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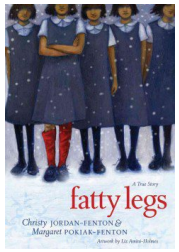

Fatty legs : a true story

by Christy Jordan-Fenton

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(Junior Non-Fiction)

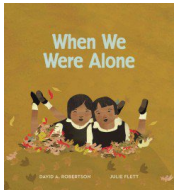
Looks at the experiences of a strong-willed young Inuit girl who receives permission from her father to travel to a residential religious school run by non-Inuit outsiders, where she struggles to adapt to the new way of living.

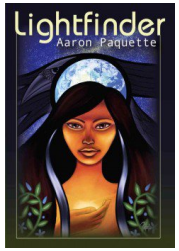
When we were alone

by David Robertson

(Easy Picture Book)

A story about a difficult time in history, and, ultimately, one of empowerment and strength.





Lightfinder

by Aaron Paquette

(Young Adult Paperback)

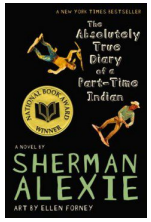
Aisling, a young Cree woman, sets out into the wilderness with her grandmother,aunt and two young men she barely knows to find and rescue her runaway younger brother, Eric. Along the way she learns that the legends of her people might be real and that she has a growing power of her own.

The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

(Young Adult Fiction)

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.



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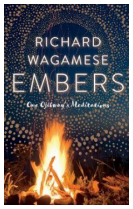

Embers : One Ojibway's Meditations

by Richard Wagamese

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The Education of Augie Merasty : A Residential School Memoir

by Joseph Auguste Merasty

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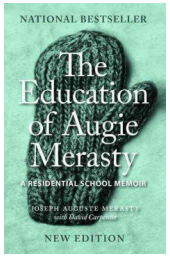



The right to be cold: One woman's story of protecting her culture, the Arctic and the whole planet

by Sheila Watt-Cloutier

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Up Ghost River : a chief's journey through the turbulent waters of Native history

by Edmund Metatawabin

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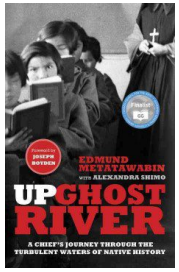

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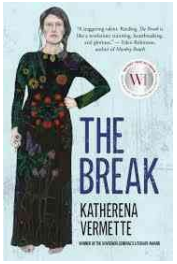


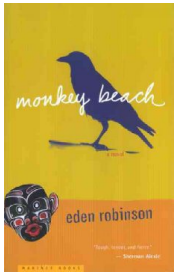
The break

by Katherena Vermette

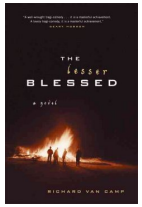
When a Métis woman sees a possible crime she telephones the police. Told from the perspectives of various people connected to this violence in a Metis community, we hear their stories leading up to that fateful night.

Monkey beach

by Eden Robinson



When seventeen-year-old Native American Jimmy Hill disappears while at sea, his wayward teenage sister, who harbors a dark secret, tries to cope during the search-and-rescue efforts and sets off for Monkey Beach, famed for its Sasquatch sightings.



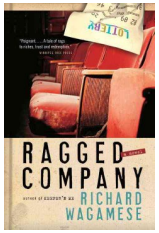
The lesser blessed

by Richard Van Camp

Through the eyes of Larry Sole, a First Nation teenager filled with bravado and angst, comes the story of three unlikely friends isolated in a small rural town discovering what they can of life, love and racial tensions.

Ragged company

by Richard Wagamese



Four chronically homeless people seek refuge in a warm movie theatre, where their lives and fortunes are forever changed.

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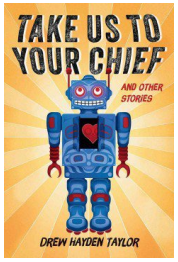


Take Us to Your Chief : And Other Stories: Classic Science-fiction With a Contemporary First Nations Outlook

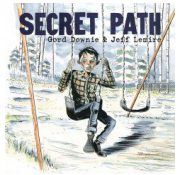
by Drew Hayden Taylor

A collection of nostalgically 1950s-esque science fiction with a modern First Nations take.

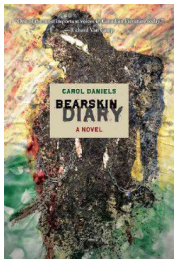
Secret Path

by Gord Downie

(Adult Graphic Novel)



This graphic novel tells the true story of Chanie "Charlie" Wenjack, a twelve-year-old boy who died in flight from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School fifty years ago.



Bearskin Diary

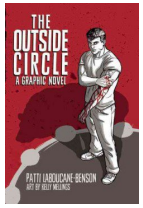
by Carol Daniels

Taken from the arms of her mother as soon as she was born, Sandy was only one of over twenty thousand Aboriginal children scooped up by the federal government between the 1960s and 1980s.

The Outside Circle

by Patti Laboucane-Benson

(Adult Graphic Novel)



In this important graphic novel, two Aboriginal brothers surrounded by poverty, drug abuse, and gang violence, try to overcome centuries of historic trauma in very different ways to bring about positive change in their lives.

Fiction

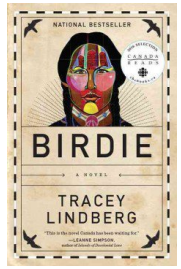
This Accident of Being Lost : Songs and Stories

by Leanne Betasamosake Simpson

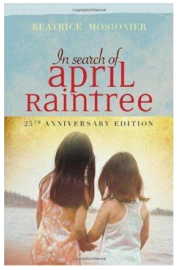
These darkly humorous pieces read like journal entries, science fiction stories, songs, and free-form poems. They evoke the indigenous heritage connection to the land, and the ways modern indigenous people straddle settler and indigenous worlds.

Birdie

by Tracey Lindberg



After leaving her home in northern Alberta, Birdie, a Cree woman with a dark secret, travels to Gibson, British Columbia where she finds the strength to face the past and build a new life.



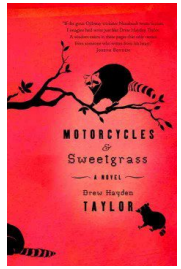
In Search of April Raintree

by Beatrice Mosionier

The powerful and moving life stories of two Métis sisters who suffer the breakdown of their family relations and the injustices of the social services system.

Motorcycles & sweetgrass

by Drew Hayden Taylor



Otter Lake is a sleepy Anishnawbe community where little happens. Until the day a handsome stranger pulls up astride a 1953 Indian Chief motorcycle – and turns Otter Lake completely upside down.