



Building Confidence in the Selection of Culturally Authentic Native American Books

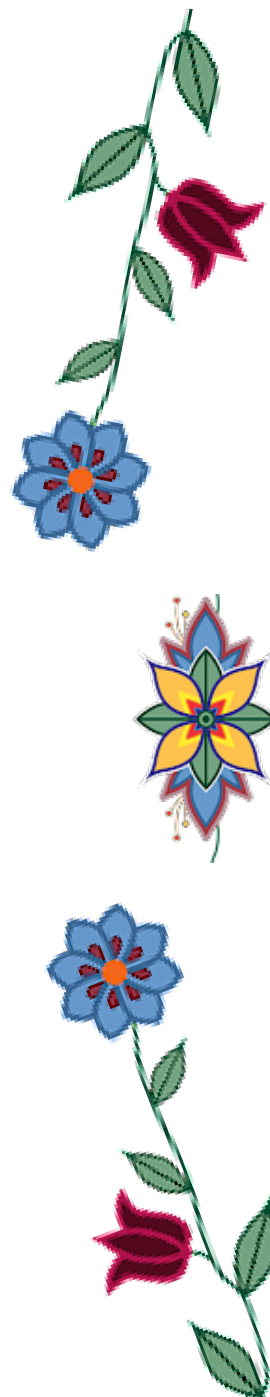
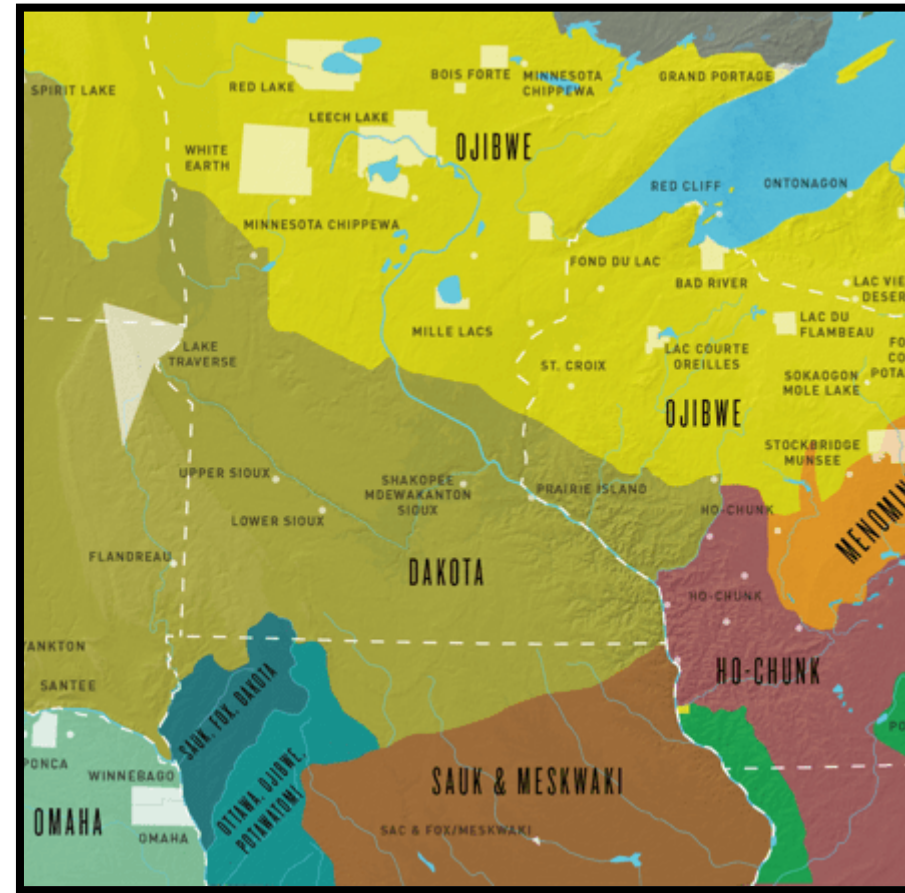


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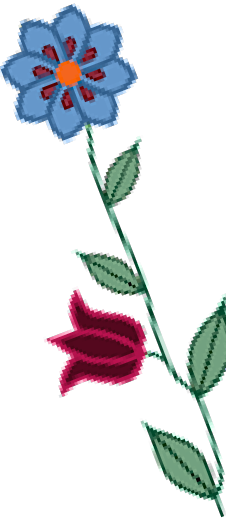
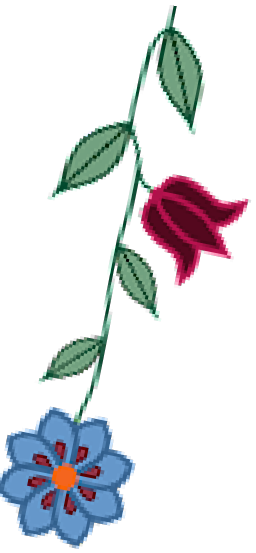
Bemidji is located on land and water that is the current and ancestral homeland of the Ojibwe and Dakota. Bemidji is surrounded by three tribal nations: Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth. I honor and respect the many diverse Indigenous peoples still connected to this land, retained tribal sovereignty, treaty rights, and cultural resilience.

