



NATIVE HERITAGE - Booklist

These books, created by or in collaboration with Indigenous authors and illustrators, explore Native heritage in the Pacific Northwest.

Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back, by Joseph Bruchac

Pre-K and up.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1176145>

"For many Indigenous people, the 13 cycles of the moon represent the changing seasons and the passage of time. Each moon has its own special name that, while varying among the tribal nations, is consistent with the legend that the 13 scales on Old Turtle's back hold the key to these moons."

Beaver Steals Fire: A Salish Coyote Story, by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Pre-K – 2nd grade.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1352196>

"A long, long time ago, the only animals who had fire lived in the land above, up in the sky. The animals on earth had no fire. It is very cold, and to keep warm, the Earth animals form a fire-raiding party and appoint Coyote as leader."

Powwow's Coming, by Linda Boyden

Kindergarten and up.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1648271>

"Profiles powwow traditions and their meanings."

Shanyaak'utlaax: Salmon Boy, a Tlingit story

1st grade and up.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1658076>

"After a Tlingit mother gives her son a dried piece of salmon with mold on the end, he flings it away in disgust, committing a taboo. This offends the Salmon People, who sweep him into the water and into their world, where they name him Shanyaak'utlaax or Salmon Boy. Find out what happens to Shanyaak'utlaax in this ancient Tlingit story."

This Land Is My Land, by George Littlechild

2nd grade and up.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1190617>

"Using text and his own paintings, the author describes the experiences of Indians of North America in general as well as his experiences growing up as a Plains Cree Indian in Canada."

We Are Still Here! by Traci Sorrell

Grades 2 – 5.

Library link: <https://tacoma.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S102C1700400>

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

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First Salmon, by Roxane B. Salonen

Grades 2 – 5.

Library link: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C2324351>

“During the ceremony of the First Salmon, an event celebrated by the Northwest Pacific tribes to honor and welcome back the salmon each year, Charlie remembers his beloved uncle and starts the process of accepting his death.”

The People of Cascadia: Pacific Northwest Native American History, by Heidi Bohan

Grades 3 – 7.

Library link: <https://seattle.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S30C2630037>

“This book, which is approved as a core text for Washington State’s Since Time Immemorial Curriculum, discusses the history and culture of Northwest Indigenous peoples.”