Book List to Support Native American Heritage Month
2026

Recommended K–5 Books to Support Since Time Immemorial and Indigenous Perspectives

- **We Are Water Protectors** — Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade — environmental stewardship, Indigenous-led water protection, contemporary Native activism.
- **Learn from the Animals of the Salish Sea** Coast Salish Native Art
- **Be a Good Ancestor** — Leona Prince & Gabrielle Prince, illustrated by Carla Joseph — stewardship, interconnectedness, responsibility to future generations.
- **Forever Our Home** — Tonya Simpson, illustrated by Carla Joseph — Indigenous relationships to land, stewardship, reconciliation, and home. Orca Book Publishers
- **This Land Is a Lullaby** — Tonya Simpson, illustrated by Delreé Dumont — connection to land, ancestors, and Traditional Territory.
- **We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga** — Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac — contemporary Cherokee community, seasons, gratitude, and traditions.

Books about Native teachings

- **Crow Helps a Friend —** Andrea Fritz
- **Basket Ogress —** Dewey Mitchell
- **Salmon Boy: A Legend of the Sechelt People —** Donna Joe. A Sechelt/Shíshálh story centered on salmon, respect, and environmental relationships — excellent for the salmon/ecosystems strand that already fits so naturally into Washington elementary science. Harbour Publishing
- **Ch'askin: A Legend of the Sechelt People —** Jamie Jeffries / Sechelt Nation.
- **Woolly Dog Warms His Family** — Andrea Fritz — Coast Salish life, weaving, natural fibers, Salish woolly dogs.
- **Raven Gets Tricked** — Andrea Fritz — Coast Salish storytelling traditions and art.
- **Otter Doesn't Know** — Andrea Fritz — Coast Salish Traditional Territory, salmon, Salish Sea, asking for help. Orca sells the hardcover directly. Orca Book Publishers
- **Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** — Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal — family, identity, history, community, and contemporary Native life.
- Fry Bread
- **The First Strawberries: A Cherokee Story** — Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Anna Vojtech — Cherokee traditional story.

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