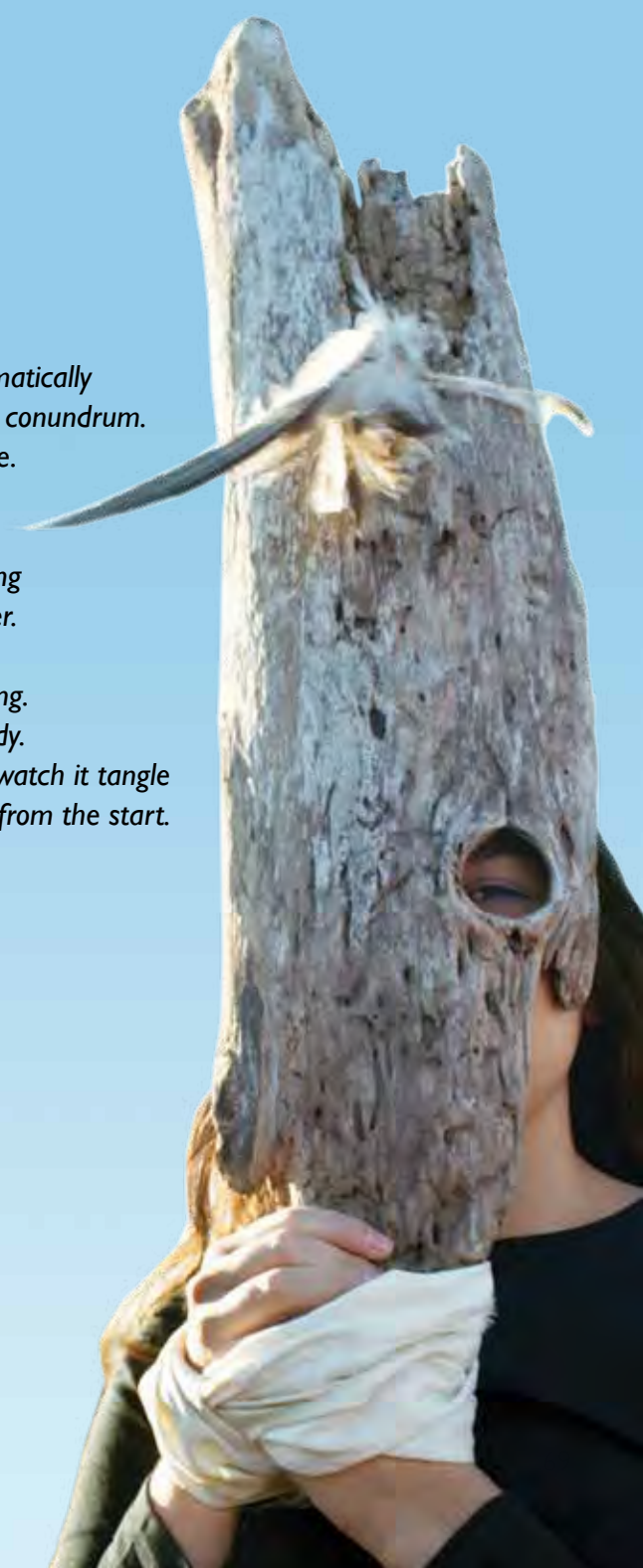
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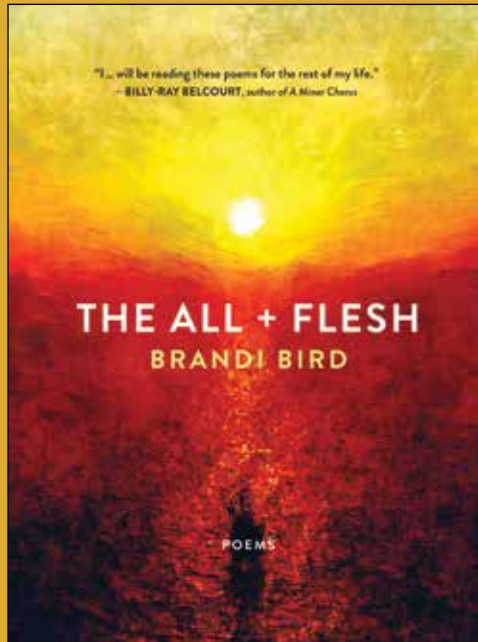
CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
English, Poetry, Indigenous Studies,
LGBTQ+ Studies

NDN HOMO SONNET

*An NDN is the ellipsis of a nation.
Even in God's palm, a homo is a yearning
the size of a world. Is an invisible spectacle
a paradox? Is a good melancholia? Mathematically
speaking, an NDN homo is a metaphysical conundrum.
Put differently, I am a mother before all else.
Maggie Nelson speculates that a mother
is "the archetypal Levinasian subject,"
which is to say my lover is two fingers pulling
apart the mouth of a planet. He is a dancer.*

*To him, my living is the sound of an emptying.
When I die, it will still be autumn in my body.
I trust he will dust my shadow off so as to watch it tangle
in dusk's wild mane. I was a windswept "I" from the start.*





