

**Books for Children
In the Eighth Street Church Library
March 2022**

Picture books

Lindstrom, Carole, and Michaela Goade. *We Are Water Protectors*. First ed. New York, NY: Roaring Brook Press, a division of Holtzbrinck Publishing, 2020.

When a black snake threatens to destroy the Earth and poison her people's water, one young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth's most sacred resource. Inspired by the many indigenous-led movements across North America, this bold and lyrical picture book issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption. [Book read aloud by author with introductions](#) [Activity Packet](#)

Martin, Aaron. *A Gathering is Happening Today: Ngom Wi Mawtheshnowek*. Self-published, 2018. 32 pages

A colorful depiction of the Pokagon Band pow wow by a South Bend Potawatomi artist. Bi-lingual English-Potawatomi. [Reading](#) in both languages by a Potawatomi woman.

Smith, Cynthia Leitich, *Jingle Dancer*. New York: Morrow Junior Books, 2000.

A little girl visits the special women in her life to get jingles for the dress she will wear to dance at the pow wow.

Swamp, Jake, and Erwin Printup. *Giving Thanks : A Native American Good Morning Message*. Reading Rainbow Book. New York: Lee & Low Books, 1997.

A Native American spirituality of thanksgiving. Bold illustrations. An illustrated retelling of what Robin Wall Kimmerer calls the Thanksgiving Address p. 105-117 in *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

Woodley, Randy and Ramone Romero. *The Harmony Tree : A Story of Healing and Community*. First ed. Victoria, BC, Canada: FriesenPress, 2016.

A beautifully illustrated fable of the interconnectedness of humanity and nature based on the life experience of a Cherokee theologian.

For older children and youth

Fitzpatrick, Marie-Louise, and Gary WhiteDeer. *The Long March : The Choctaw's Gift to Irish Famine Relief*. Berkeley, CA.: Tricycle Press, 2001. GPL J 970.3 FIT

A Choctaw teen in Oklahoma learns of his family's perilous trek from Mississippi as his grandmother tells the story many years later. Recalling their experiences of suffering and hunger, the Choctaw collected a monetary gift for the Irish. While the text is for older children, the detailed line drawings of the indigenous artist could be used to tell younger children about forced removal.

Mendoza, Jean, Debbie Reese, and Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People*. Boston, Massachusetts: Beacon Press, 2019.

Prepared for high school readers by two educators. Includes endnotes, suggestions for further readings, and an index. b&w illustrations A good overview for all ages.

Ortiz, Simon J, and Sharol Graves. *The People Shall Continue*. 40th anniversary special ed. New York: Children's Book Press, an imprint of Lee & Low Books, 2017.

Inspirational story of indigenous people in North America with emphasis on resilience.

Sorell, Traci, and Lessac Frané. *We Are Still Here! : Native American Truths Everyone Should Know*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2021.

"A group of Native American kids from different tribes presents twelve historical and contemporary time periods, struggles, and victories to their classmates, each ending with a powerful refrain: we are still here"-- Provided by publisher.

Yellowhorn, Eldon, and Kathy Lowinger. *Turtle Island : The Story of North America's First People*. Toronto, Ontario: Annick Press, 2017.

Highly illustrated, an attractive alternative textbook (116 p.) for upper elementary students.