Don't know where to start with yours? Just text your zip code or your city and state (separated by a comma) to (907) 312-5085 and the bot will respond with the names of the Native lands that correspond to that region.



AGENDA

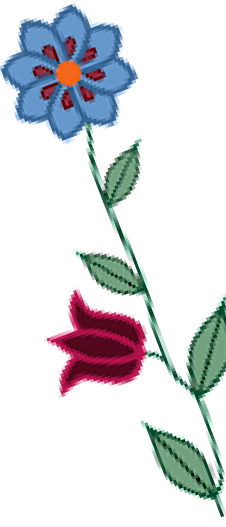
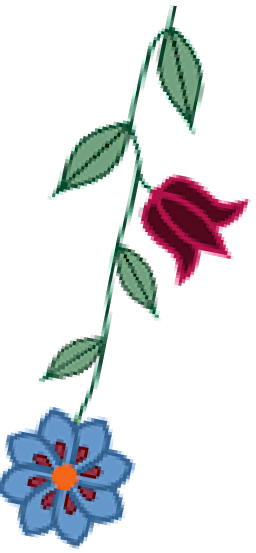
- Purpose statement
- Minnesota Tribal Nations
- Native Representations in Books
- Cultural Authenticity
- What to look for
- Resources
- Questions/Discussion



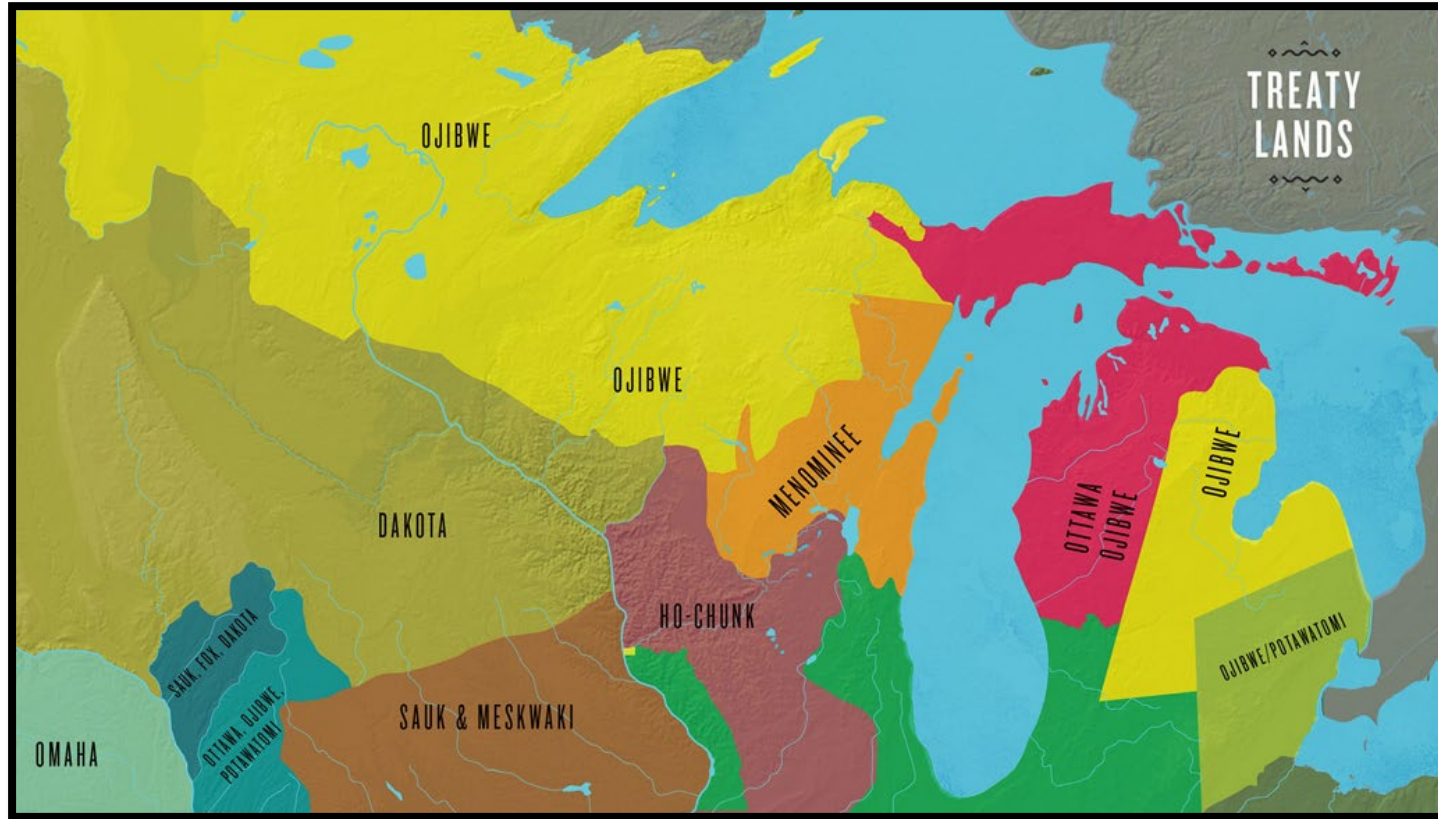
PURPOSE OF TODAY

I hope you leave here today with:

