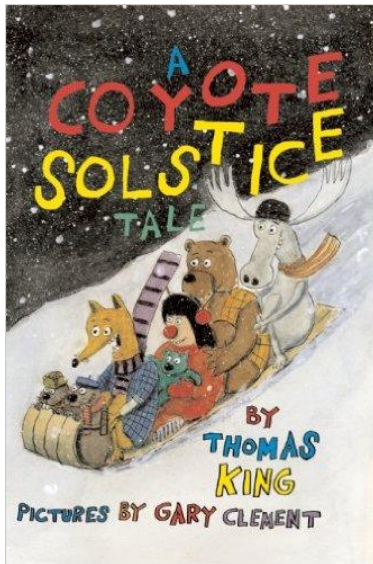


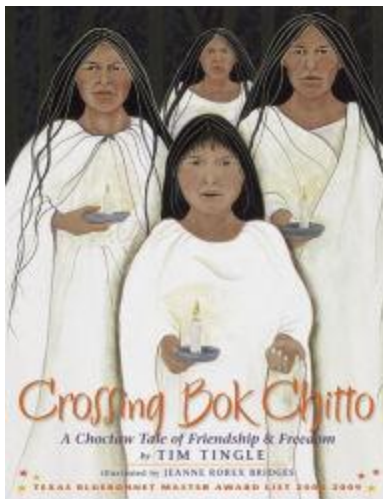
American Indian Books for Children



A Coyote Solstice Tale by Thomas King

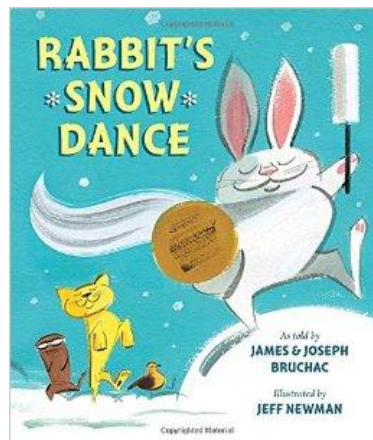
Wily trickster Coyote is having his friends over for a little solstice get-together in the woods when a little girl comes by unexpectedly. She leads the friends through the snowy woods to the mall — a place they had never seen before. The trickster goes crazy with glee as he shops with abandon, only to discover that filling a shopping cart with goodies is not quite the same thing as actually paying for them. The trickster is tricked and goes back to his cabin in the woods — somewhat subdued — though nothing can keep Coyote down for long. Thomas King is known for his fiction featuring Canada's Native people, while Gary Clement's artwork has appeared in several popular children's books. *A Coyote Solstice Tale* blends King's brilliant deadpan humor and Clement's evocative watercolors in this witty critique of consumerism and

consumption aimed at all ages. Grades K-5



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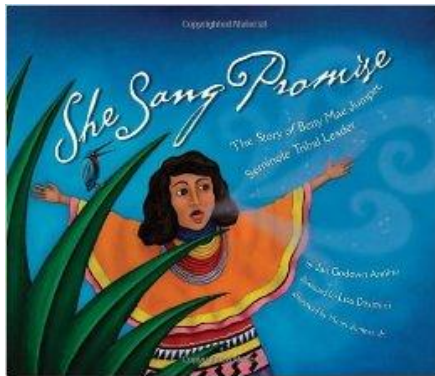
When it was first published, *Crossing Bok Chitto* took readers by surprise. This moving and original story about the intersection of Native and African Americans received starred reviews and many awards, including being named an ALA Notable Children's Book and a Jane Addams Honor Book. Jeanne Rorex Bridges' illustrations mesmerized readers—*Publishers Weekly* noted that her “strong, solid figures gaze squarely out of the frame, beseeching readers to listen, empathize and wonder.” Choctaw storyteller **Tim Tingle** blends songs, flute, and drum to bring the lore of the Choctaw Nation to life in lively historical, personal, and traditional stories. Grades 2-6



Rabbit's snow dance: a traditional Iroquois story by James & Joseph Bruchac

Master storytellers Joseph and James Bruchac present a hip and funny take on an Iroquois folktale about the importance of patience, the seasons, and listening to your friends.

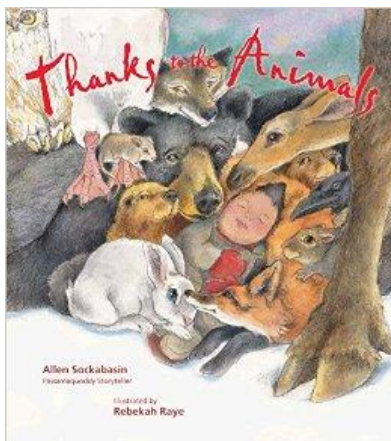
Rabbit loves the winter. He knows a dance, using an Iroquois drum and song, to make it snow—even in summertime! When rabbit decides that it should snow early, he starts his dance and the snow begins to fall. The other forest animals are not happy and ask him to stop, but Rabbit doesn't listen. How much snow is too much, and will Rabbit know when to stop? Grades K- 4



She Sang Promise: The story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole tribal leader by Jan Godo Annino

She Sang Promise is the compelling and inspiring story of Betty Mae Tiger Jumper, one of modern America's first female elected tribal leader. With its lyrical, poetic text, and rich, vibrant illustration, this is a book to charm and amaze young readers.