THE ALL + FLESH

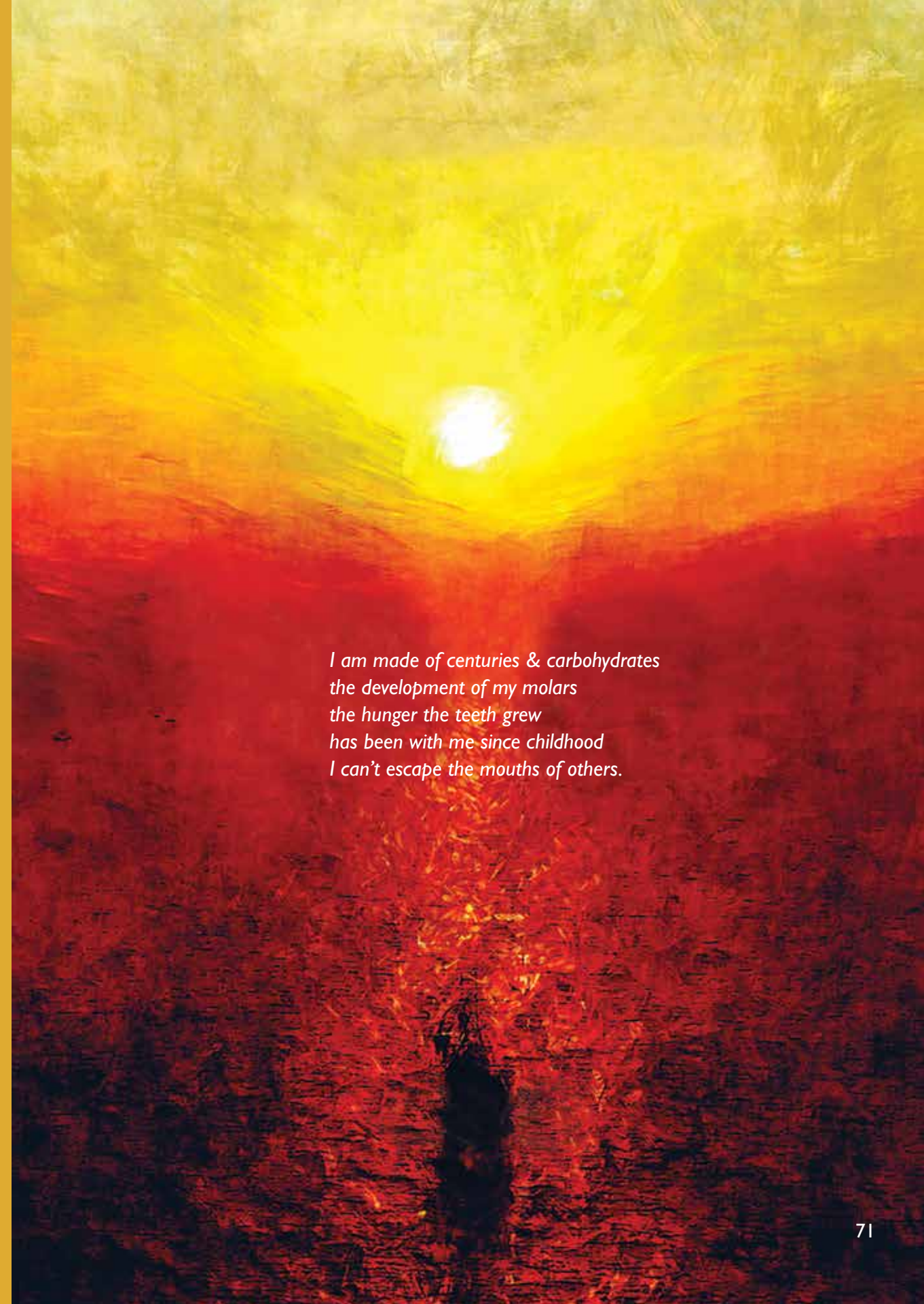
POEMS

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Brandi Bird's frank, transcendent poetry explores the concepts of health, language, place and memory in this long-anticipated debut collection.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Poetry, Canadian Studies,
Indigenous Studies



*I am made of centuries & carbohydrates
the development of my molars
the hunger the teeth grew
has been with me since childhood
I can't escape the mouths of others.*



river
woman

katherena
vermette

river woman

Written by Katherena Vermette

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CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
English, Poetry, Indigenous Studies, Nature

river

river dances
out to lake
lake rushes back
to river
waters wash
around each other
and change

two people
couple
a batter whipped
smooth ingredients
that together
make something
new

AN ORDINARY VIOLENCE

A NOVEL

Written by Adriana Chartrand

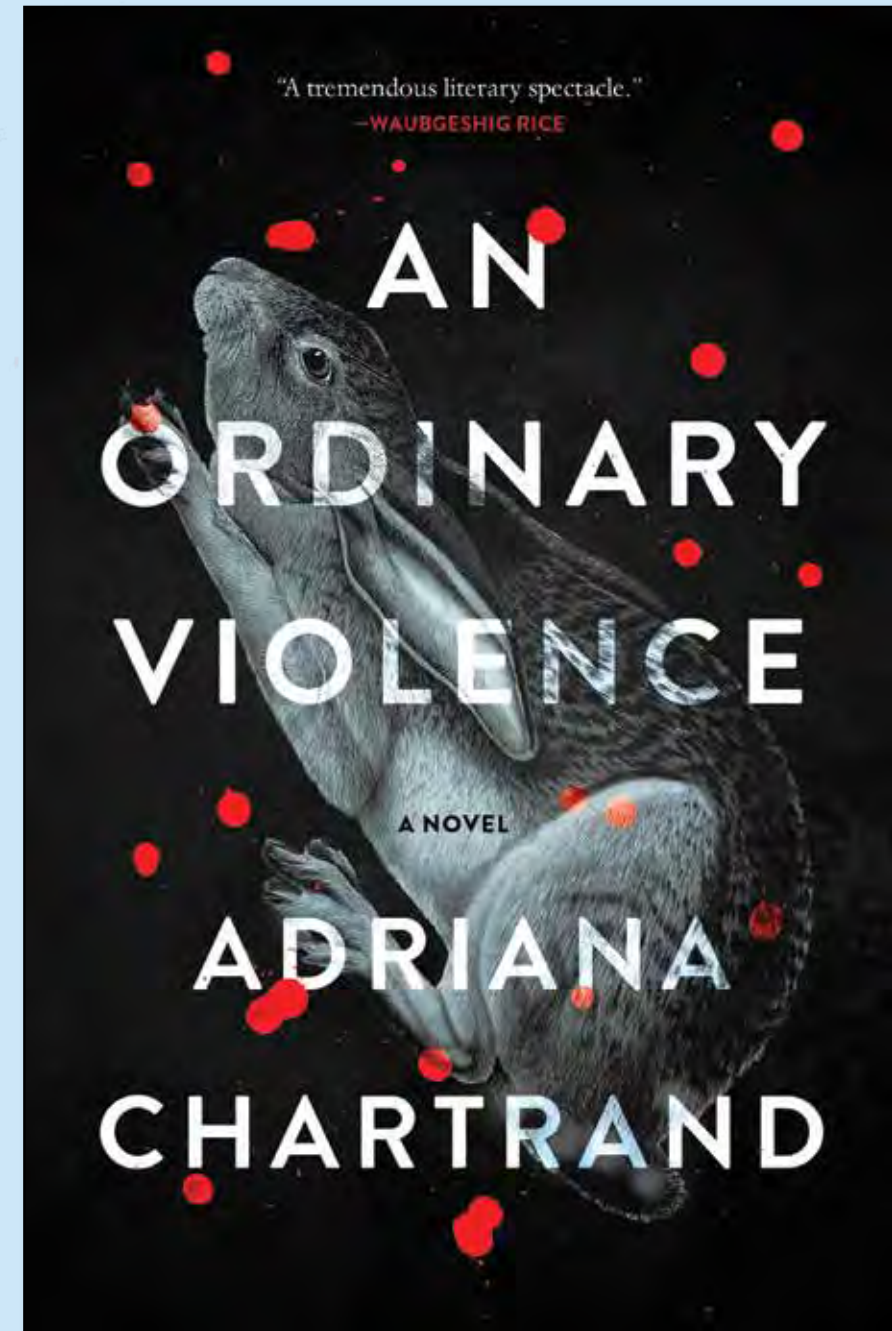
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A chilling horror novel about a young Indigenous woman haunted by the oppressive legacies of colonization.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Fiction, Indigenous Studies, Horror

A charge in the air prickles and snaps, crackles out a message Dawn can't decipher. Bathed in light, the rabbit rises to stand on two legs. It's nearly as tall as a person. The front legs and paws dangle in front of its chest, like its limp body is being held up on strings. Pulled up. And then it starts to move toward her. It moves in lurching steps, each hind limb yanked forward in turn. The light travels with it across the snow, toward her. A grinding, hissing noise fills the dark, a buzz, and the great hare advances jerkily, and the stars have been put out, Oh, it's coming —



