

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

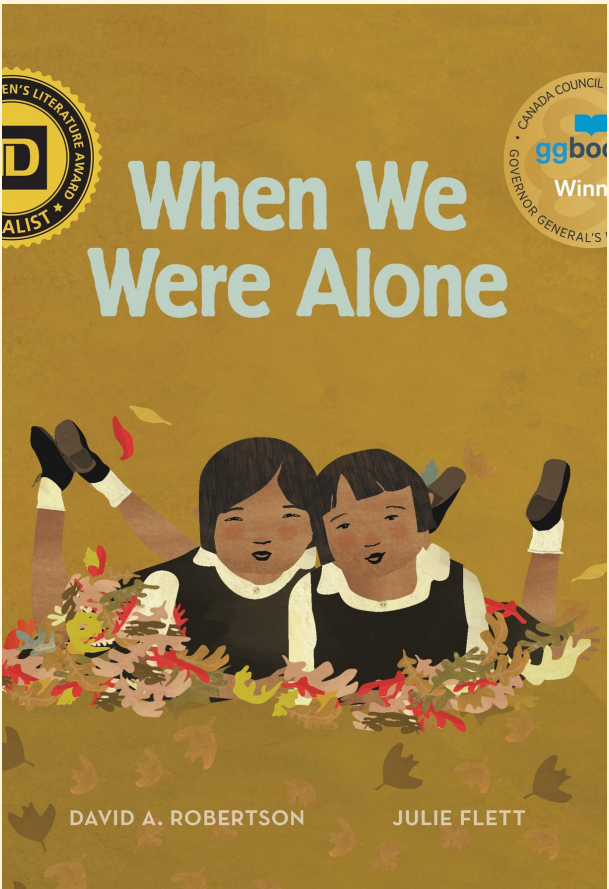
PICTURE BOOKS



Sweetest Kulu

Celina Kalluk

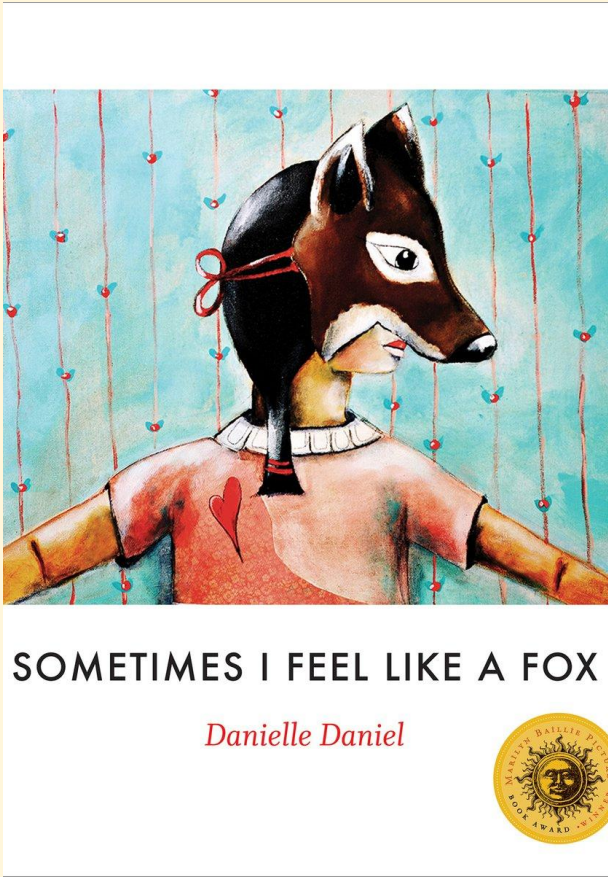
Lyrical and tenderly told by a mother speaking to her own little "Kulu," an Inuktitut term of endearment often bestowed upon babies and young children, this visually stunning book is infused with the traditional Inuit values of love and respect for the land and its animal inhabitants.



