

Minnesota Dakota and Ojibwe Authors and Illustrators



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Elizabeth S. Barrett	Red Lake Ojibwe	* <i>Mashkiki Road</i> , illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Band of Chippewa) (PZ7.1.B372638 Mas 2022)
Heather Brink	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	* <i>Rez Dog</i> , illustrated by Jordan Rodgers (Oglala Nation) (PZ7.1.B7572 Rez 2019)
Ignatia Broker	White Earth Nation	* <i>Night Flying Woman: An Ojibwe Narrative</i> (E99.C6 B79 1983)
Govinda Budrow	White Earth Nation	* <i>To Be Free</i> , with Marlene Wisuri, Thomas Peacock (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa), and Ivy Vanio (Grand Portage Chippewa)
Brenda Child	Red Lake Band of Chippewa	* <i>Boarding School Seasons: American Indian Families, 1900-1940</i> (E99.C6 C45 2000) * <i>Bowwow Powwow = Bagozenjige-niimi'idim</i> , illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Band of Chippewa) (E98.P86 C58 2018) * <i>Holding the World Together: Ojibwe Women and the Survival of Community</i> (E99.C6 C48 2012) - <i>My Grandfather's Knocking Sticks: Ojibwe Family Life and Labor on the Reservations</i> (E99.C6 C495 2014)
Jim Clark	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	
Sharon Day	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	
Jim Doerfler	White Earth Nation	
Staci Lola Drouillard	Grand Portage Chippewa	- <i>A Family Tree</i> , with Kate Gardiner (Chaubunagungamaug Band of Nipmuck) - <i>Seven Aunts</i> (CT275.D87538 A3 2022) - <i>Walking the Old Road: A People's History of Chippewa City and the Grand Marais Anishinaabe</i> (E99.C6 D76 2019)
Jessica Engelking	White Earth Nation	* <i>Peggy Flanagan: Ogimaa Kwe, Lieutenant Governor</i> , illustrated by Tashia Hart (Red Lake Band of Chippewa) (JK6153.L5 E54 2020)
Brendan Fairbanks	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	* <i>Chi-mewinzha: Ojibwe Stories from Leech Lake</i> , editor (E99.C6 W47 2015)
Carl Gawboy	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	- <i>Down from the Basswood: Voices of the Boundary Waters</i> , with Lynn Maria Laitala - <i>In with the Finn Crowd</i> * <i>Ojibwe Sky Star Map – Constellation Guidebook: An Introduction to Ojibwe Star Knowledge</i> , with Annette Sharon Lee (Red Eagle Lakota) and William Peter Wilson * <i>Shooting the Wintermaker: Ojibwe Stories of Earth and Sky</i> , with Ron Morton * <i>Talking Rocks: Geology and 10,000 Years of Native American Tradition in the Lake Superior Region</i> , with Ron Morton (E78.G7 M67 2003) * <i>Talking Sky: Ojibwe Constellations as a Reflection of Life on the Land</i> , with Ron Morton