- a greater sense of place regarding Minnesota Tribal Nations,
- an increase in your confidence in selecting and identifying culturally authentic books depicting Native Americans, and
- an introduction or re-introduction to helpful resources.



MINNESOTA TRIBAL NATIONS

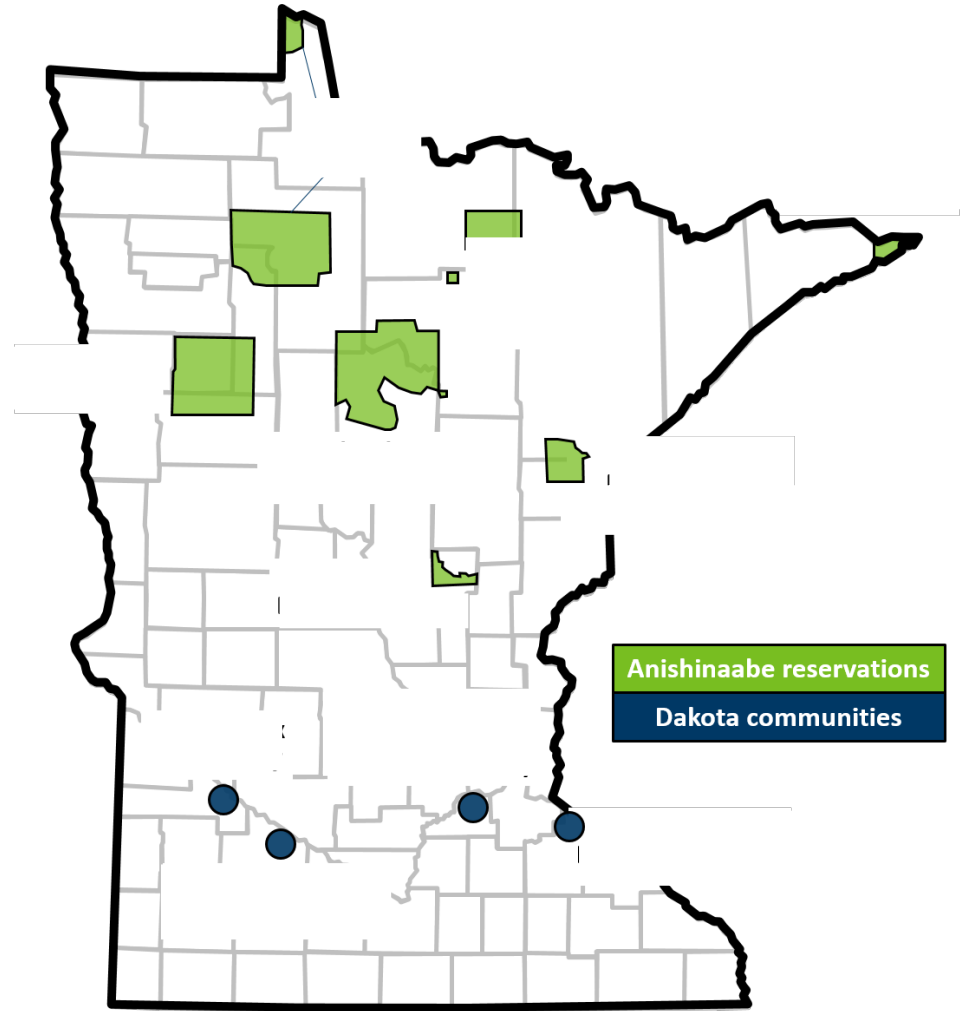


- *How many tribal nations are in Minnesota?*
- *How many can you name?*
- *Where are they located?*
- *What do you know about them?*

