

November 2022 Booklist

The books listed are just a starting point. Please read whatever you and your adult think is a good choice for you, your reading level, and interests. Call us at 1-800-252-9605 or email us at tbp.ral@tsl.texas.gov to get more suggestions!

Note: **DB** indicates audiobooks, **BR** indicates Braille books, and **LB** indicates large print books.

This list includes titles by and about Native Americans / Indigenous People.

For Younger Readers Pre-school through about 2nd grade

FRY BREAD by Kevin Noble Maillard

DB 98387

A family comes together to enjoy fry bread, a post-colonial food that is a shared tradition for Native American families across the continent. Includes a recipe and an extensive author's note. Sibert Medal. For preschool-grade 2. 2019.

Kevin Noble Maillard is an enrolled citizen of the Seminole Nation.

WE ARE STILL HERE: NATIVE AMERICAN TRUTHS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW
by Traci Sorell

DB 107065

A group of Native American kids from different tribes presents historical and contemporary time periods, struggles, and victories to their classmates, each ending with a powerful refrain: we are still here. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Traci Sorell is a member of the Cherokee Nation.

WE ARE WATER PROTECTORS by Carole Lindstrom

DB 103823, BR 23733

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. Commercial audiobook. Caldecott Medal. For grades K-3. 2020.

Carole Lindstrom is Anishinabe/Métis and is a proud member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe Indians.

For Middle-Grade Readers About 3rd -7th grades

ANCESTOR APPROVED: INERTRIBAL STORIES FOR KIDS by Cynthia Leitich Smith

DB 102650

An award-winning author compiles an anthology of intersecting Indigenous stories and poems written by Joseph Bruchac, Christine Day, Eric Gansworth, Carole Lindstrom, Rebecca Roanhorse, Traci Sorell, Tim Tingle, and more. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2021.

Cynthia Leitich Smith is a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, she writes fiction for children centered on the lives of modern-day American Indians.

HEALER OF THE WATER MONSTER by Brian Lee Young

DB 104419, BR 24124 in process

When Nathan visits his grandma, Nali, at her mobile summer home on the Navajo reservation, he knows he's in for an uneventful summer. But things change after he meets a water monster that needs his help. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

Brian Young is enrolled with the Navajo Nation and grew up in Fort Defiance, Arizona. He is Red-Running-Into-Red Clan and born for the Tangle People Clan.

REZ DOGS by Joseph Bruchac

DB 103860

A novel in verse. Malian, a Wabanaki girl, was visiting her grandparents on the reservation when the COVID-19 pandemic started, and all travel shut down. Away from her parents and her school in Boston, Malian befriends a local dog. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2021.

Joseph Bruchac is from Saratoga Springs, New York, and is of Abenaki, English, and Slovak ethnicity.

For Teen and YA Readers Generally high school and older

AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz; adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese

DB 96226

Adaptation for younger readers of An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States (DB 82383). Explores the history of the US as a colonial settler-state from the perspective of its indigenous peoples. Adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2019.

A SNAKE FALLS TO EARTH by Darcie Little Badger

DB 106018

Nina, a Lipan Apache, lives in the real world and still believes in the old stories. Oli, a cottonmouth snake boy, lives in the Reflecting World. But a catastrophic event on Earth, and a strange sickness that befalls Oli's best friend, drive their worlds together in ways they haven't been in centuries. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

Darcie Little Badger (Lipan Apache) draws upon traditional oral storytelling influences to spin a story about the intersection of two worlds.

FIREKEEPER'S DAUGHTER by Angeline Boulley

DB 102762, BR 24040 in process

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother. When Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source of a new drug. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

Angeline Boulley is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.