SMALL GAME HUNTING AT THE LOCAL COWARD GUN CLUB

Written by Megan Gail Coles

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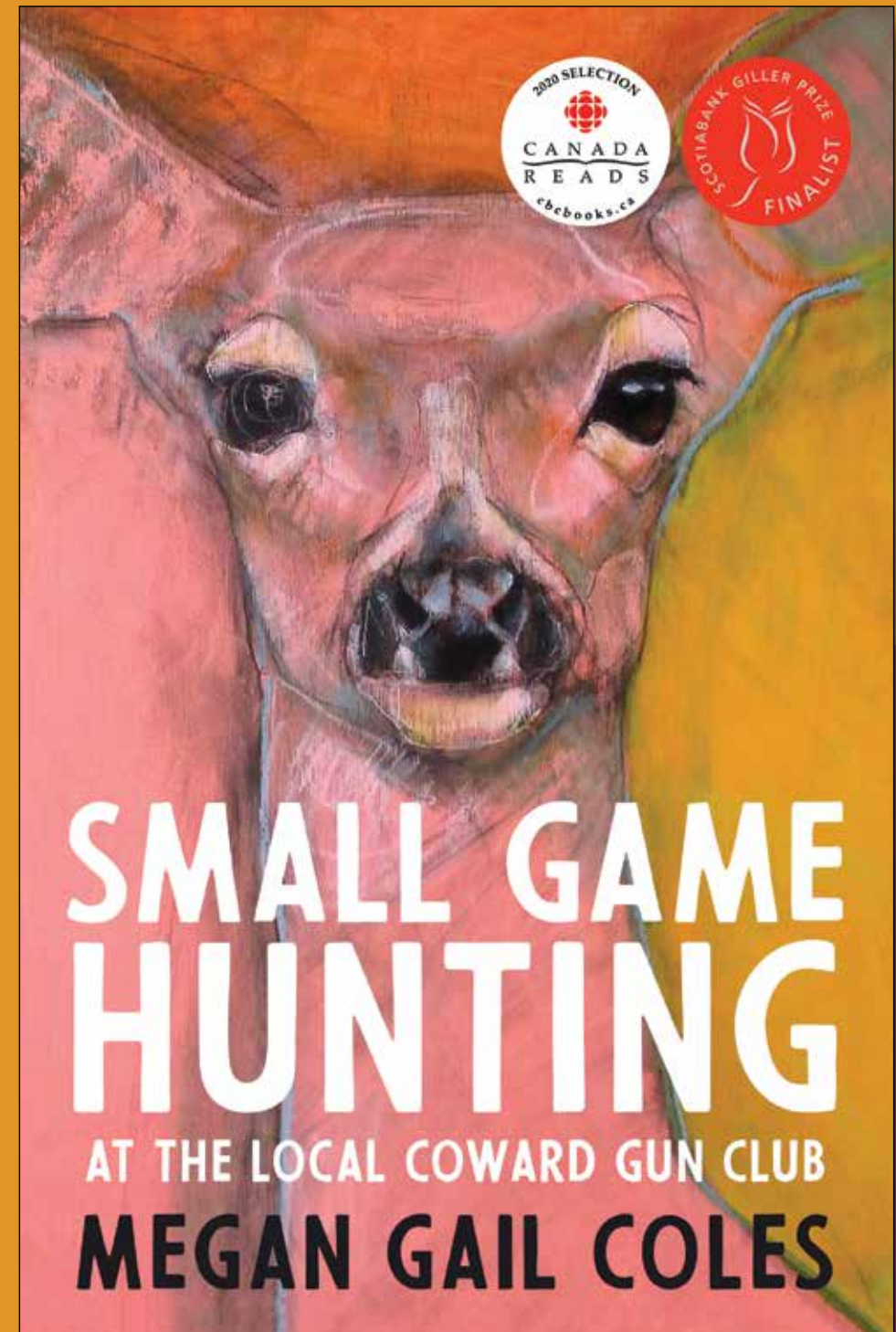
English, Indigenous Studies

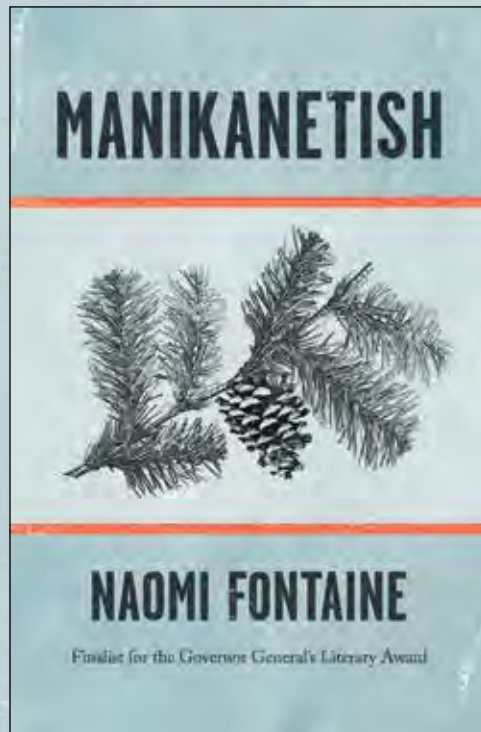
Olive waits below the sad mural painted in memory of some long-ago drowned boy.

She can see up and down Duckworth Street from her perch though there's not much to see this early in the morning. A scattered taxi slogs by carrying fiendish-looking passengers who attempt to discreetly smoke from barely cracked windows. Discretion is a skill they have fallen out with but they don't know that yet. They still fancy themselves stealth, piling four parka-piled humans into a single toilet stall, scarves dangling beneath the door, telling tails on them all.

Volume control is a thing of delusion in the confined spaces they inhabit. It will be years before this is fully realized by those who escape the scene or are thrown into adulthood by overdose or pregnancy. These lucky few will feel overwhelmingly, retroactively embarrassed by their one-time rock star fantasies. Olive can hear them bawling about their supposed betrayals as clouds of tobacco smoke and slurry syllables updraft skyward through the slightly parted window.

But Olive forgives them their make-believe follies.





MANIKANETISH

Written by Naomi Fontaine
Translated by Luise von Flotow

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CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Indigenous Studies, Small Town & Rural

I was seven. A little brown girl among all those white faces, their pale eyes, blue or green, their blond or curly hair. A stranger. A new arrival. Different. Noticing my skin was dark. Not feeling at home.

I'm not sure if elsewhere the world has changed. But I know about the straight road they finally drove through the deadly curve at Saint-Siméon. About the eternal absence of a bridge between Baie-Sainte-Catherine and Tadoussac, where the dip in the river is as deep as the sea. About the tiny parish church whose name I no longer remember, that will soon close its doors because Route 138 will pass it by.

They say returning is the path of the exile. I didn't choose to leave. Fifteen years later I'm back, and I can see things have changed.





KUKUM

Written by Michel Jean
Translated by Susan Ouriou

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CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Indigenous Studies, Small Town & Rural,
Historical, General



A sea surrounded by trees. Water that goes on as far as the eye can see, grey or blue according to the sky's moods, crossed by icy currents. The lake is both beautiful and frightening. Grandiose. And life there is as fragile as it is intense.

The sun rises through the morning mist, but the sand is still permeated with the cool of night. How long have I sat here looking at Pekuakami?