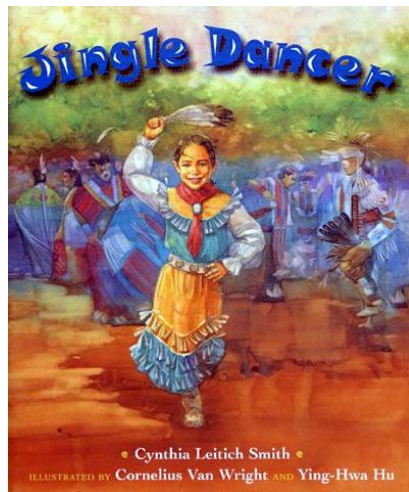
Betty Mae Tiger Jumper was born in 1923, the daughter of a Seminole woman and a white man. She grew up in the Everglades under dark clouds of distrust among her tribe who could not accept her at first. As a child of a mixed marriage, she walked the line as a constant outsider. Growing up poor and isolated, she only discovered the joys of reading and writing at age 14. An iron will and sheer determination lead her to success, and she returned to her people as a qualified nurse. When her husband was too sick to go to his alligator wrestling tourist job, gutsy Betty Mae climbed right into the alligator pit! Storyteller, journalist, and community activist, Betty Mae Jumper was a voice for her people—ultimately becoming the first female elected Seminole tribal leader. Grades 2-6



Thanks to the Animals by Allen Sockabasin

Thanks to the Animals celebrates 10 years in print with a new expanded edition! Little Zoo Sap and his family are moving from their summer home on the coast to the deep woods for the winter, traveling on a big bobsled pulled by big horses through the snow. When Zoo Sap falls off of the sled unnoticed, the forest animals hear his cries. First to come are the beaver, who put their tails together to cradle him. Then all the other animals circle round everyone from the tiny mouse to the giant moose to the great bald eagle keeping him warm and safe until his father comes back to find him.

This expanded edition celebrates 10 years in print with a new author's note and access to the story being told by the author in the Passamaquoddy language. Grades 1- 4



Jingle Dancer by Cynthia Leitich Smith

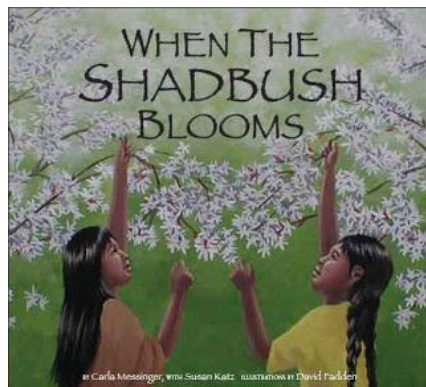
Tink, tink, tink, tink, sang cone-shaped jingles sewn to Grandma Wolfe's dress.

Jenna's heart beats to the *brum, brum, brum, brum* of the powwow drum as she daydreams about the clinking song of her grandma's jingle dancing.

Jenna loves the tradition of jingle dancing that has been shared by generations of women in her family, and she hopes to dance at the next powwow. But she has a problem—how will her dress sing if it has no jingles?

The warm, evocative watercolors of Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu complement author Cynthia Leitich Smith's lyrical

text as she tells the affirming story of how a contemporary Native American girl turns to her family and community to help her dance find a voice. Grades K- 4

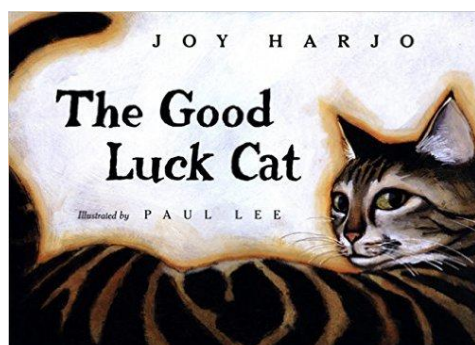


When the Shadbush Blooms by Carla Messinger

My grandparents' grandparents walked beside the same stream where I walk with my brother, and we can see what they saw.

Today when a Lenape Indian girl ventures to the stream to fish for shad, she knows that another girl did the same generations before. Through the cycle of the seasons, what is important has remained: being with family, knowing when berries are ripe for picking, listening to stories in a warm home.

Told by Traditional Sister and Contemporary Sister, each from her own time, this is a book about tradition and about change. Then and now are not so very different when the shadbush blooms. Grades K-2



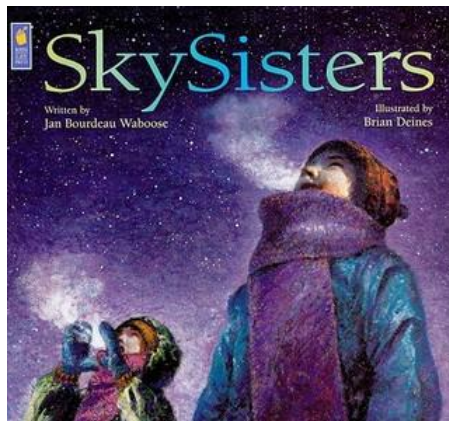
The Good Luck Cat by Joy Harjo

Some cats are good luck. You pet them and good things happen. Woogie is one of those cats. But as Woogie gets

into one mishap after another, everyone starts to worry. Can a good luck cat's good luck run out?

The first children's book from an acclaimed poet whose honors include the American Book Award and the William Carlos Williams Award.

This book celebrates the special relationship between a young girl and her cat •A modern Native American story from a member of the Muskogee-Creek tribe. Grades K-3



SkySisters by Jan Bourdeau Waboose

Two Ojibway sisters set off across the frozen north country to see the SkySpirits' midnight dance. It isn't easy for the younger sister to be silent, but gradually she begins to treasure the stillness and the wonderful experiences it brings. After an exhilarating walk and patient waiting, the girls are rewarded by the arrival of the SkySpirits --- the northern lights --- dancing and shimmering in the night sky.

This powerful story, with its stunning illustrations, captures the chill of a northern night, the warmth of the family circle and the radiance of a child's wonder. Grades K- 3

Pair it with other stories about stubborn animals like Karma Wilson's *Bear Wants More* and Verna Aardema's *Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*.