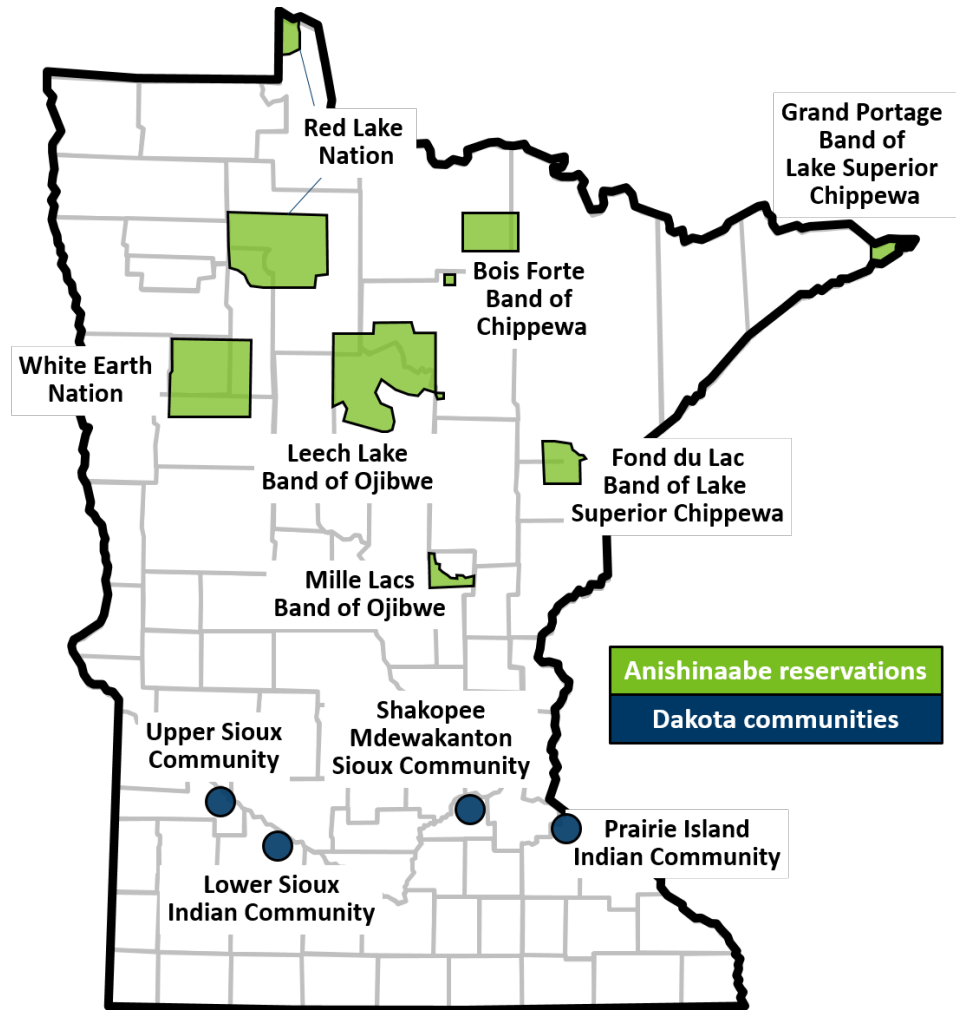


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REPRESENTATIONS IN BOOKS

DIVERSITY IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS 2018

Percentage of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds based on the 2018 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison: ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp



23 BOOKS **1%**

**American Indians/
First Nations**

170 BOOKS **5%**

Latinx

218 BOOKS **7%**

**Asian Pacific
Islander/Asian
Pacific American**

301 BOOKS **10%**

**African/
African
American**

864 BOOKS **27%**

Animals/Other

1,558 BOOKS **50%**

White

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The CCBC inventory includes 3,134 books published in 2018. This graphic would not have been possible without the statistics compiled by the CCBC, and the review and feedback we received from Edith Campbell, Molly Beth Griffin, K. T. Horning, Debbie Reese, Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, and Madeline Tyner. Many thanks.



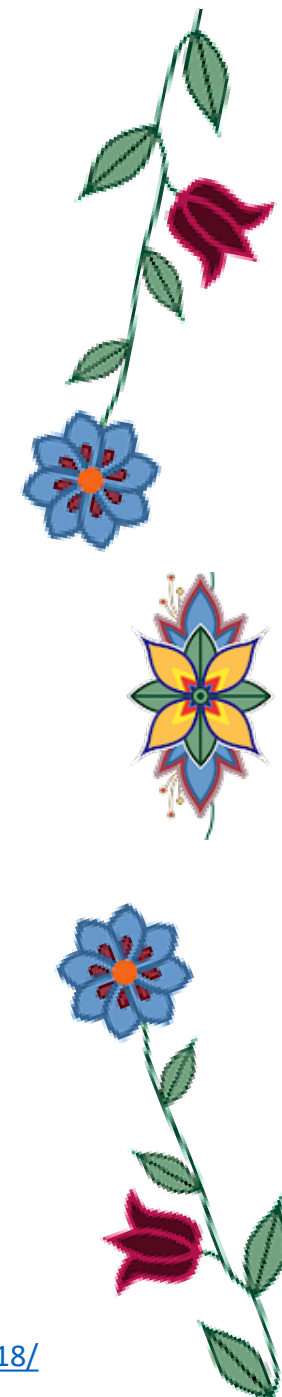
REPRESENTATIONS CONT.

