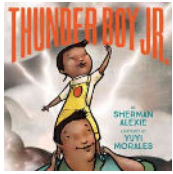




Children's Booklist 2022: Native Voices

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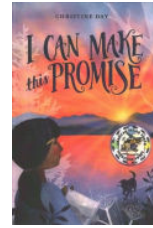


Thunder Boy Jr.

by Sherman Alexie

This picture book by National Book Award-winning author of "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" follows a young boy who longs to earn a name of his own that reflects something special that he has done.

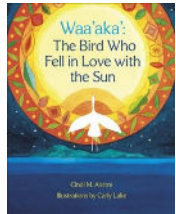
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I Can Make This Promise

by Christine Day

When Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity.



Waa'aka' : The Bird Who Fell in Love With The Sun

by Cindi Alvitre

A Tongva creation story of Catalina Island in California, and how the black-crowned night heron came to be.



Birdsong

by Julie Flett

Traces the experiences of a young girl who moves to a small town, where her friendship with a fellow crafter is shaped by the seasons and her friend's failing health.



Two Roads

by Joseph Bruchac

It's 1932, and Pop has decided to send 12-year-old Cal to Challagi Indian School, a government boarding school for Native Americans. Even in the harsh, miserable conditions of the school, Cal begins to learn his people's history, heritage, language, and customs. And most of all, he learns how to find strength in a group of friends who have only one another.

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We Are Water Protectors

by Carole Lindstrom

When a black snake threatens to destroy the earth, one water protector defends the planet's water, inspired by many indigenous-led conservation movements.



Look, Grandma! Ni, Elisi!

by Art Coulson

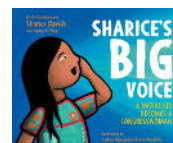
Bo wants to find the perfect container to show off his traditional marbles for the Cherokee National Holiday in this exploration of volume and capacity.



Bowwow Powwow : Bagosenjige-niimi'idim

by Brenda J. Child

When Uncle and Windy Girl attend a powwow, Windy watches the dancers and listens to the singers. She eats tasty food and joins family and friends around the campfire, all celebrating in song and dance and all attesting to the wonder of the powwow.



Sharice's Big Voice: a Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman

by Sharice Davids

A picture book autobiography tells the remarkable story of Sharice Davids, one of the first Native American women elected to Congress and the first LGBTQ congressperson to represent Kansas.

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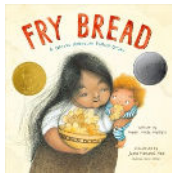
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'Ohana Means Family

by Ilima Loomis

In this cumulative rhyme in the style of "The House That Jack Built," a family celebrates Hawaii and its culture while serving poi at a luau.

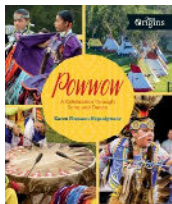


Fry Bread : a Native American Family Story

by Kevin Noble Maillard

A celebration of the long-cherished Seminole Nation tradition of sharing fry bread during family meals combines

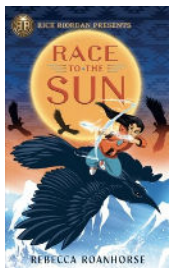
evocative verses with vibrant artwork.



Powwow : A Celebration Through Song and Dance

by Karen Pheasant-neganigwane

A celebration of Indigenous song and dance. Journey through the history of powwow culture in North America, from its origins to the thriving powwow culture of today.

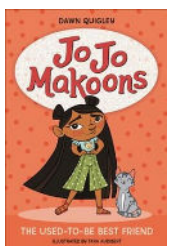


Race to the Sun

by Rebecca Roanhorse

Lately Nizhoni has been able to detect monsters, like Mr. Charles, her dad's new boss at the oil and gas company. He's also alarmingly interested in Nizhoni and her brother, Mac, their Navajo heritage, and the legend of the Hero Twins. Nizhoni knows he's a threat, but her father won't believe her.

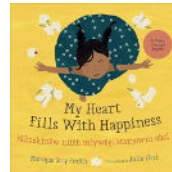
When Dad disappears the next day, leaving behind a message that says 'Run!', the siblings and Nizhoni's best friend, Davery, are thrust into a rescue mission -- can Nizhoni become the hero she was destined to be?



JoJo Makoons (Series)

by Dawn Quigley

Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends.



My Heart Fills With Happiness = Ni Sâkaskineh Mîyawâten Niteh Ohcih

by Monique Gray Smith

This dual-language picture book for preschoolers, written in English and Plains Cree, celebrates and invites children to

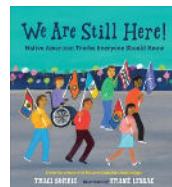
reflect on the little things in life that bring them joy



When We Are Kind

by Monique Gray Smith

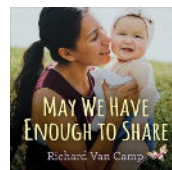
This beautiful picture book looks at how the simple act of being kind, to others and oneself, affects all aspects of a child's life.



We are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know

by Traci Sorell

One dozen kids discuss the historical and contemporary laws, policies, movements and victories that have shaped Native American culture of the past and present.



May We Have Enough to Share

by Richard Van Camp

A book on gratitude celebrates having food, shelter, and success, as well as the love of family and community.



The First Fire : A Cherokee Story

by Brad Wagon

According to Cherokee tradition, when the animals need fire to keep them warm during cold nights, The Thunder Boys invoked a lightning bolt to strike and light fire to a lone sycamore tree. Water Spider, a tiny savior, boldly creates an ingenious way to bring fire back to the animal community.



Molly of Denali: Little Dog Lost

by WGBH Kids

A series of books at different reading levels retell key moments from episodes of the Peabody-winning PBS Kids television show, Molly of Denali, in which Molly and her family run the Denali Trading Post and general store in their small Alaskan wilderness town.



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