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Indigenous Reading List

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Fiction and Novels

- Bouley, A. (2021). [Firekeeper's Daughter](#). Henry Holt and Company.
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- Dimaline, C. (2019). [Empire of Wild](#). Random House Canada.
- Dimaline, C. (2017). [The Marrow Thieves](#). Dancing Cat Books.
- Good, M. (2020). [Five Little Indians](#). HarperCollins.
- Johns, J. (2023). [Bad Cree](#). Doubleday Canada.
- Lindberg, T. (2015). [Birdie](#). HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.
- Rice, W. (2018). [Moon of the Crusted Snow](#). ECW Press.
- Rice, W. (2023). [Moon of the Turning Leaves](#). Random House Canada.
- Robinson, E. (2000). [Monkey Beach](#). Knopf Canada.
- Robinson, E. (2017). [Son of a Trickster](#). Knopf Canada.
- Tagaq, T. (2018). [Split Tooth](#). Viking.
- Van Camp, R. (1996). [The Lesser Blessed](#). Douglas & McIntyre.
- Vermette, K. (2021). [The Strangers](#). Hamish Hamilton Canada.
- Wagamese, R. (2006). [Dream Wheels](#). Doubleday Canada.
- Wagamese, R. (2012). [Indian Horse](#). Douglas & McIntyre.
- Wagamese, R. (2019). [One Drum: Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet](#). Douglas & McIntyre.

Indigenous Governance, Law and Policy

- Anderson, K., & Innes, R. (Eds.). (2015). [Indigenous Men and Masculinities: Legacies, Identities, Regeneration](#). University of Manitoba Press.
- Anderson, K. (2011). [Life Stages and Native Women: Memory, Teachings, and Story Medicine](#). University of Manitoba Press.

- Anderson, M. C., & Robertson, C. L. (2011). [Seeing Red: A History of Natives in Canadian Newspapers](#). University of Manitoba Press.
- Boyer, Y., & Chartrand, L. (2019). [Bead by Bead: Constitutional Rights and Métis Community](#). University of Manitoba Press.
- Carlson-Manathara, E., & Rowe, G. (2021). [Living in Indigenous Sovereignty](#). University of Manitoba Press.
- Guimond, E., Dion Stout, M., & Valaskakis, G. G. (Eds.). (2008). [Restoring the Balance: First Nations Women, Community and Culture](#). University of Manitoba Press.
- Hargreaves, A. (2017). [Violence against Indigenous Women: Literature, Activism, Resistance](#). Wilfrid Laurier University Press.
- Huhndorf, S. M., Perreault, J., & Suzack, C. (Eds.). (2010). [Indigenous Women and Feminism: Politics, activism, culture](#). UBC Press.
- Joseph, B. (2018). [21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act](#)—Indigenous Relations Press.
- Joseph, B., & Joseph, C. (2019). [Indigenous Relations: Insights, Tips & Suggestions to Make Reconciliation a Reality](#). Indigenous Relations Press.
- Justice, D. H., & O'Brien, J. M. (Eds.). (2024). [Allotment Stories: Indigenous Land Relations under Settler Siege](#). University of Minnesota Press.
- Manuel, A., & Derrickson, R. M. (2017). [Unsettling Canada: A National Wake-Up Call](#). Between the Lines.
- Palmater, P. (2020). [The 500 Years of Indigenous Resistance comic book](#) (2nd ed.). Fernwood Publishing.
- Palmater, P. D. (2011). [Beyond Blood: Rethinking Indigenous Identity](#). Purich Publishing.
- Palmater, P. D. (2024). [Indigenous Nationhood: Empowering Grassroots Citizens](#). Fernwood Publishing.
- Palmater, P. D. (2020). [Warrior Life: Indigenous Resistance and Resurgence](#). Fernwood Publishing.
- Smith, L. T. (2021). [Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples \(3rd ed.\)](#). Zed Books.
- Tennant, P. (1990). [Aboriginal Peoples and Politics: The Indian Land Question in British Columbia, 1849–1989](#). University of British Columbia Press.
- Teves, S. N., Smith, A., & Raheja, M. H. (Eds.). (2015). [Native Studies Keywords](#). University of Arizona Press.
- Wilson-Raybould, J. (2022). [True Reconciliation: How to be a Force for Change](#). McClelland & Stewart.

Indigenous Resurgence, Theory, Culture, Worldview

- Benton-Banai, E. (1988). [The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibway](#). University of Minnesota Press.
- Highway, T. (2003). [Comparing Mythologies](#). University of Ottawa Press.