Children's Books By and/or About Black, Indigenous and People of Color Received by the CCBC-U.S. Publishers Only 2018-

Last Updated: February 15, 2022

Year	Books Received at CCBC (US Pubs)	Black/African		Indigenous		Asian		Latinx		Pacific Islanders		Arab	
		By	About	By	About	By	About	By	About	By	About	By	About
2021	3,164*	304	437	43	56	458	336	306	231	7	5	21	21
2020	3,115*	248	392	25	40	374	299	212	191	1	5	17	22
2019	3,717	224	451	29	43	381	328	228	235	5	5	17	32
2018	3,335	204	388	26	34	350	309	194	243	2	6	15	24

*Due to the pandemic, some publishers didn't send out review copies, so we didn't get the number of books we typically do. As always, we recommend calculating percentages to see trends. <https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/literature-resources/ccbc-diversity-statistics/books-by-and-or-about-poc-2018/>



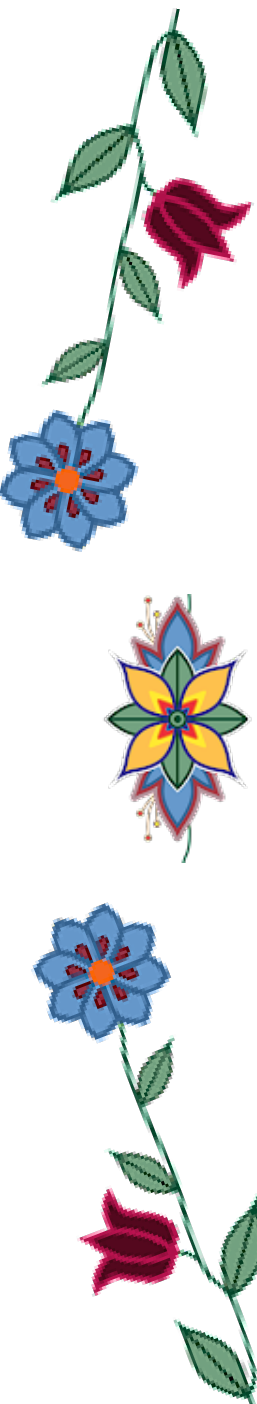
WHAT DOES CULTURAL
AUTHENTICITY MEAN TO YOU?



DEFINING CULTURAL AUTHENTICITY

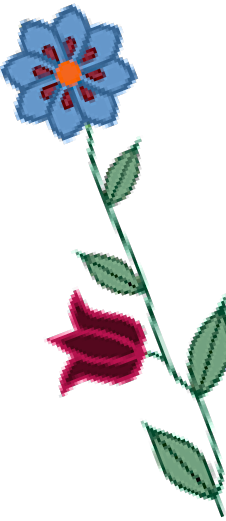
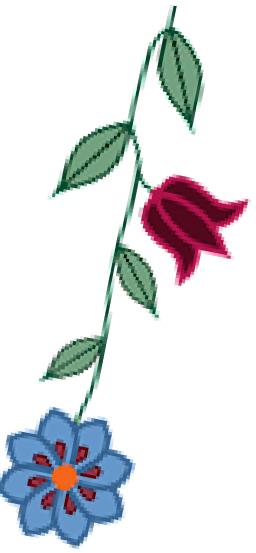


For the purposes of today, Native cultural authenticity means an accurate and specific reflection of the worldview of the specific tribe(s) or Native people being discussed.



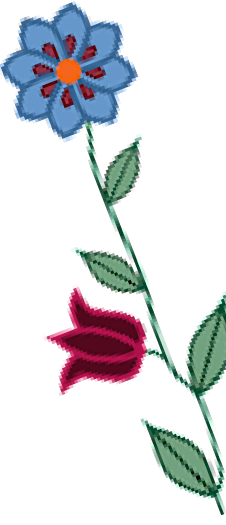
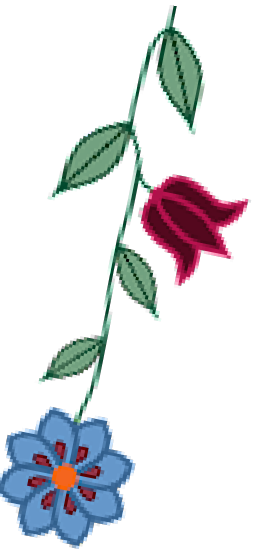
THINGS TO LOOK FOR

- Stereotypes
- Are descriptions
 - Generic?
 - General?
 - Dated or refer to Natives in the past?
- Are characters unique with individual identities?
- Author & Illustrator information
 - Tribal affiliation
 - Setting of book versus where they live
- Publisher Info
- <http://oyate.org/index.php/resources/41-resources/how-to-tell-the-difference>



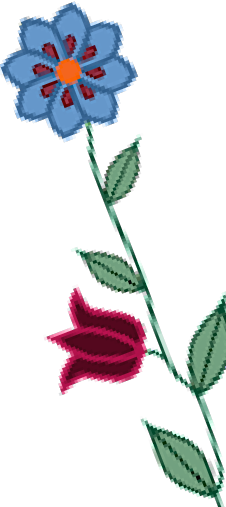
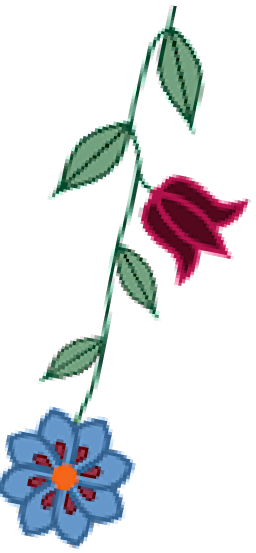
RESOURCES

