

NEW SELECTIONS FOR K-8 & HIGH SCHOOL

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K-8 SELECTIONS



HEY LITTLE ROCKABYE

Buffy Sainte-Marie
Illustrated by Ben Hodson

Young and old alike will cheer and sing along with this heartfelt picture book about animal rescues based on a new song by Academy Award-winning Cree singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie.

GREYSTONE KIDS • 9781771644822 • 19.95 • Hardcover • Preschool Arts (Music/Visual), Native Peoples Studies, Animal Welfare, Adoption
Ebook available : 9781771644846
Teaching Guide: greystonebooks.com/pages/reading-guides • @BuffySteMarie



LITTLE CLOUD: THE SCIENCE OF A HURRICANE

Johanna Wagstaffe
Illustrated by Julie McLaughlin

Follow our cumulus cloud on an adventure through the sky and learn the science behind how it transforms into a hurricane. Beautifully detailed illustrations integrate science with storytelling.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS • 9781459821842 • 19.95 • Hardcover • Grades K-2 Language (English), Science and Technology
Ebook available: 9781459821866 • Author is available for local school visits
Also available: *On My Mountain* by François Aubineau • @JWagstaffe

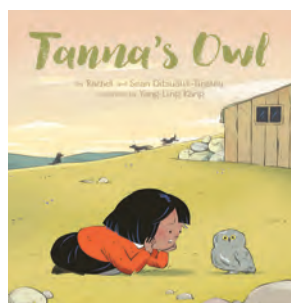


PIERRE & PAUL: AVALANCHE!

Caroline Adderson
Illustrated by Alice Carter

A bilingual story featuring neighbours who imagine everyday situations into grand adventures. Told half in French and half in English, this story's simple text and visual cues make it easy for early readers to decode.

OWLKIDS BOOKS • 9781771473279 • 18.95 • Hardcover • Grades K-2 Language (English), Language (French)
Author is available for local school visits

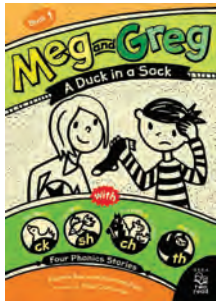


TANNA'S OWL

Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley
Illustrated by Yong Ling Kang

This heartwarming story based on Rachel Qitsualik-Tinsley's own life experience teaches young readers the value of hard work, helping, and caring — even when the thing you are caring for does not love you back.

INHABIT MEDIA INC. • 9781772272505 • 16.95 • Hardcover • Grades K-2 Language (English), Native Peoples Studies, Canadian and World Studies
Also available: *The Raven and the Loon* by Rachel and Sean Qitsualik-Tinsley



MEG AND GREG: A DUCK IN A SOCK

Elsbeth Rae and Rowena Rae
Illustrated by Elisa Gutiérrez

The first book in a series designed for shared reading between a child learning to read and an experienced reader. The stories have special features to help a child with dyslexia or another language-based learning difficulty find reading success.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS • 9781459824904 • 14.95 • Softcover • Grades 1-3
Language (English)
Ebook available: 9781459824928 • Author is available for local school visits
Also available: *Meg and Greg: Frank and the Skunk* by Elspeth Rae and Rowena Rae • @rowena_rae

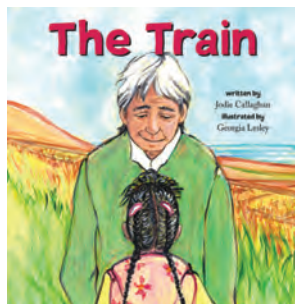


MY BRAVO

Jordan Kyak
Illustrated by Steve James

Jordan loves driving his Bravo! It might be small, but it is tough. Jordan uses his Bravo for hunting, helping his family, and more. Find out what makes Jordan's Bravo so special.

INHABIT EDUCATION • 9780228705390 • 16.95 • Hardcover • Grades 1-3
Language (English), Native Peoples Studies,
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THE TRAIN

Jodie Callaghan
Illustrated by Georgia Lesley

Ashley meets her great-uncle by the old train tracks near their community in Nova Scotia. Uncle tells her about the day when he and the other children from the reserve were taken aboard a train to residential school. The memories are sad, but he is given hope for the future.