THE BJORKAN SAGAS

Written by Harold R. Johnson

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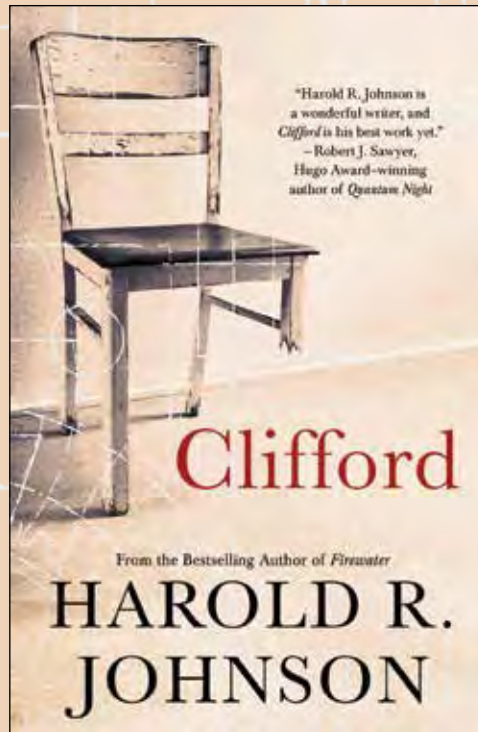
CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Indigenous Studies, Own Voices, Fairy
Tales, Folk Tales, Legends & Mythology



*I stirred the bowl, found the meat in the broth, the
substance in the essence. I held the bowl to the sky
and remembered the essence. I showed it to the earth,
spilled a bit of broth, shared.*

*I stood facing the setting sun upon the high ice,
absorbed in that moment when sunlight reflects off
the top of the East Wall and
bounces back to the West Wall and
again to the east and
again to the west until
the valley of the Björkan is
dazzled with light on ice.*

*Sometimes when the light flashes, if you listen with
your heart you might hear music — sometimes, if you
listen.*



**CLIFFORD:
A MEMOIR, A FICTION, A FANTASY,
A THOUGHT EXPERIMENT**
Written by Harold R. Johnson

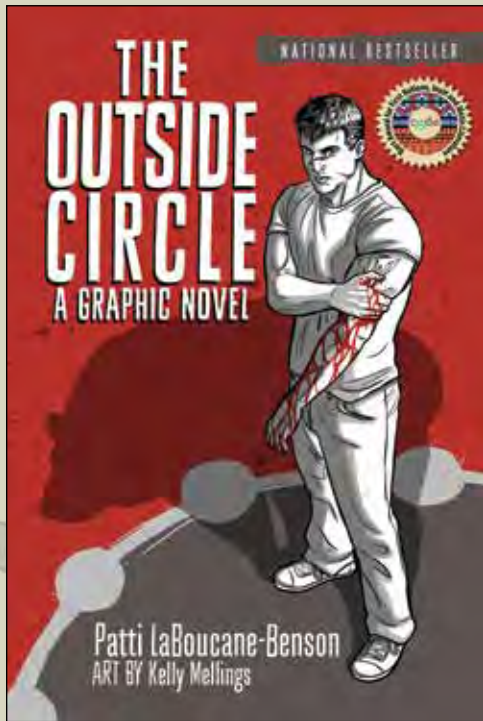
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From the bestselling author of the Governor General's Literary Award finalist *Firewater* comes a moving tribute to an older brother that traverses the thresholds of memoir, fiction and fantasy, and reimagines what could have been.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
English, Biographies, Family



I open my eyes in the darkness, laying on my side, half my vision is of the earth and shadows; the other is of the sky, treetops, and stars. I should write Clifford's story. The thought emerges fully formed ... The thought dissipates. I close my eyes and the earth and the sky disappear. The warmth of my sleeping bag wraps around me and sleep pulls me under into that half-world where reality and fantasy mingle in a place where coherent thoughts disintegrate.



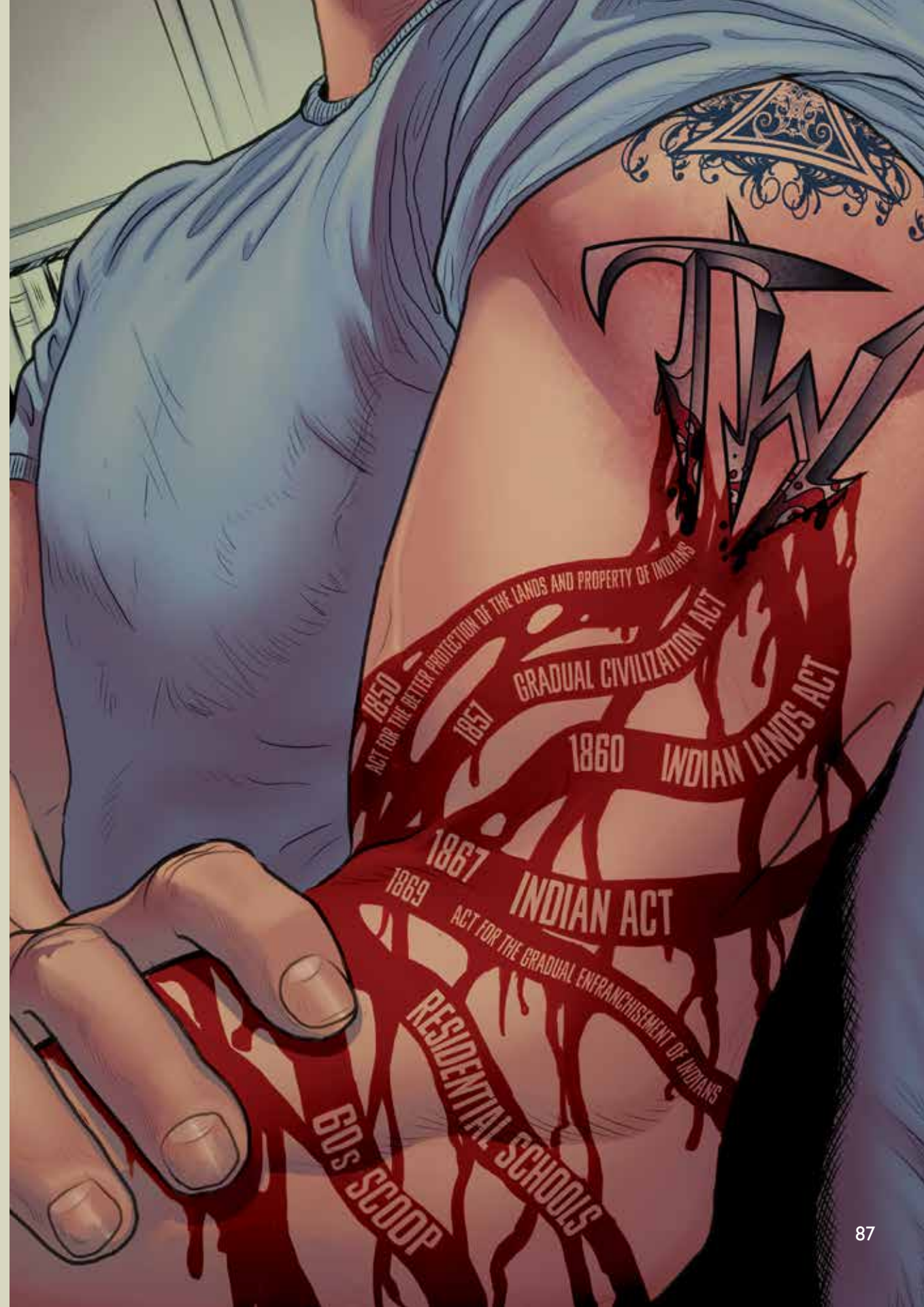
**THE OUTSIDE CIRCLE:
A GRAPHIC NOVEL**

Written by Patti LaBoucane-Benson
Illustrated by Kelly Mellings

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In this important graphic novel, two Cree brothers surrounded by poverty, drug abuse and gang violence try to overcome centuries of historic trauma in very different ways to bring about positive change in their lives.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Graphic Art, Indigenous Studies,
Social Studies