When We Were Alone

David Alexander Robertson

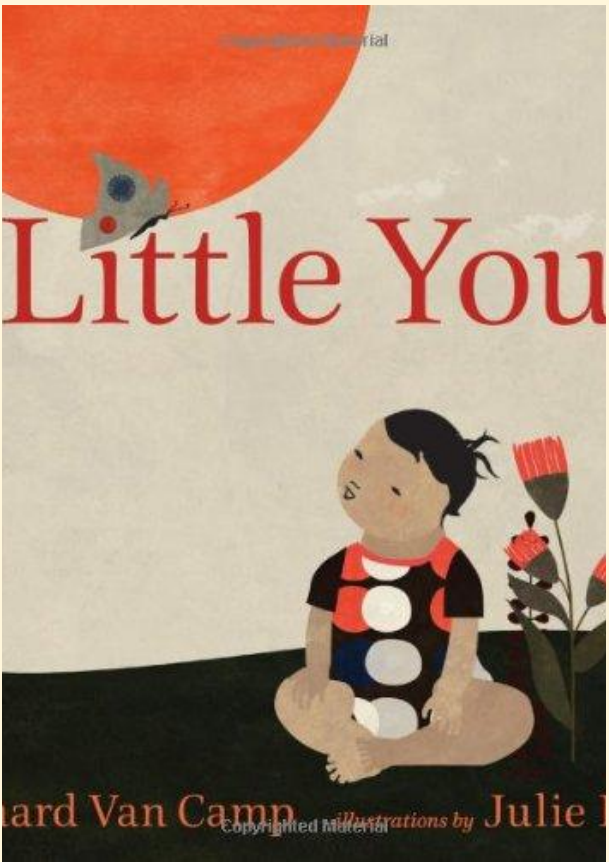
When a young girl helps tend to her grandmother's garden, she begins to notice things that make her curious. Why does her grandmother have long, braided hair and beautifully colored clothing? Why does she speak another language and spend so much time with her family? As she asks her grandmother about these things, she is told about life in a residential school a long time ago, where all of these things were taken away. When We Were Alone is a story about a difficult time in history, and, ultimately, one of empowerment and strength.



Sometimes I Feel Like A Fox

Danielle Daniel

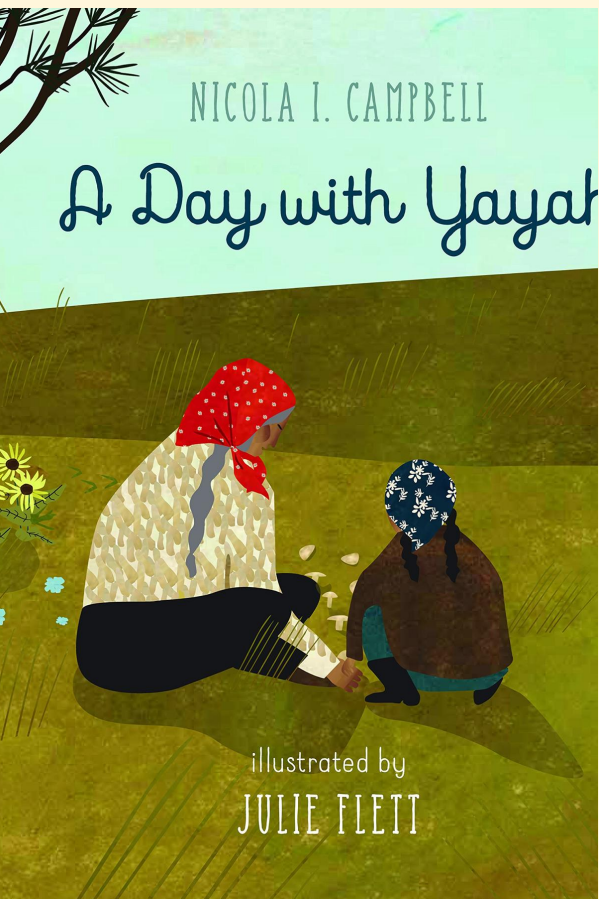
In the tradition of the Anishinaabe people of Canada, everyone belongs to an animal clan or totem. This totem animal symbolizes the skills that each member of the clan must learn to serve their tribe.



Little You

Richard Van Camp

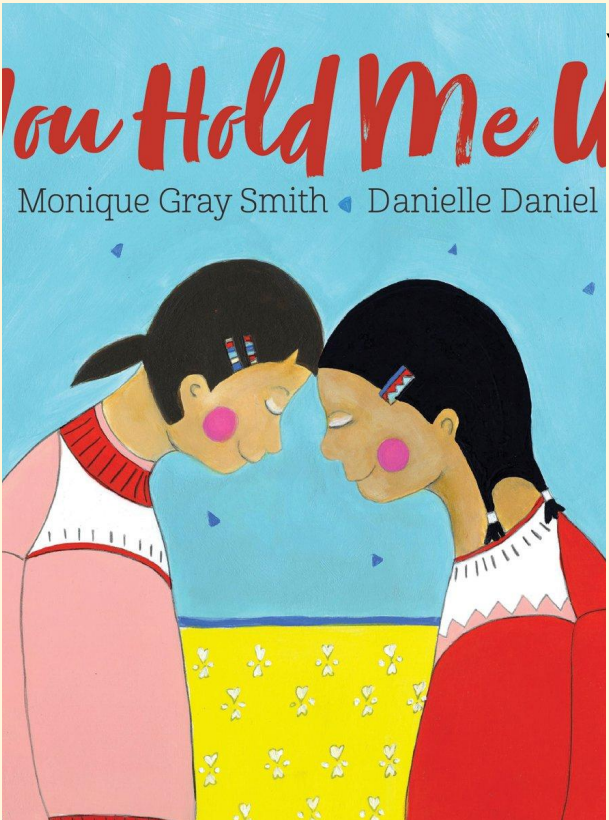
Van Camp's words speak to the power of being surrounded by family and community from a young age — and the importance of growing up knowing you are unconditionally loved.



