



Cool Kid List

Your school and public libraries may have some of these cool books. Your local public library may be able to get books for you from other libraries. Or you may be able to buy the books you want from regular bookstores, on-line bookstores, or directly from the publishers.

Blood, Charles, & Martin Link, *The Goat in the Rug*, by Geraldine, illustrated by Nancy Winslow Parker, Macmillan Publishing Co., 866 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Geraldine, a playful goat, describes each step as she and her Navajo friend make a rug. Ages 4 – 8.

Broker, Ignatia, *Night Flying Woman: An Ojibway Narrative*, Minnesota Historical Society Press, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102. The author, who is Ojibway, tells the story of her great-great-grandmother, Night Flying Woman, who was born in the mid-19th century and lived during a chaotic time of enormous change and loss. But this story also tells of her people's great strength and continuity. Ages 13 and up.

Bruchac, Joseph, *The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story*, illustrated by Susan L. Roth, Penguin Books, Dial Books division, 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014. Who is better, birds or animals? The birds and animals have a ball game to settle the matter. Ages 4 – 8.

Bruchac, Joseph, editor, *Songs From this Earth on Turtle's Back: Contemporary American Indian Poetry*, Greenfield Review Press, PO Box 308, Greenfield Center, NY 12833. An anthology of contemporary poetry. For adults and older teens.

Carlson, Laurie, *More Than Moccasins*, Chicago Review Press, 814 North Franklin Street, Chicago, IL 60610. Over 100 craft projects and activities for children. Ages 3 – 9.

Cooper, Amy Jo, *Dream Quest: Stories From Spirit Bay*, Annick Press, Ltd. Distributed by Firefly Books, Ltd., 4 Daybreak Lane, Westport, CT 06880-2157. Stories about Native young people in Ontario. Based on the Canadian TV series, *Spirit Bay*. Ages 8 – 12.

Dennee, JoAnne, with Jack Peduzzi & Julia Hand, *In the Three Sisters Garden*, illustrated by Carolyn Peduzzi, Common Roots Press, Food Works, 64 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. Stories & projects based on the traditional gardening methods of the Abenaki and Iroquois peoples. Ages 5 – 9.

Doner, Kim, *Buffalo Dreams*, WestWinds Press, Graphic Arts Center Publishing Co., P.O. Box 10306, Portland, OR 97296. Sarah Bearpaw is a 12 year old Native American girl of today. When she and her family hear that a white buffalo has been born, they decide to bring gifts to the calf. Illustrated by the author, who has Cherokee ancestry. Fronval, George, & Daniel Dubois, *Indian Signals & Sign Language*, Crown Publishers / Bonanza Books, 225 Park Ave South, New York, NY 10003. A well-illustrated book about sign language, picture writing, and related topics. Ages 10 and up.

Erdrich, Louise, *Grandmother's Pigeon*, Hyperion Books for Children, 114 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011. First, Grandmother left for Greenland, hitching a ride on a passing porpoise. And that was only the start. The author is Chippewa. Illustrated by Jim LaMarche.

Hewitt, William, *Across the Wide River*, University of New Mexico Press, 1720 Lomas Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. A novel, set circa 1950, based on a true story. Ages 12 and up.

Hirschfelder, Arlene, *Rising Voices: Writings of Young Native Americans*, Charles Scribner's Sons, 866 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. An anthology of poems and essays by young Native Americans of today. Any age.



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Kusugak, Michael Arvaarluk, *Baseball Bats for Christmas*, Annick Press Ltd. Distributed by Firefly Books Ltd., 4 Daybreak Lane, Westport, CT 06880. Illustrations by Vladyna Kryforka. In the 1950s, a boy named Arvaarluk lived on Arctic Circle in Canada, in a village where the children really loved baseball! Ages 4 – 9.

Harjo, Joy, *The Good Luck Cat*, Harcourt, Inc., 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010 / 525 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101. Woogie is a rare, lucky and luck-bringing cat. The author is Muskogee-Creek. Illustrated by Paul Lee. Ages 4 – 9.