GLORIOUS

The lady with the big head has started a new knitting project. She has gathered mycelia from the undersides of leaves, dried it, weaving in lichens hanging from pine trees, grasses dried before they harden too much to be malleable, licks of the thinnest birch and hazel branches. All strung together and rolled into balls. The lady with the big head is knitting a fine gown and a warm blanket. She is knitting a scarf and toque for the mangy squirrel that lost much of its coat to mites this summer. She gathers bits of feather and tufts of fur scattered in the forest from fresh coyote kills, along the roadside from smashed-up deer and grouse. These she loops in for warmth and softness amongst the brittle structures of plant and fungus parts.



FRAZZLED BEINGS



GLORIOUS FRAZZLED BEINGS

Written by Angélique Lalonde

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Home is where we love, suffer and learn. Some homes we chose, others are inflicted upon us and still others are bodies we are born into. In this astounding collection of stories, human and more-than-human worlds come together in places we call home.

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Short Stories, Small Town & Rural, Family Life, Magical Realism

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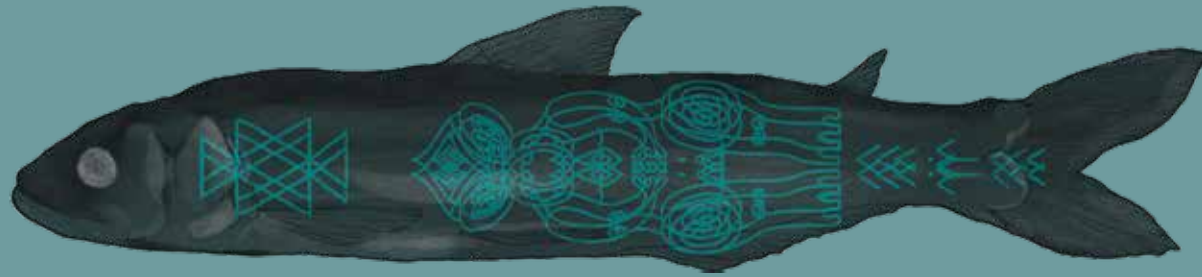
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CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

English, Indigenous Studies, History,
Humanities and Social Sciences

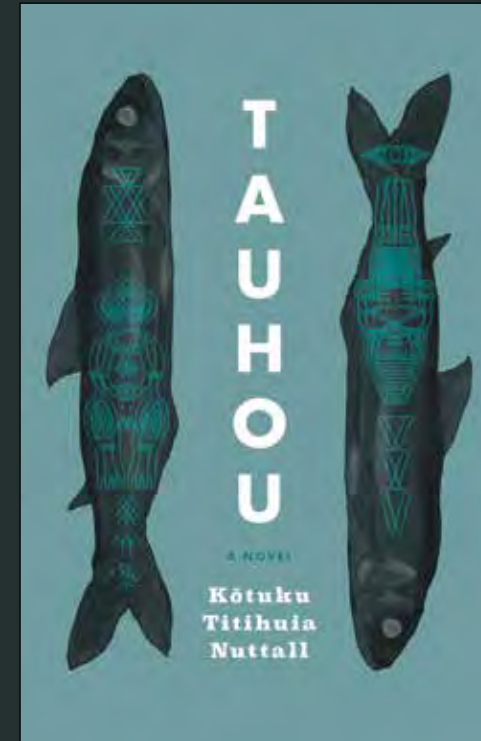
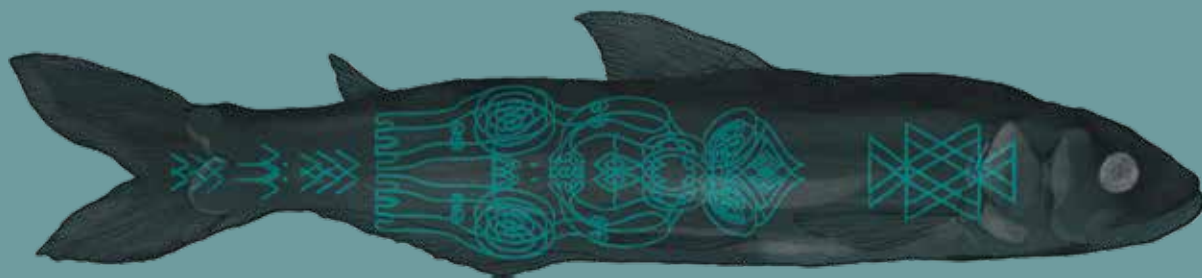


DAUGHTER

Creator throws them into the ocean, Mother and Daughter, to become islands. This transformation is accompanied by a covenant of mutual care between the people and the new land.

They lie side by side. Mother wraps herself ever so slightly around Daughter.

An island is a golf green, a private hunting ground for exotic animals, a scientific reserve. An island can be bought with money, if you're into that sort of thing. An island is the only thing between you and the bottom of the ocean.



TAUHOU

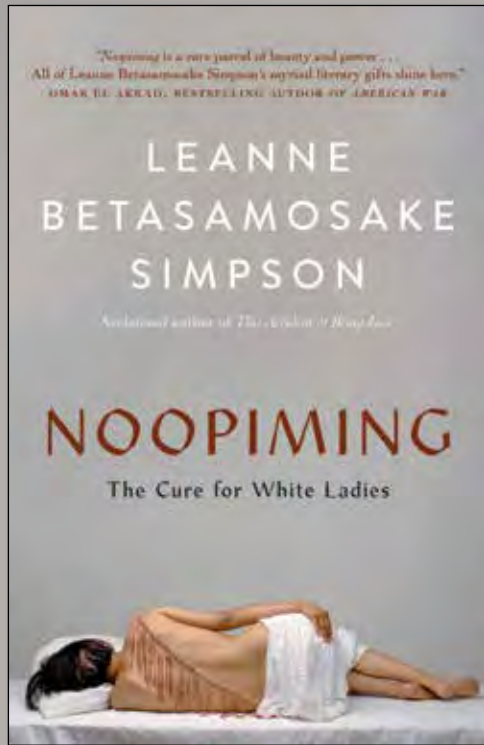
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SOLIDIFICATION

Once you move through cold, there is pacific.

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Once you move through pacific, there is placid.

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Once you move through placid, there is a condition of expanse.

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And it was that condition of expanse that held me.