- [Dawn Quigley Blog, Native Reader MN](#)
 - MN specific information
 - Reviews
- [Debbie Reese, American Indians in Children's Lit Blog](#)
 - Best Books
 - Recommendations on newly released and older titles
 - Answers to common questions
- [Oyate](#)
 - Resources
 - Reviews



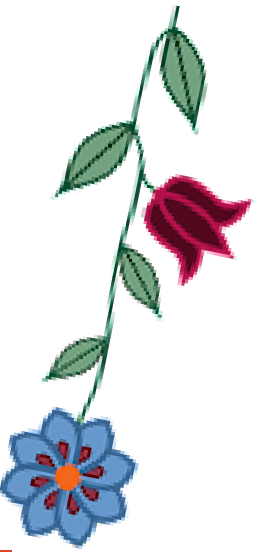
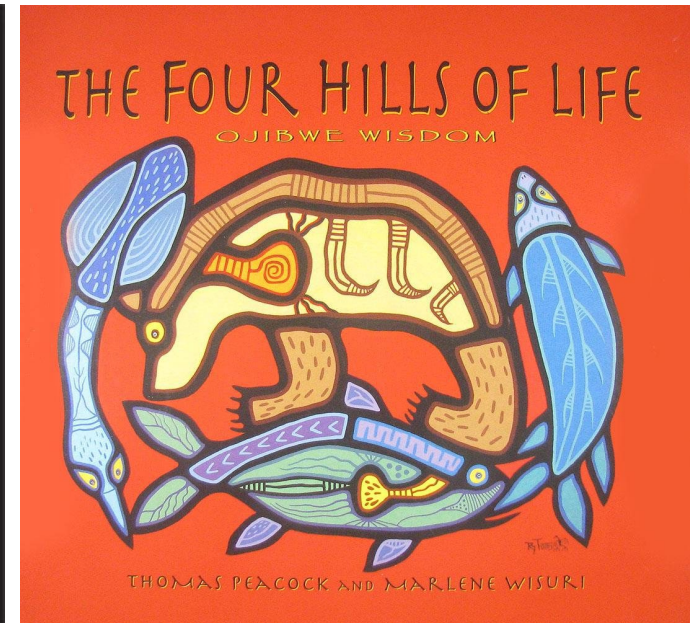
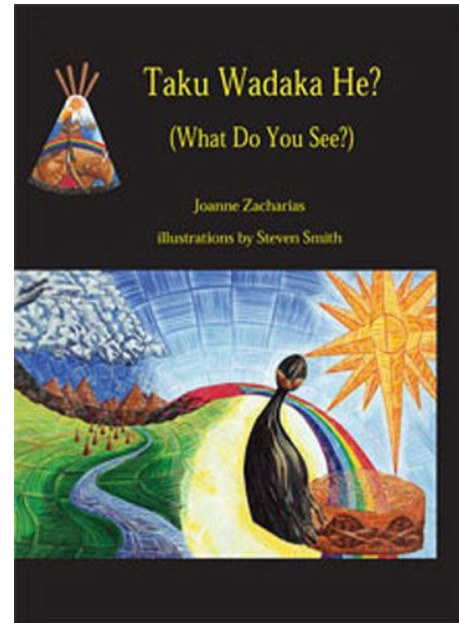
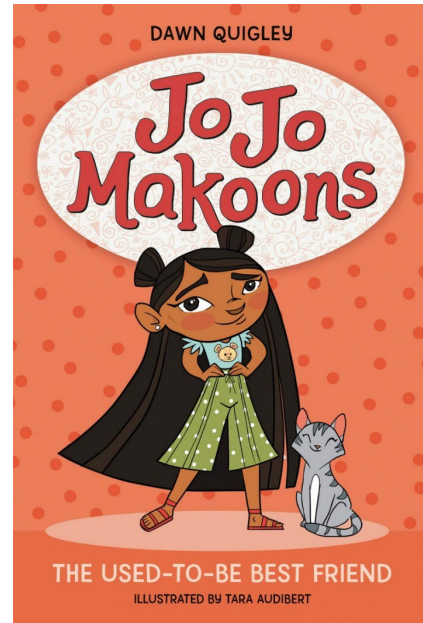
RESOURCES

- [MDE List of ELA books](#)
 - Indigenous Representations
 - Lending libraries in state at SCSU, FDLTCC, Anoka County Public Library, Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Scott County Library
- [Birchbark Books](#)
 - If they sell it, usually a thumbs up!
 - Buy local
- [CCBC](#), University of Wisconsin-Madison
- [The Circle](#), Minneapolis newspaper