Howard, Nancy Shroyer, *Helen Cordero & the Storytellers of Cochiti Pueblo*, Davis Publications, 50 Portland Street, Worcester, MA 01608. A lively activity book based on the pottery storyteller figures made by Helen Cordero. Ages 10 and up.

Katz, William Loren, and Paula A. Franklin, *Proudly Red & Black: Stories of African & Native Americans*, Macmillan Publishing Company, Atheneum division, 866 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Brief biographies of six diverse people who had both African American and Native American heritage. Ages 12 and up.

Keams, Geri, *Grandmother Spider Brings the Sun*, illustrated by James Bernardin, Rising Moon division, Northland Publishing, P.O. Box N, Flagstaff, AZ 86002. A Cherokee legend with beautiful illustrations. Ages 4 – 12.

Kleitsch, Christel and Paul Stephens, *Dancing Feathers*, Annick Press, Ltd. Distributed by Firefly Books, Ltd., 4 Daybreak Lane, Westport, CT 06880-2157. Tafia Shebagabow describes her trip to a powwow in Toronto. Based on the Canadian TV series, *Spirit Bay*. Ages 8 – 12.

McDermott, Gerald, *Coyote: A Trickster Tale from the American Southwest*, Harcourt Brace & Company, 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010. Colorfully illustrated story of Coyote, the trickster. Ages 3 – 7.

Margolin, Malcolm, and Yolanda Montjio, *Native Ways: California Indian Stories & Memories*, Hayday Books, P.O. Box 9145, Berkeley, CA 94709. Lots of information about Native Californians, past and present. Ages 10 up.

Moore, Reavis, *Native Artists of North America*, John Muir Publications, PO Box 613, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Distributed by W.W. Norton & Co., 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10110. From the Rainbow Warrior Artists series. Features five Native American artists of today, plus activities. Ages 7 and up.

Pitkänen, Matti A., with Ritva Lehtinen & Kari E. Nurmi, *The Grandchildren of the Incas*, Carolhoda Books / First Avenue Editions, 241 First Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55401. About the present-day life of the Quechua people of Peru and Bolivia. Ages 10 and up.

St. John, Jetty, *Native American Scientists*, Capstone Press, 818 North Willow Street, Mankato, MN 56001. Five brief biographies. Ages 8 – 12.

Sekaquaptewa, Emory & Barbara Pepper, translators and editors, *Coyote & Little Turtle* by Herschel Talashoema, and *Coyote & the Winnowing Birds* by Eugene Sekaquaptewa, Clear Light Publishers, 823 Don Diego, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Two traditional Hopi stories with the text in Hopi and English. Illustrated with art by Hopi children. Ages 4 – 8.

Senungetuk, Vivian, *Wise Words of Paul Tiulana: An Inupiat Alaskan's Life*, Franklin Watts, Inc., 95 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. An excellent picture of traditional Inupiat life is provided by Paul Tiulana (1921-1994). Ages 10 and up.

Schwartz, David M., *Yanomami: People of the Amazon*, Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1350 Sixth Avenue, New York, NY 10019. Photographs by Victor Englebort. Provides a picture of the way of life of a rainforest people. Ages 10 up.

Smith, Cynthia Leitich, *Jingle Dancer*, Morrow Junior Books, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019. Illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright & Ying-Hwa Hu. Jenna lives in Oklahoma. She's a member of the Muscogee Nation. She wants to dance at the powwow. But first, she needs jingles for her dress. Ages 5 up.



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Sprang, Bently, *Grandma Jenny's Trip*, Reed Elsevier, Inc, Rigby Division, 500 Coventry Lane, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. Illustrated by Ben Carter. Grandma Jenny shares childhood memories with her grandchildren. The author is Cheyenne; the illustrator is Comanche. Ages 5 and up.

