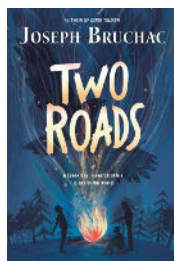




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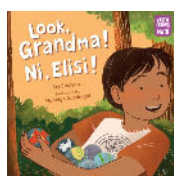


Two Roads

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

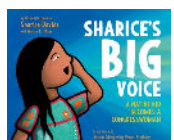
find strength in a group of friends who have only one another.



Look, Grandma! Ni, Elisi!

by Art Coulson

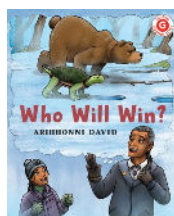
Bo wants to find the perfect container to show off his traditional marbles for the Cherokee National Holiday in this exploration of volume and capacity.



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.



Who Will Win?

by Arihnonni David

It's fast legs vs a quick mind in this action-packed Native American tale that follows a bear and a turtle as they race across a frozen lake.



I Can Make This Promise

by Christine Day

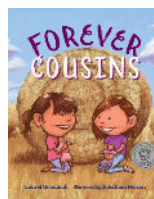
When Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity.



Berry Song

by Michaela Goade

As a young Tlingit girl collects wild berries over the seasons, she sings with her Grandmother as she learns to speak to the land and listen when the land speaks back.



Forever Cousins

by Laurel Goodluck

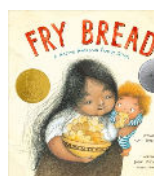
In this Native American story, Kara and Amanda are best-friend cousins. Then Kara leaves the city to move back to the Rez. Will their friendship stay the same?



My Powerful Hair

by Carole Lindstrom

In this empowering story about family history, self-expression and reclaiming your identity, a young girl cannot wait to grow her hair long to honor the strength and resilience of those who came before her.



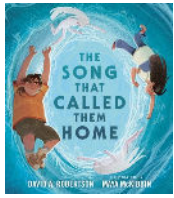
Fry Bread : a Native American Family Story

by Kevin Noble Maillard

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

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The Song That Called Them Home

by David Robertson
One summer day, Lauren and her little brother, James, go on a canoeing trip. During a sudden whirlpool, Lauren she sees her brother being pulled away by the Memekwesewak--creatures in the water. Can

Lauren save her brother without being lured in by the creatures herself? Based on indigenous legends.



JoJo Makoons: The Used-To-Be Best Friend

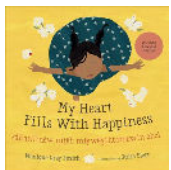
by Dawn Quigley
Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to

make more friends.



Race to the Sun

by Rebecca Roanhorse
Nizhoni, a Navago girl, has discovered she is a monster slayer. When Dad disappears, leaving behind a message that says 'Run!', Nizhoni, her brother Mac and her best friend, Davery, are thrust into a rescue mission -- can Nizhoni become the hero she was destined to be?



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.



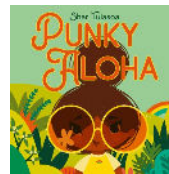
We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know

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.



Finding My Dance

by Ria Thundercloud
A professional Indigenous dancer, the author shares her dance journey, from dreaming of her future to performing as a professional, in this debut picture book filled with eye-catching illustrations that bring her graceful movements to life.



Punky Aloha

by Shar Tuiaso
Armed with her grandmother's magical sunglasses and a lot of aloha in her heart, plucky Polynesian girl Punky Aloha, who is scared to make new friends, sets off on a

BIG adventure for the very first time.



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.



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