A Day with Yayah

Nicola Campbell

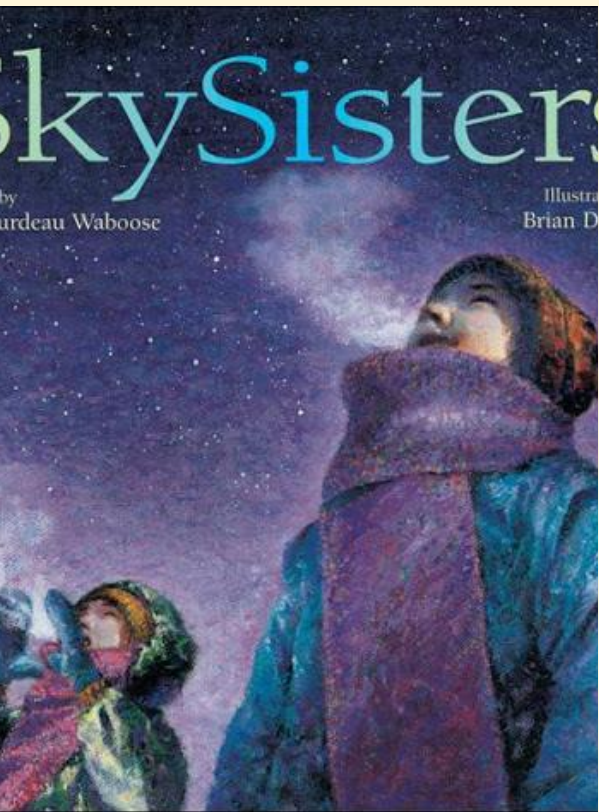
An Aboriginal family goes out to forage for edibles in the woods. Grandmother passes down her knowledge of plant life. This picture book is set in the Okanagan, British Columbia.



You Hold Me Up

Monique Gray Smith and Danielle Daniel

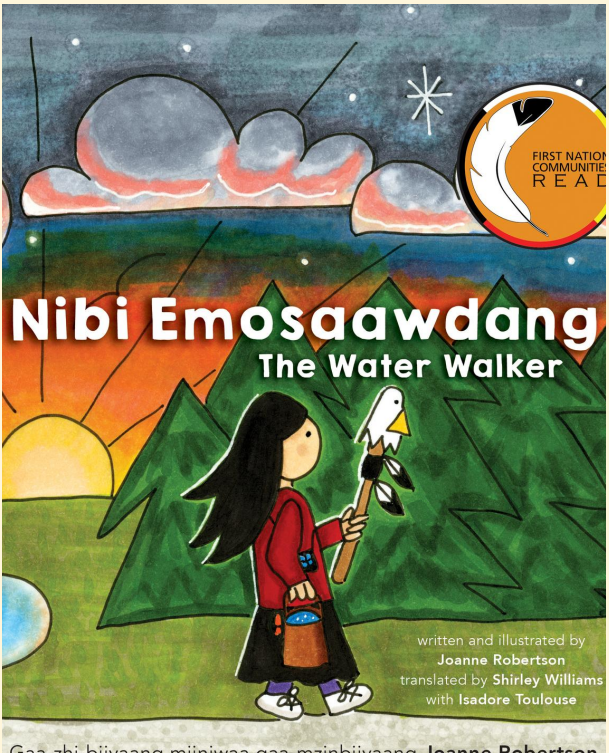
An evocative picture book intended to foster reconciliation among children and encourage them to show each other love and support.



Skysisters

Jan Bourdeau Waboose

Two Ojibway sisters set off across the frozen north country to Coyote Hill to see the Sky-Spirits' midnight dance. Along the way, they encounter three guardian spirits: a rabbit, a deer, and a coyote. It isn't easy for the younger sister follow her grandmother's advice and be silent, but gradually she begins to treasure the stillness. At last, they arrive and are rewarded by the appearance of the Sky-Spirits, or the Northern Lights, dancing in the night sky.



The Water Walker

Joanne Robertson

Nokomis walks to raise awareness of our need to protect Nibi for future generations, and for all life on the planet. She, along with other women, men, and youth, have walked around all of the Great Lakes from the four salt waters - or oceans - all the way to Lake Superior. The water walks are full of challenges, and by her example Josephine inspires and challenges us all to take up our responsibility to protect our water and our planet for all generations. Her story is a wonderful way to talk with children about the efforts that the Ojibwe and many other Indigenous peoples give to the protection of water - the giver of life.