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Dr. Giniwgiizhig	White Earth Nation	- <i>How the Boy and the Rabbit Helped Each Other</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Jordan Rodgers (Oglala Nation) * <i>Nenaboozhoo and the Elk's Head</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Anna Granholm - <i>Nenaboozhoo and Paul Bunyan</i> , illustrated by Anna Granholm - <i>Nenaboozhoo and the Giant Beaver</i> , with Zhaawanwewindamook and illustrated by Sam Zimmerman (Grand Portage Chippewa) - <i>Nenaboozhoo and the Highbush Cranberries</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Bambi Goodwin (White Earth Anishinaabe) - <i>Nenaboozhoo and the Startlers</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Cameo Boyle - <i>Nenaboozhoo Secures Corn</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Sam Zimmerman (Grand Portage Chippewa) - <i>Nenaboozhoo Steals Fire</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Jordan Rodgers (Oglala Nation) * <i>The Thunderbirds and the First Humans</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Sam Zimmerman (Grand Portage Chippewa) - <i>When the Boy was Made into a Whirlwind</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Jordan Rodgers (Oglala Nation) - <i>Why Eagles Build Their Nests in the Tallest Trees</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Sam Zimmerman (Grand Portage Chippewa) * <i>Why the Bear Has a Short Tail</i> , with Niizhobines and illustrated by Sam Zimmerman (Grand Portage Chippewa)
Byron Graves	Red Lake Band of Chippewa	* <i>Rez Ball</i>
Linda LeGarde Grover	Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	* <i>The Dance Boots</i> (FICTION Gro) * <i>In the Night of Memory</i> (FICTION Gro) * <i>Onigamising: Seasons of an Ojibwe Year</i> (E99.C6 G76 2017) * <i>The Sky Watched: Poems of Ojibwe Lives</i> (PS3607.R6777 S59 2016) * <i>A Song Over Miskwaa Rapids: A Novel</i>
Tashia Hart	Red Lake Band of Chippewa	* <i>Charles Albert Bender: National Hall of Fame Pitcher</i> , illustrator with author Kade Ferris (Turtle Mountain Chippewa/Métis) (GV865.B36 F47 2020) * <i>Ella Cara Deloria: Dakota Language Protector</i> , illustrator with author Diane Wilson (Rosebud Sioux) - <i>Gidjie and the Wolves</i> - <i>Girl Unreserved</i> - <i>Native Love Jams</i> * <i>Peggy Flanagan: Ogimaa Kwe, Lieutenant Governor</i> , illustrator with author Jessica Engelking (White Earth Nation) (JK6153.L5 E54 2020)
Gordon Henry Jr.	White Earth Nation	- <i>The Failure of Certain Charms and Other Disparate Signs of Life</i> * <i>The Light People</i> - <i>Sovereign Traces Volume 1: Not (Just) (An)Other</i> , with Elizabeth Lapensée - <i>Spirit Matters: White Clay, Red Exits, Distant Others</i>
Maude Kegg	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	* <i>Portage Lake: Memories of an Ojibwe Childhood</i> (E99.C6 K445 1993)

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Winona LaDuke	White Earth Nation	* <i>All Our Relations: Native Struggles for Land and Life</i> (E98.L3 L34 2015) - <i>Earth Meets Spirit: A Photographic Journey Through the Sacred Landscape</i> , with Doug Beasley & George Slade (BL580 .B43 2011) * <i>Last Standing Woman</i> (FICTION LaD) - <i>The Militarization of Indian Country</i> , with Sean Aaron Cruz * <i>Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming and Claiming</i> - <i>The Winona LaDuke Chronicles: Stories from the Front Lines in the Battle for Environmental Justice</i> * <i>To Be a Water Protector: The Rise of the Wiindigoo Slayers</i>
Kevin Locke	White Earth Nation	* <i>Dawn Flight: A Lakota Story</i> , illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner - <i>The Eagle Feather</i> , illustrated by Jessika von Innerebner
Michael Lyons	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	- <i>Anishinaabe: Ojibwe Culture and Language</i> - <i>Boozhoo, Ajidamoo</i> - <i>Counting to 10 in Ojibwe</i> - <i>Dog and Ma'iingan</i> - <i>Like Snow On Skin: A "Boozhoo, Nana Boozhoo" Coffee Table Book</i> - <i>Nana Boozhoo: Ojibwe Words and Phrases</i>
Cheryl Kay Minnema	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	* <i>Hungry Johnny</i> , illustrated by Wesley Ballinger (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe) (PZ7.M659 Hu 2014) * <i>Johnny's Pheasant</i> , illustrated by Julie Flett (Cree/Métis) (PS3613.I645 J64 2019)
Leonard Moose	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	
Jim Northrup	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	- <i>Anishinaabe Syndicated: A View from the Rez</i> , with Margaret Noori (E99.C6 N65 2011) - <i>Dirty Copper</i> - <i>Rez Road Follies: Canoes, Casinos, Computers, and Birch Bark Baskets</i> - <i>Rez Salute: The Real Healer Dealer</i> * <i>Walking the Rez Road</i> (PS3564.O765 W3 1993)
Chris Mato Nunpa	Upper Sioux Community	- <i>The Great Evil: Christianity, the Bible, and the Native American Genocide</i> - <i>Mendota Dakota: Erasure and Recognition</i> , contributor
Thomas Peacock	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	- <i>Beginnings: The Homeward Journey of Donovan Manypenny</i> * <i>The Dancers</i> , illustrated by Jacqueline Paske Gill (PZ7.2.P4 Dan 2019) * <i>The Fire</i> , illustrated by Anna Granholm * <i>The Forever Sky</i> , illustrated by Annette S. Lee (Red Eagle Lakota) (PZ7.2.P4 For 2019) * <i>The Four Hills of Life: Ojibwe Wisdom</i> , with Marlene Wisuri (E99.C6 P397 2006) - <i>The Good Path: Ojibwe Learning and Activity Book for Kids</i> , with Marlene Wisuri (E99.C6 P398 2002) * <i>Ojibwe Waasa Inaabidaa: We Look in All Directions</i> , with Marlene Wisuri (E99.C6 P4 2002) - <i>The Tao of Nookomis</i> , with Rabbett Before Horses Strickland (Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) * <i>To Be Free: Understanding and Eliminating Racism</i> , with Marlene Wisuri - <i>Walking Softly</i> , with Marlene Wisuri, Govinda Budrow (White Earth Nation), and Ivy Vainio (Grand Portage Chippewa) * <i>The Wolf's Trail: An Ojibwe Story, Told by Wolves</i> (FICTION Pea)
Celeste Pedri-Spade	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	