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*I heard them singing above me:
Mashkawaji fell through the ice
to find quiet
to get out of the wind
to visit with namegos*

*

They all sang:

Mashkawaji stitches up the hole
they are so cold they can't move
they are frozen stiff
the lake is their blanket

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They all sang:

Mashkawaji is frozen stiff
still
calm
no one knows if they're coming back

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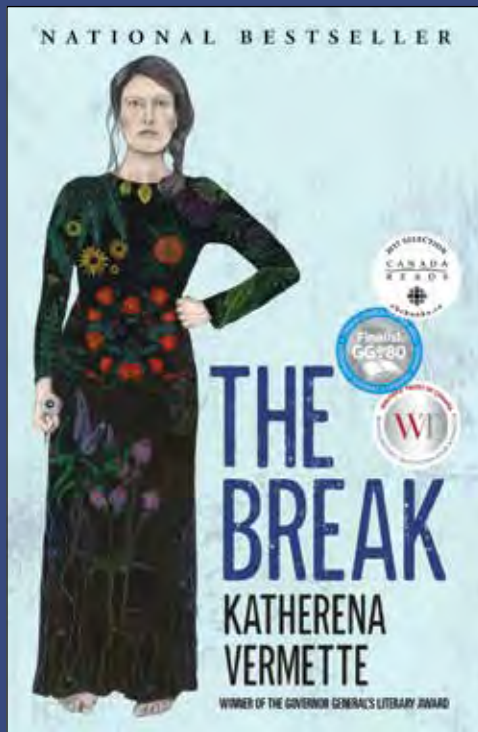
They all sang:

Akiwenzii is fishing through the ice with a spear
they brought a line of beads
they will wait patiently
they will wait until Mashkawaji is done their visit

*

*The singing and drumming came every night, from a distance.
Different choirs every evening at dusk, marking the passage of time,
reminding me there is still love.*





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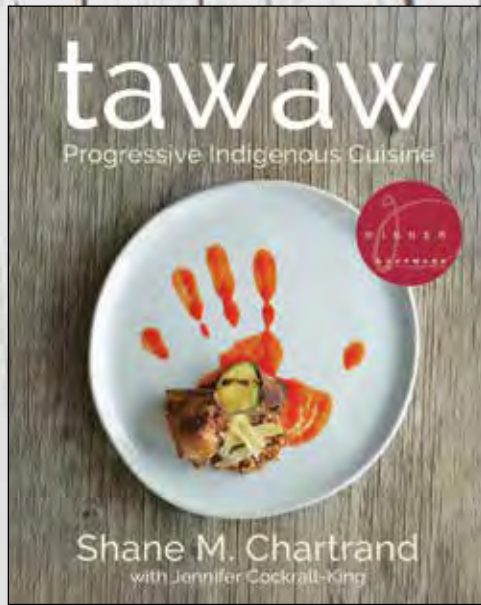
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Stella blinks a tear and shakes her head. She looks out the window at the Break, that empty expanse of land next to her house. She doesn't have to look to know it's snowing lightly. She can hear the faint buzzing, the low drone of the Hydro towers just out of view. The sky is still bright pink in the night, swollen with more snow to come. The Break is mostly a blank slate of white stretched out to house beyond. The house's siding and the snow reflect the streetlights and the moon, but the windows are dark, of course. Everyone's windows are dark except Stella's.



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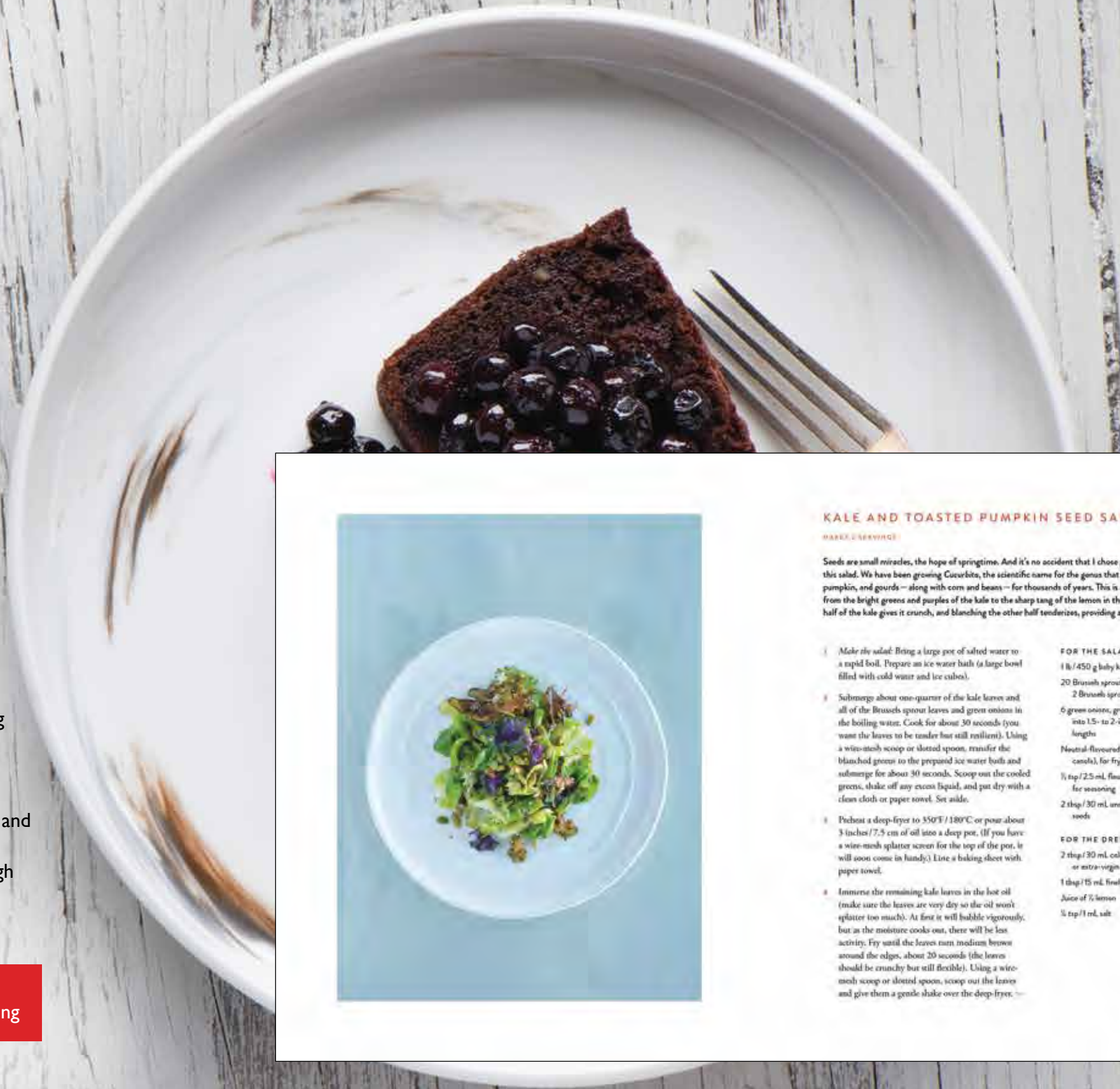
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KALE AND TOASTED PUMPKIN SEED SALAD

MAKES 2 SERVINGS

Seeds are small miracles, the hope of springtime. And it's no accident that I chose pumpkin seeds for this salad. We have been growing Cucurbita, the scientific name for the genus that includes squash, pumpkin, and gourds — along with corn and beans — for thousands of years. This is a vibrant salad, from the bright greens and purples of the kale to the sharp tang of the lemon in the dressing. Frying half of the kale gives it crunch, and blanching the other half tenderizes, providing a nice contrast.