Tehanetorens, *Tales of the Iroquois*, Akwesasne Notes, Mohawk Nation, P.O. Box 196, Rooseveltown, NY 13683. Also available from Irografts, R.R. 2, Ohsweken, Ontario N0A 1M0, Canada. A collection of Iroquois legends, illustrated with line drawings by Kahionhes and pictographs by the author. Both the author and illustrator are Mohawk. Any age.

Viola, Herman J., *After Columbus: The Horse's Return to America*, Trudy Management Corp., Soundprints division, 165 Water Street, Norwalk, CT 06856. Lots of information about horses and their importance in Indian life. Ages 6 – 12.

Watkins, Sherrin, *White Bead Ceremony*, Council Oak Books, 1350 East 15th Street, Tulsa, OK 74120. Illustrated by Kim Doner. Mary, a Shawnee girl of today, has her naming ceremony. The author has Shawnee and Cherokee heritage; the illustrator, Cherekee. Ages 4 – 10.

Wesche, Alice M., *Runs Far: Son of the Chichimecs*, Museum of New Mexico Press, P.O. Box 2087, Santa Fe, NM 87501. An adventure story about the Chichimec Indians in northern Mexico, c. 1200 A.D. Ages 9 and up

Tales of the People, a series of books for children written and illustrated by Native Americans. National Museum of the American Indian / Smithsonian Institution with Abbeville Press, 22 Cortland Street, New York, NY 10007. Each book includes information about the Indian nation the legend is from. Ages 4 and up.

- Dawavendewa, Gerald (story and illustrations), *The Butterfly Dance*. Sihumana, a Hopi girl, tells the reader about the Butterfly Dance.
- Medicine Crow, Joe, *Brave Wolf & the Thunderbird*, illustrated by Linda R. Martin. How Brave Wolf saved Thunderbird's chicks from a monster.
- de Montaña, Marty Kreipe, *Coyote in Love with a Star*, illustrated by Tom Coffin. In this story, Coyote the trickster comes to New York City to look for a good job. One night, he notices a star more beautiful than all the others.
- Williams, Maria, *How Raven Stole the Sun*, illustrated by Felix Vigil. A traditional Tlingit story in which the trickster Raven sets out to steal the sun.

Native American Stories from Children's Book Press, 1461 Ninth Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122. Legends and stories. Many are bilingual (English/Spanish). Ages 6 and up. Titles include:

- Erdrich, Lise, *Bears Make Rock Soup & Other Stories*, illustrated by Lisa Fifield. A collection of contemporary Native American paintings honoring the people and animals that have lived in harmony on the Great Plains. The author is Ojibway.
- Littlechild, George, *This Land is My Land* (illustrated by the author) A Cree artist tells how he discovered his Native heritage and what it means to him.
- Ortiz, Simon, *The People Shall Continue*, illustrated by Sharol Graves. A Native author tells the epic story of the progress of Native North Americans from the time of the Creation to the present.
- Rohmer, Harriet, & Jesus Guerrero Rea, *Atariba & Niguayona / Atriba y Niguayona*, illustrated by Consuelo Mendez. A Taino Indian legend from Puerto Rico about a young boy's search for the healing caimoni tree.
- Rohmer, Harriet, Octavio Chow, & Morris Vidaure. *The Invisible Hunters / Los Cazadores Invisibles*, illustrated by Joe Sam. This tale from the Miskito people of Nicaragua portrays the crucial first moments of contact between an indigenous culture and the outside world.
- Rohmer, Harriet, *The Legend of Food Mountain / La Montaña del Alimento*, illustrated by Graciela Carrillo. In this Aztec legend, a giant red ant helps the ancient god, Quetzalcoatl, bring corn to the first hungry people of the earth.
- Santiago, Chiori, *Home to Medicine Mountain*, illustrated by Judith Lowry. Two young brothers sent to live at a government-run Indian residential school in California in the 1930s escape to return home for the summer. Based on the experiences of Native artist Judith Lowry's father and uncle.



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"Real Child" Books

These are books about real, present-day Native American children, all well illustrated with color photographs.