SECOND STORY PRESS • 9781772601299 • 17.95 • Hardcover • Grades 1-3
Native Peoples Studies, Canadian and World Studies, History
Also available: *Gaawin Gindaaswin Ndaawsii / I Am Not a Number* by Jenny Kay Dupuis and Kathy Kacer @JBarrg



GONE IS GONE: WILDLIFE UNDER THREAT

Isabelle Groc

This nonfiction book for middle readers looks at why and what species have become endangered, how scientists are learning about endangered wildlife, what people are doing to conserve species and what young people can do to help. Illustrated with unique photos by the photo-journalist author.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS • 9781459816855 • 24.95 • Hardcover • Grades 3-6
Language (English), Science and Technology
Ebook available: 9781459816879 • Author is available for local school visits
Also available: *Sea Otters: A Survival Story* by Isabelle Groc • @isabellegroc



HARVEY COMES HOME

Colleen Nelson
Illustrated by Tara Anderson

In this heartfelt coming-of-age story, a boy grudgingly volunteering at a retirement home discovers empathy and vulnerability when a lost dog inspires a resident to tell stories of growing up during the Great Depression.

PAJAMA PRESS • 9781772780970 • 21.95 • Hardcover • Grade 3-6
Language (English)
Teaching Guide : pajamapress.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/HarveyComesHome_TeachingGuide_2019-10-29.pdf
Also available: *Missing Mike* by Shari Green • @ColleenNelson14



FAMILY TRADITIONS

Judy M. Reuben

A story of an Indigenous sharing their story of family traditions and Indigenous knowledge that is passed down to the youth.

TURTLE'S BACK PUBLISHING, a division of the Ontario Native Literacy Coalition
9780981030999 • 20.00 • Softcover • Grades 3-6
Native Peoples Studies
Author is available for local school visits



SPRING GOOSE CAMP

Judy M. Reuben

A young Indigenous boy named Michael, shares family tradition through his memories of the spring goose camp, of the Indigenous foods during that time of the camp, and the traditional knowledge and teachings he learned.

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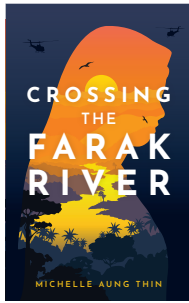


COMMUNITY GARDENS: GROW, EAT AND LEARN

Judy M. Reuben

This book reminds us through community gardens the connection that Indigenous people have with the Earth, the shared traditional knowledge, to respect the Earth, and to be thankful for what we grow.

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9780981030975 • 25.00 • Hardcover • Grades 3-6
Native Peoples Studies, Canadian and World Studies • Author is available for local school visits



CROSSING THE FARAK RIVER

Michelle Aung Thin

As Rohingyaas, Hasina knows that when she hears the Sit Tat helicopters there is one thing to do—run, and don't stop. Hasina, her brother and her cousin hide in the Rakhine forest. When they emerge days later, it is to a smouldering village and their family missing. She must find help and summon the courage to fight for her family amid the conflict that threatens her world.

ANNICK PRESS • 9781773213972 • 18.95 • Hardcover • Grades 7-8
Social Studies, Canadian and World Studies, History
Ebook available: 9781773214009 • Teaching Guide: TBA • Author is available for local school visits
Also available: *The Bite of the Mango* by Mariatu Kamara & Susan Elizabeth McClelland
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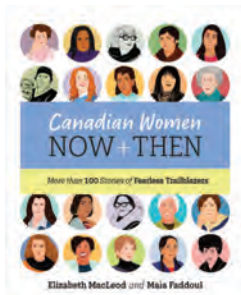


NORTHWEST RESISTANCE

Katherena Vermette
Illustrated by Scott B. Henderson

Going back to 1884, Echo Desjardins finds herself in the thick of a new Métis resistance led by Louis Riel. The experience is empowering, giving Echo the strength to confront challenges.