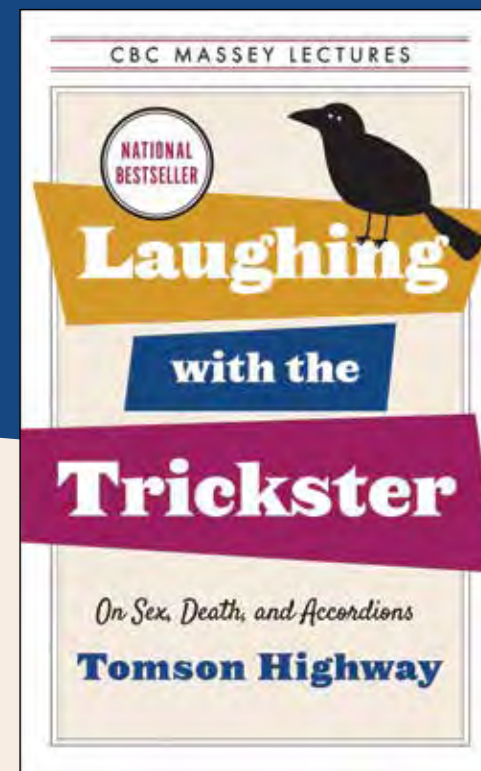


- 1. *Make the salad:* Bring a large pot of salted water to a rapid boil. Prepare an ice water bath (a large bowl filled with cold water and ice cubes).
- 2. Submerge about one-quarter of the kale leaves and all of the Brussels sprout leaves and green onions in the boiling water. Cook for about 30 seconds (you want the leaves to be tender but still resilient). Using a wire-mesh scoop or slotted spoon, transfer the blanched greens to the prepared ice water bath and submerge for about 30 seconds. Scoop out the cooled greens, shake off any excess liquid, and pat dry with a clean cloth or paper towel. Set aside.
- 3. Preheat a deep-fryer to 350°F / 180°C or pour about 3 inches / 7.5 cm of oil into a deep pot. (If you have a wire-mesh splatter screen for the top of the pot, it will soon come in handy.) Line a baking sheet with paper towel.
- 4. Immerse the remaining kale leaves in the hot oil (make sure the leaves are very dry so the oil won't splatter too much). At first it will bubble vigorously, but as the moisture cooks out, there will be less activity. Fry until the leaves turn medium brown around the edges, about 20 seconds (the leaves should be crunchy but still flexible). Using a wire-mesh scoop or slotted spoon, scoop out the leaves and give them a gentle shake over the deep-fryer.

FOR THE SALAD
1 lb. / 450 g baby kale leaves, divided
20 Brussels sprout leaves (from about 2 Brussels sprouts)
6 green onions, green parts only, cut into 1.5- to 2-inch / 4- to 5-cm lengths
Neutral-flavoured cooking oil (such as canola), for frying

FOR THE DRESSING
2 tbsp / 30 mL cold-pressed canola oil or extra-virgin olive oil
1 tbsp / 15 mL finely grated lemon zest
Juice of ½ lemon
½ tsp / 1 mL salt

Now, I will tell you a story. I was born in the Far North. That was a long time ago. There was no school up there. Not back then. That's why, if I wanted to go to school, I had to leave home. I had to leave my parents. I had to leave my land. So that's what I did. I left when I was almost seven. I went south. I went very far south. The Pas was the name of the town where I went to school. I lived there for nine years, though I went home for two months every summer to be with family: July and August, the best part of the year, when the ten thousand lakes that are our home are at their calmest, the days at their longest, the weather at its most balmy.



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There is a story I know. It’s about the earth and how it floats in space on the back of a turtle. I’ve heard this story many times, and each time someone tells the story, it changes. Sometimes the change is simply in the voice of the storyteller. Sometimes the change is in the details. Sometimes in the order of the events. Other times it’s the dialogue or the response of the audience. But in all the tellings of all the tellers, the world never leaves the turtle’s back. And the turtle never swims away.

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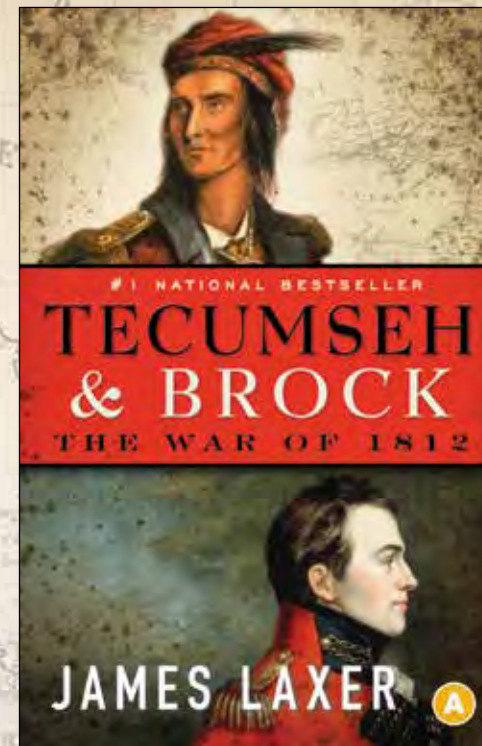
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TECUMSEH AND BROCK: THE WAR OF 1812

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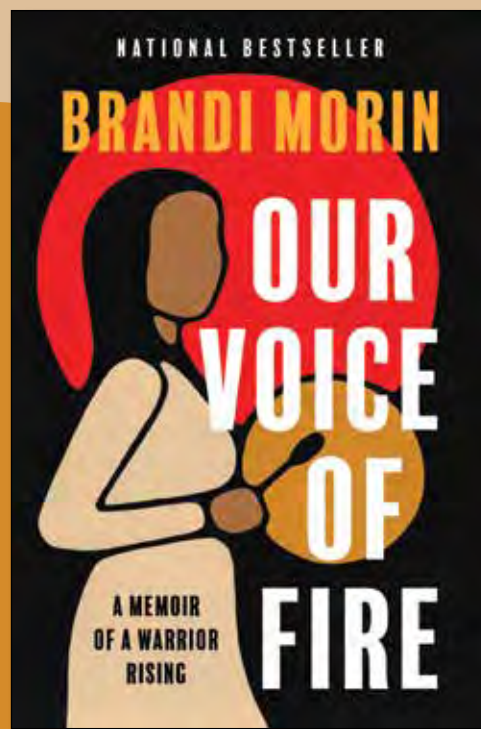
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I am Brandi Morin.

I'm a proud Cree/Iroquois/Frenchwoman from the lands of my ancestors in Treaty 6 Territories of the Michel First Nation.

But I did not always know this.

For many years I was disconnected from my heritage, my history, and my birthright.

For many years my power was hidden in smoke and shadow, my voice lost to the darkness.