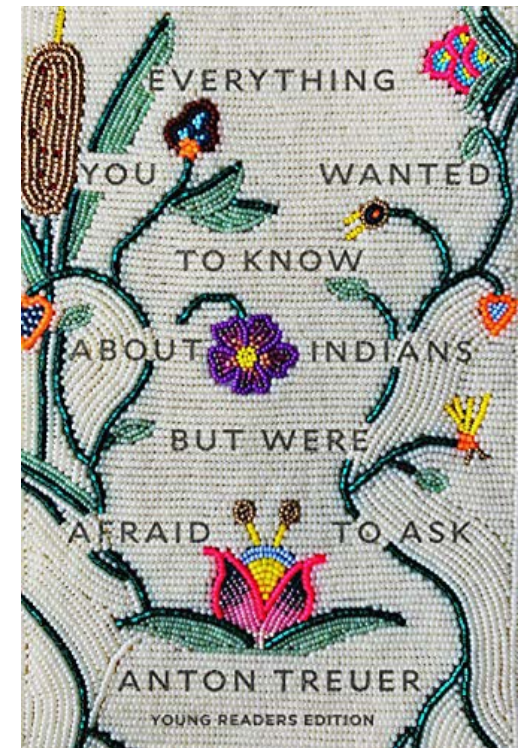
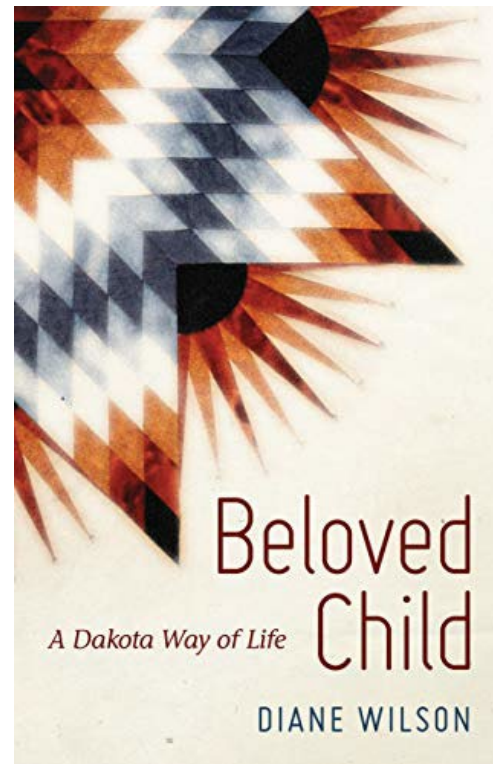
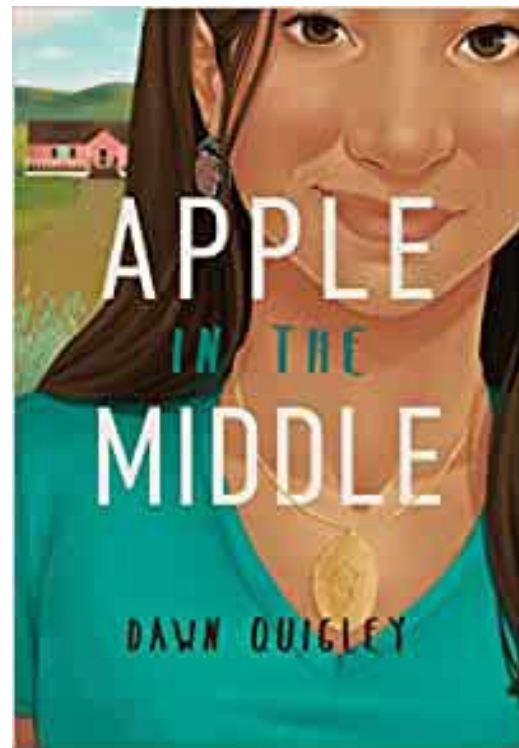
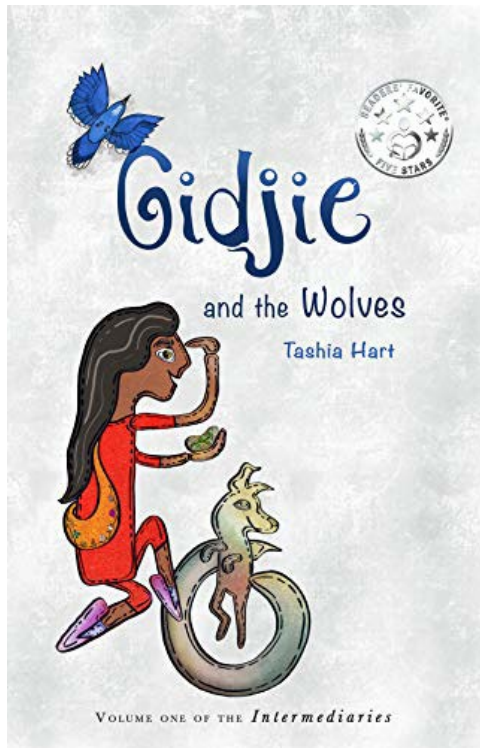
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PICTURE BOOKS/EARLY ELEMENTARY