PORTAGE & MAIN PRESS/HIGHWATER PRESS • 9781553798316 • 18.95 • Softcover • Grades 5-8
Native Peoples Studies, Language (International), History
Also available: *Pemmican Wars* by Katherena Vermette • @katherenav



CANADIAN WOMEN NOW AND THEN

Elizabeth MacLeod
Illustrated by Maïa Faddoul

A timely and relevant collection of stories about groundbreaking Canadian women, present and past.

KIDS CAN PRESS • 9781525300615 • 19.99 • Hardcover • Grades 4 & up
Social Studies, Canadian and World Studies, History
Ebook available: 9781525305207 • Also available: *Canadian Year by Year* by Elizabeth MacLeod



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AUTHORS' BOOKING SERVICE

authorsbooking.com

THE CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/arts-across-canada

CANSCAIP

(Canadian Society for Children's Authors, Illustrators & Performers)

canscaip.org/School/LibraryVisits

THE LEAGUE OF CANADIAN POETS

poets.ca/links/writers-in-schools-programs

THE WRITERS' UNION OF CANADA

writersunion.ca/school-visits

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UNDER AMELIA'S WING

Heather Stemp

The YA follow-up to Red Cedar–nominated *Amelia and Me* finds aspiring pilot Ginny Ross studying mechanical engineering in pre-WWII Indiana.

NIMBUS PUBLISHING • 9781771088503 • 14.95 • Softcover • Grades 9-10
Science and Technology, Social Studies, Canadian and World Studies, History
Author is available for local school visits
Also available: *Amelia and Me* by Heather Stemp

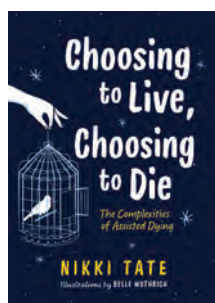


ONE EARTH: PEOPLE OF COLOR PROTECTING OUR PLANET

Anuradha Rao

This nonfiction book for teens profiles twenty environmental defenders of color from around the world. Their individual stories show that the intersection of environment and ethnicity is an asset to protecting our planet.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS • 9781459818866 • 24.95 • Softcover • Grades 9-12
Language (English), Native Peoples Studies, Science and Technology
Ebook available: 9781459818880
Author is available for local school visits • @OneEarthBook



CHOOSING TO LIVE, CHOOSING TO DIE: THE COMPLEXITIES OF ASSISTED DYING

Nikki Tate

Illustrated by Belle Wutrich

This nonfiction book for teens examines the complex issue of medical assistance in dying from multiple perspectives.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS • 9781459818897 • 19.95 • Softcover • Grades 9-12
Language (English), Health and Physical Education, Social Studies
Ebook available: 9781459818910 • Author is available for local school visits
Also available: *My Body My Choice: The Fight for Abortion Rights* by Robin Stevenson • @WriterGrrrr



BLOOD SPORT

Tash McAdam

Jason is sure that his sister, Becca, was murdered, but he's the only one who thinks so. After finding a hidden photograph, he decides to infiltrate a boxing gym to prove it. As a transgender kid, Jason's been fighting for as long as he can remember, and those skills are going to come in handy.

ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS • 9781459824362 • 9.95 • Softcover • Grades 9-12
Language (English), LGBTQ+
Ebook available: 9781459824386
Author is available for local school visits • @TashMcAdam

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INHABIT MEDIA AND EDUCATION • inhabitmedia.com

KIDS CAN PRESS • kidscanpress.com

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ORCA BOOK PUBLISHERS • orcabook.com

OWLKIDS BOOKS • owlkidsbooks.com

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portageandmainpress.com

SECOND STORY PRESS • secondstorypress.ca

TURTLE'S BACK PUBLISHING • onlc.ca



DEVIL IN THE WOODS

D.A. Lockhart

D.A. Lockhart's subversive fourth collection gives us the words, thoughts, and experiences of an Anishinaabe guy from Ontario and the manner in which he interacts with central aspects and icons of settler Canadian culture.

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Also available: *A Really Good Brown Girl* by Marilyn Dumont • @WriwerLockhart

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