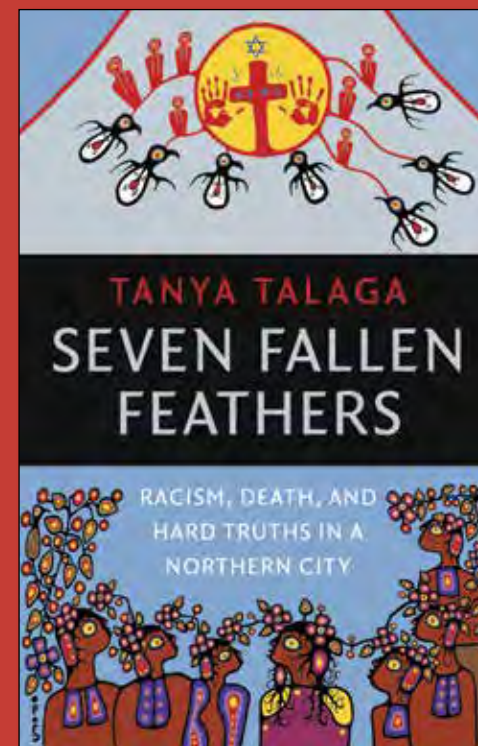


I started firing off some questions, but every time I tried to engage him, [Stan Beardy] talked about the disappearance of a fifteen-year-old Indigenous boy named Jordan Wabasse.

It was a frustrating exchange. We were speaking two different languages....

This standoff went on for a good fifteen minutes before I gave up and we sat in silence. I was annoyed. I knew a missing grade nine Indigenous student in Thunder Bay would not make the news in Toronto.

Then I remembered my manners and where I was. I was sitting with the elected grand chief of 45,000 people, and he was clearly trying to tell me something.



SEVEN FALLEN FEATHERS: RACISM, DEATH, AND HARD TRUTHS IN A NORTHERN CITY

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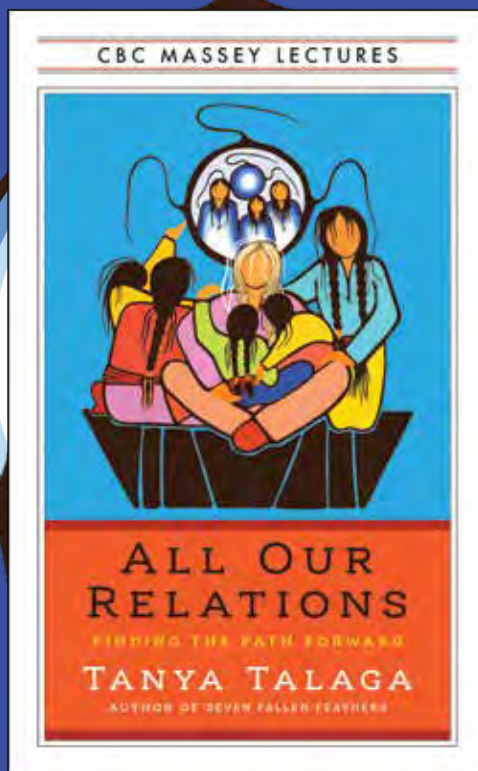
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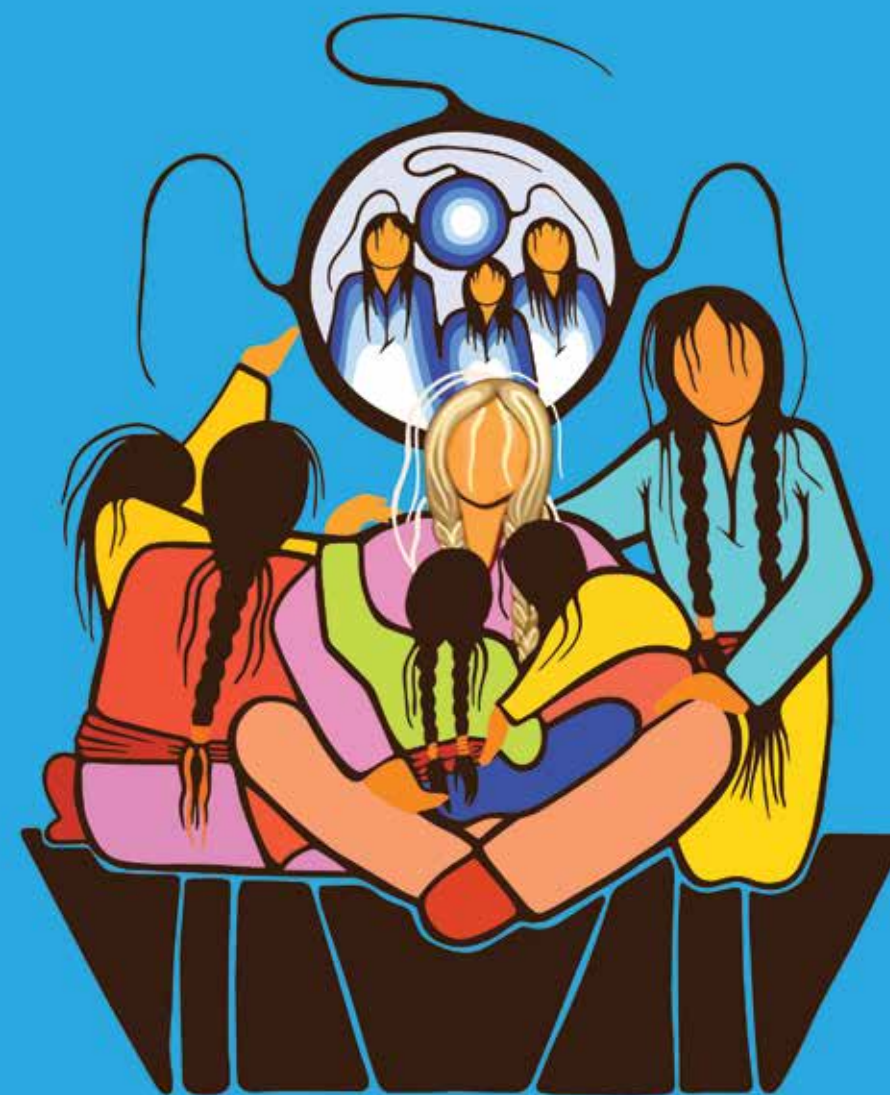
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In the spring of 2017, I was driving down May Street in Thunder Bay, Ontario, with Ricki Strang. We had just gone on an emotional walk along the McIntyre River, which weaves around a strip mall, past a parking lot, and underneath an overpass. We were remembering his younger brother Reggie, whose body was found in the water there on November 1, 2007. Reggie was one of seven First Nations students who died while attending high school in Thunder Bay between 2000 and 2011. Ricki was only sixteen when he woke up in the river on October 26, 2007, the last night he saw his fifteen-year-old brother alive.

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Inside the Walls

*Remember the years they took all the children
And they locked them away, where they taught them to pray,
There were children each night who were silently crying,
They are in the walls and the halls of my mind.*

*How many little souls that surely were dying,
As they bury so deep the shame that they keep,
They will all be alone in their Garden of Eden,
Alone in the walls and the halls of their minds.*

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