- Joseph, B. (2016). [Hidden in Plain Sight: Contributions of Aboriginal Peoples to Canadian Identity and Culture, Volume 1](#). Indigenous Relations Press.
- Kimmerer, R. W. (2013). [Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants](#). Milkweed Editions.
- LaDuke, W. (2020). [To Be a Water Protector: The Rise of the Wiindigoo Slayers](#). Fernwood Publishing.
- Nickel, S. (2019). [In Good Relation: History, Gender, and Kinship in Indigenous Feminisms](#). University of Manitoba Press.
- Simpson, L. B. (2017). [The Accident of Being Lost](#). House of Anansi Press.
- Simpson, L. B. (2017). [As We Have Always Done: Indigenous Freedom Through Radical Resistance](#). University of Minnesota Press.
- Simpson, L. B. (2011). [Dancing on Our Turtle's Back: Stories of Nishnaabeg Re-Creation, Resurgence, and a New Emergence](#). Arbeiter Ring Publishing.
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- Simpson, L. B. (2013). [This Is Our Territory: Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg Creation, Resurgence, and a New Emergence](#). In [The Winter We Danced: Voices from the Past, the Future, and the Idle No More Movement](#) (pp. 279–290). ARP Books.
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- Taylor, D. H. (2022). [Me Funny](#). Douglas & McIntyre.
- Taylor, D. H. (2020). [Me Sexy: An Exploration of Native Sex and Sexuality](#). Douglas & McIntyre.
- Taylor, D. H. (2024). [Me Tomorrow: Indigenous Views on the Future](#). Douglas & McIntyre.
- Taylor, D. H. (1998). [Only Drunk Indians and Children Tell the Truth](#). Talonbooks.
- Vowel, C. (2016). [Indigenous Writes: A Guide to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Issues in Canada](#). HighWater Press.
- Wolfe, P. (1999). [Settler Colonialism and the Transformation of Anthropology: The Politics and Poetics of an Ethnographic Event](#). Cassell.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit Folx and Men and Boys: Violence and Justice

- Anderson, K., Campbell, M., & Belcourt, C. (Eds.). (2018). [Keetsahnak: Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Sisters](#). University of Alberta Press.
- Fox, J. (2024). [A Fire Within: A Father's Struggle for Justice, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#). FriesenPress.
- Jolly, J. (2023). [Red River Girl: The Life and Death of Tina Fontaine](#). Viking.
- Lavell-Harvard, D. M., & Brant, J. (Eds.). (2016). [Forever Loved: Exposing the Hidden Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada](#). Demeter Press.

- McDiarmid, J. (2019). [Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#). Doubleday Canada.
- Michalko, R. (2023). [Obstruction of Justice: The Search for Truth on Canada's Highway of Tears](#). Tidewater Press.
- Sterritt, A. (2025). [Unbroken: My Fight for Survival, Hope, and Justice for Indigenous Women and Girls](#). Greystone Books.
- Talaga, T. (2018). [All Our Relations: Finding the Path Forward](#). House of Anansi Press.
- Talaga, T. (2017). [Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death, and Hard Truths in a Northern City](#). House of Anansi Press.
- Walter, E. (2015). [Stolen Sisters: The Story of Two Missing Girls, Their Families, and How Canada Has Failed Indigenous Women](#). HarperCollins Publishers.

Non-Fiction: Memoirs and Autobiographies

- Brunt, S., & Tootoo, J. (2014). [All the Way: My Life on the Ice](#). Viking Canada.
- Campbell, M. (1973). [Halfbreed](#). McClelland & Stewart.
- Campbell, M. (1995). [Stories of the Road Allowance People](#). Theytus Books.
- Elliott, A. (2019). [A Mind Spread Out on the Ground](#). Doubleday Canada.
- Freeman, M. A. (2015). [Life Among the Qallunaat](#). University of Manitoba Press.
- Louie, C. (2022). [Rez Rules: My Indictment of Canada's and America's Systemic Racism and How to Overcome It](#). Page Two Books.
- Louttit, E. (2013). [The Unexpected Cop](#). Coteau Books.
- Metatawabin, E., & Shimo, A. (2014). [Up Ghost River: A Chief's Journey Through the Turbulent Waters of Native History](#). Knopf Canada.
- Methot, S. (2019). [Legacy: Trauma, Story, and Indigenous Healing](#). ECW Press.
- Thistle, J. (2019). [From the Ashes: My Story of Being Métis, Homeless, and Finding My Way](#). Simon & Schuster Canada.
- Wagamese, R. (2013). [One Native Life](#). Douglas & McIntyre.
- Wagamese, R. (2012). [Taking Back Our Spirits](#). Douglas & McIntyre.
- Wenthe, J. (2021). [Unreconciled: Family, Truth, and Indigenous Resistance](#). Allen Lane.

