#### **Rabbit Chase**

By Elizabeth LaPensée J Graphic Rabbit Aĭme, a non-binary Anishinaabe, is on a field trip to offer gifts to Paayehnsag, the water spirits know to protect the land, when they wander off and are transported to an alternate dimension populated by traditional Anishanaabe figures.

# **Surviving the City**

By Tasha Spillett-Sumner

Teen Graphic Debwe Miikwan is Anishinaabe; Dez is Inninew. Together, the teens navigate the challenges of growing up in an urban landscape. However, when Dez's grandmother becomes too sick, Dez is told she can't stay with her anymore. With the threat of a group home looming, Dez can't bring herself to go home and disappears. Miikwan is devastated, and the wound of her missing mother resurfaces. Will Dez's community find her before it's too late? Will Miikwan be able to cope if they don't?

#### We Are Still Here!

By Traci Sorell

J History US

A group of Native American kids from different tribes presents 12 historical and contemporary time periods, struggles, and victories to their classmates.

# We Have a Dream

J People

Indigenous people and people of color are disproportionately affected by climate change and are fighting back. Learn about young activists from communities working towards a healthier planet.

# **Buffalo Bird Girl**

By S.D. Nelson

J People Nat Amer

Buffalo Bird Girl was a member of the Hidatsa, a
Native American community that lived in permanent villages along the Missouri River on the
Great Plains. Buffalo Bird Girl learned the ways
of her people through watching and listening,
and then by doing, including preparing animal
skins, dry meat, and performing other duties.

#### **Indigenous Ingenuity**

By Deidre Havrelock J People Nat Amer Corn, chocolate, forest fire management. Our lives would be unrecognizable with these, and countless other, scientific discoveries and technological inventions by Indigenous Native Americans.

# Red Cloud: A Lakota Story of War and Surrender

By S.D. Nelson J People Nat Amer
Red Cloud was a great warrior and chief of the
Lakota, and during his time as a leader of his people
he came to surrender them to the wasichus (White
Man), ending their way of life on the Great Plains.

# Where the Eagle Sees

By Eldon Yellowhorn Teen History US
Traces the history of the indigenous populations of the Americas from the arrival of Europeans, discussing how different civilizations faced disease, war, broken promises, and forced assimilation to keep their cultures alive.

#### The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee

By David Treuer Teen People Nat Amer
Since the late 1800s, it has been believed that Native American civilization has been wiped from the US. Treuer explores Native American culture as it exists today, and the fight to preserve language and traditions.



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# CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS VOICES



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# The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls

After being caught stealing one too many times, Benjamin Waterfalls is sent to a "boot camp" at the Ojibwe reservation where he searches for answers as he tries to turn his life around.

#### Peacemaker

By Joseph Bruchac

Twelve-year-old Okwaho must rethink his calling in life after witnessing the arrival of a mystical figure with a message of peace, ushering in the creation of the Iroquois Confederacy.

#### **Two Roads**

By Joseph Bruchac
It's 1932, and 12-year-old Cal must stop being a hobo with his father and go to a Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, where he begins learning about his history and heritage as a Creek Indian.

#### The Sea in Winter

By Christine Day

After an injury sidelines her dreams of becoming a ballet star, Maisie is not excited for her blended family's midwinter road trip along the coast, near the Makah community where her mother grew up.

# We Still Belong

By Christine Day

Wesley's hopeful plans for Indigenous Peoples'
Day, including asking her crush to the dance, go
all wrong, until she finds herself surrounded by
the love of her Indigenous family and community at the intertribal powwow.

#### The Birchbark House

By Louis Erdrich J Fic Erdrich Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

#### Elvis, Me, and the Lemonade Stand Summer

By Leslie Gentile

It's the summer of 1978 and most people believe
Elvis Presley is dead. But 11-year-old Truly Bateman know he is alive and living on the Eagle Shores
First Nation on Vancouver Island. Truly is determined to earn tons of money from her lemonade stand this summer and prove that her neighbor is
Elvis, while receiving help from the Salish woman who runs the trailer park.

#### Mary and the Trail of Tears

By Andrea L. Rogers

Twelve-year-old Mary and her Cherokee family are forced out of their home in Georgia by U.S. soldiers in May 1838. Facing horrors such as internment, violence, disease, and harsh weather, Mary perseveres and helps keep her family and friends together until they can reach the new Cherokee nation in Indian Territory.

# The Case of Windy Lake

By Michael Hutchinson J Fic Hutchins
Nicknamed the Mighty Muskrats, four cousins living on the Windy Lake First Nation are know for laughing, fighting, and exploring together. In the midst of community conflict, the cousins try to solve the mystery of a missing archaeologist.

#### The Star that Always Stays

By Anna Rose Johnson J Fic Johnson When 14-year-old Norvia moves from Beaver Island to Boyne City in 1914, she has to contend with a new school, a first crush, and a blended family, but she must keep also keep secret her parents' divorce and her Ojibwe heritage.

#### Jojo Makoons

By Dawn Quigley
Jo Jo Makoons Azure moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. She's worried that she needs make more friends. Because Fern, her best friend, may not want to be friends anymore.

#### Sisters of the Neversea

By Cynthia Leitich Smith

Stepsisters Lily and Wendy are best friends, but when their family plans to spend the summer separated, they start to worry. Until a mysterious boy spirits them away to Neverland and they must find their way back.

# The Sign of the Beaver

By Elizabeth George Speare J Fic Speare Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in 18th-century Maine, Matt is hard-pressed to survive until the local Beaver tribe teach him their skills.

#### **Healer of the Water Monster**

By Brian Young

When Nathan goes to visit his grandma, Nali, on the Navajo reservation, he knows he's in for an uneventful summer. One night, while lost in the nearby desert, Nathan finds someone extraordinary: a Water Monster from the Navajo Creation Story in need of help. Now Nathan must summon his courage to save his new friend. With the help of other Navajo Holy Beings, Nathan is determined to save the Water Monster.

# **Island of the Blue Dolphins**

By Scott O'Dell
On San Nicolas Island off the California coast, in the early 1800s, a girl named Karana spent 18 years alone. She had to contend with a ferocious pack of wild dogs, guard against Aleutian sea otter hunters, and maintain a precarious food supply. Her courage, self-reliance, and grit has inspired millions of readers in this breathtaking adventure.

#### **Borders**

By Thomas King J Graphic Borders
A boy and his mother refuse to identify themselves as American or Canadian at the border and become caught in the limbo between nations when they claim their citizenship as Blackfoot.