Ancona, Geroge, *Earth Daughter: Alicia of Acoma Pueblo*, Simon & Schuster, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, and *Powwow*, Harcourt Brace & Co. 1250 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101. Also *Pablo Remembers: The Fiesta of the Day of the Dead*, Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

Brown, Tricia, *Children of the Midnight Sun: Young Native Voices of Alaska*, Alaska Northwest Books, Graphic Arts Center Publishing Co., P.O. Box 10306, Portland, OR 97296. Photos by Roy Corral.

Crum, Robert, *Eagle Drum: On the Powwow Trail with a Young Grass Dancer*, Four Winds Press, Macmillan Publishing Co., 866 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Dennis, Yvonne Wakim, & Arlene Hirschfelder, *Children of Native America Today*, SHAKTI for Children, The Global Fund for Children, 1101 14th Street NW, Suite 910, Washington, DC. Forward by Buffy Sainte-Marie.

Hazen-Hammond, Susan, *Thunder Bear & Ko: The Buffalo Nation & Nambe Pueblo*, Dutton Children's Books, 345 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014.

Hoyt-Goldsmith, Diane, *Apache Rodeo, Pueblo Storyteller, Arctic Hunter, and Totem Pole*, with photographs by Lawrence Migdale. All four are from Holiday House, 425 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Hucko, Bruce, *Where There Is No Name for Art: The Art of Tewa Pueblo Children*, School of American Research Press, P.O. Box 2188, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Presents the art and voices of the children of Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, San Juan, Pojoaque, and Nambé Pueblos.

Keegan, Marcia, *Pueblo Boy: Growing Up in Two Worlds*, Cobblehill Books/Dutton, 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014, and *Pueblo Girls: Growing Up in Two Worlds*, Clear Light Publishers, 823 Don Diego, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Krull, Kathleen, *One Nation, Many Tribes: How Kids Live in Milwaukee's Indian Community*, with photographs by David Hautzig, Lodestar Books/Dutton, 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014.

Rendon, Marcie R., *Powwow Summer: A Family Celebrates the Circle of Life*, with photographs by Cheryl Walsh Bellville, Carolrhoda Books, The Learner Group, 241 Fifth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

Secakuku, Susan, *Meet Mindy: A Native Girl of the Southwest*, with photographs by John Harrington. National Museum of the American Indian / Smithsonian Institution with Beyond Words Publishing, 20827 NW Cornell Road, Suite 500, Hillsboro, OR 97124.

Solá, Michele, *Angela Weaves a Dream: The Story of a Young Maya Artist*, with photographs by Jeffrey Jay Fox. Hyperion Press, 114 5th Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10011.

Tagac, Gabrielle, *Meet Naiche: A Native Boy from the Chesapeake Bay Area*, with photographs by John Harrington. National Museum of the American Indian / Smithsonian Institution with Beyond Words Publishing, 20827 NW Cornell Road, Suite 500, Hillsboro, OR 97124.

Thompson, Peggy, *Katie Henio: Navajo Shepherd*, with photographs by Paul Conklin, Cobblehill Books/Dutton, 374 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014. This one's about a grownup.



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Wood, Ted, with Wanbli Numpa Afraid of Hawk, *A Boy Becomes a Man at Wounded Knee* (about a young Oglala boy's experiences on the 1990 Big Foot Memorial Ride), and *Spirit of the Maya: A Boy Explores His People's Mysterious Past*, both from Walker & Co., 720 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10019

We Are Still Here: Native Americans Today, a series from Lerner Publications Co., 241 First Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

- *Children of Clay: A Family of Pueblo Potters*
- *Clambake: A Wampanoag Tradition*
- *Ininatig's Gift of Sugar: Traditional Native Sugar-making*
- *Kinaaldá: A Navajo Girl Grows Up* (About a Navajo girl's coming-of-age ceremony.)
- *The Sacred Harvest: Ojibway Wild Rice Gathering*
- *Shannon: An Ojibway Dancer*
- *Songs from the Loom: A Navajo Girl Learns to Weave.*