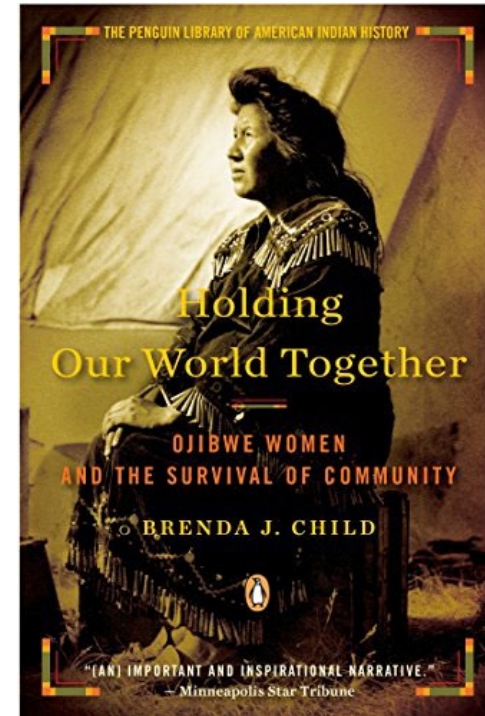
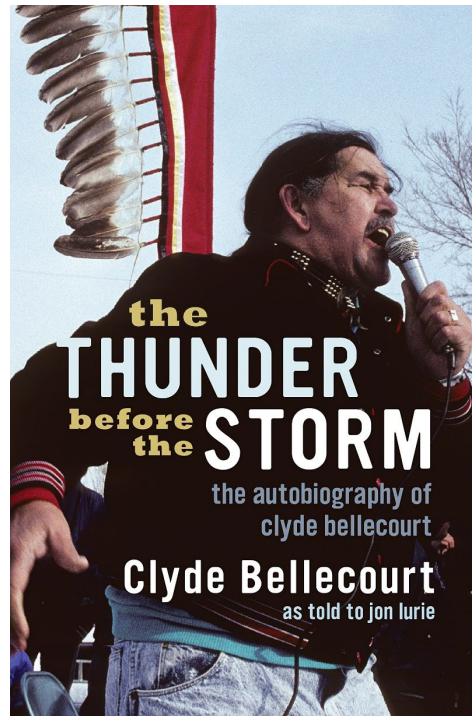
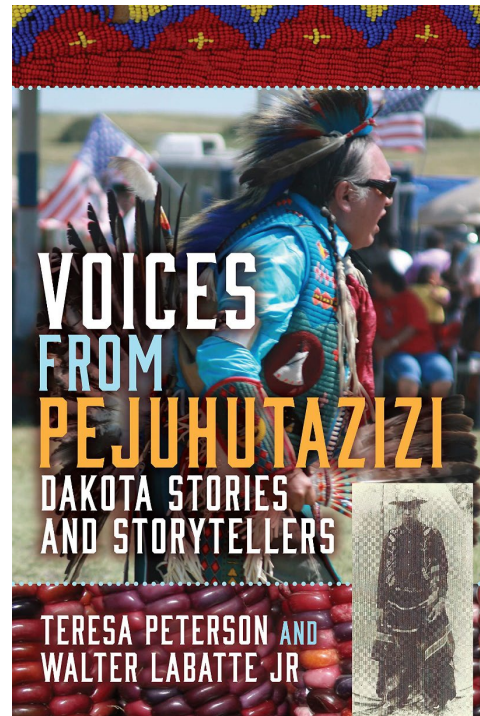
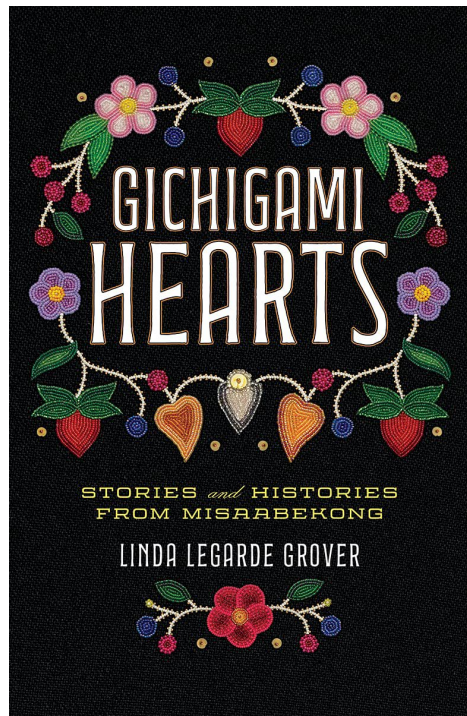
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YA—UPPER ELEMENTARY-HIGH SCHOOL



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ADULT/HIGHER ED



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