Residential Schools, Colonial Violence, Trauma & Healing

- Cote-Meek, S. (2014). [Colonized Classrooms: Racism, Trauma and Resistance in Post-Secondary Education](#). Fernwood Publishing.
- Daschuk, J. (2013). [Clearing the Plains: Disease, Politics of Starvation, and the Loss of Indigenous Life](#). University of Regina Press.
- Fenton, C. J., & Pokiak-Fenton, M. (2010). [Fatty Legs: A True Story](#). Annick Press.

- Gray Smith, M. (2017). [Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation](#). Orca Book Publishers.
- Loyie, L. (2001). [Residential Schools: With the Words and Images of Survivors](#). Groundwood Books.
- Merasty, J. A. (Augie) (2015). [The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Memoir](#). University of Regina Press.
- Mountain, A. (2017). [From Bear Rock Mountain: The Life and Times of a Dene Residential School Survivor](#). University of Regina Press.
- Pokiak-Fenton, M. (2011). [A Stranger at Home: A True Story](#). Annick Press.
- Sellars, B. (2013). [They Called Me Number One: Secrets and Survival at an Indian Residential School](#). Talonbooks.

Poetry

- Belcourt, B.-R. (2017). [This Wound Is a World](#). Frontenac House.
- Dunning, N. (2019). [Eskimo Pie: A Poetics of Inuit Identity](#). Brick Books.
- Halfe, L. B. (2020). [Sôhkêyihta: The Poetry of Sky Dancer](#). University of Regina Press.
- Kerr, C. (2022). [An Explosion of Feathers](#). Nightwood Editions.
- Maracle, L., Bobb, C., & Carter, T. (2020). [Hope Matters](#). ARP Books.
- Riddle, E. (2023). [The Big Melt](#). Brick Books.
- Thistle, J. (2022). [Scars and Stars: Poems](#). Nightwood Editions.
- Vermette, K. (2021). [River Woman](#). University of Regina Press.
- Whitehead, J. (2017). [Full-Metal Indigiqueer](#). Talonbooks.

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- Charleyboy, L., & Leatherdale, M. B. (Eds.). (2017). [#Not Your Princess: Voices of Native American Women](#). Annick Press.
- Dembicki, M. (Ed.). (2010). [Trickster: Native American Tales, A Graphic Collection](#). Fulcrum Publishing.
- Pete, A. (2019). [Indiginerds: Tales from Modern Indigenous Life](#). HighWater Press.
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- Vermette, K. (2017). [A Girl Called Echo, Vol. 1: Pemmican Wars](#). HighWater Press.

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- CBC Indigenous. (2019). [Treaties in Ontario: What are they and what do they do?](#)
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- Corntassel, J. (2012). [Re-envisioning resurgence: Indigenous pathways to decolonization and sustainable self-determination](#). Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society, 1(1), 86–101.
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- McIntosh, P. (1988). [White privilege: Unpacking the invisible knapsack](#). Peace and Freedom Magazine.
- McLean, S. (2015). [We built a life from nothing: White settler colonialism and the myth of meritocracy](#). Cultural and Pedagogical Inquiry, 7(2), 26–39.
- Nakata, N. M., Nakata, V., Keech, S., & Bolt, R. (2018). [Decolonial Goals and Pedagogies for Indigenous Studies](#). Routledge.
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- Universities Canada. (n.d.). [Commitments to Truth and Reconciliation](#). <https://www.univcan.ca>

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- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. (n.d.). [About treaties](#). Government of Canada.
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. (2022). [Inuit Nunangat Policy](#). Government of Canada.
- McFarlane, P., & Schabus, N. (2017). [Whose Land Is It Anyway? A Manual for Decolonization](#). Federation of Post-Secondary Educators of BC.
- United Nations General Assembly. (2007). [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#).

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- [Native Women's Association of Canada \(NWAC\). \(n.d.\). NWAC Library Database](#)
- Royal Canadian Geographical Society. (2018). [*Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada.*](#)