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Teresa Peterson	Upper Sioux Community	* <i>Grasshopper Girl</i> , illustrated by Jordan Rodgers (Oglala Nation) - <i>Perennial Ceremony: Lessons and Gifts from a Dakota Garden</i> * <i>Voices from Pejuhutazizi: Dakota Stories and Storytellers</i> , with Walter Labatte Jr (Upper Sioux Community) (E99.D1 P47 2022)
Steve Premo	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	- <i>Akawe Niwii-tibaaJim</i> , illustrator for the Aanjibimaadizing Project (E99.C6 A443 2020)
Peter Razor	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	* <i>While the Locust Slept: A Memoir</i> (HV6626.53.M6 R39 2001) * <i>Wijiwaaganag: More Than Brothers</i>
Marcia R. Rendon	White Earth Nation	* <i>Girl Gone Missing: A Cash Blackbear Mystery</i> (FICTION Ren) * <i>Murder on the Red River: A Cash Blackbear Mystery</i> (FICTION Ren) - <i>Native Artists: Livelihoods, Resources, Spaces, Gifts</i> , with Ann Markusen (E99.C6 R463 2009) * <i>Powwow Summer: A Family Celebrates the Circle of Life</i> , with Cheryl Walsh Bellville (E98.P86 R45 2013) * <i>Sinister Graves: A Cash Blackbear Mystery</i>
Kim Sigafus	White Earth Nation	- <i>Autumn's Dawn</i> - <i>Finding Grace</i> - <i>Finding Genny</i> , with Lyle Ernst (Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities) - <i>Great Writers from Our First Nations</i> , with Lyle Ernst (Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities) - <i>Native Elders: Sharing Their Wisdom</i> , with Lyle Ernst (Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities) * <i>Native Writers: Voices of Power</i> , with Lyle Ernst (Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities) (PS153.I52 S56 2012) - <i>Nowhere to Hide</i> - <i>A Quiet Storm</i> - <i>Whisper to the Sky</i> (FIC Sig) - <i>Wisdom from Our First Nations (A First Nations Book for Young Readers)</i> - <i>Yesterday's Rain</i>
Deondre Smiles	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	
Keeshig Spade	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	* <i>Keeshig and the Ojibwe Pterodactyls</i> , told by Celeste Pedri-Spade (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe) and illustrated by Robert Spade (Fort Hope First Nation) and Kiniw Spade (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)
Kinew Spade	Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	* <i>Keeshig and the Ojibwe Pterodactyls</i> , illustrator with author Keeshig Spade (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe), told by Celeste Pedri-Spade (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe) and illustrator Robert Spade (Fort Hope First Nation)
Dennis E. Staples	Red Lake Band of Chippewa	* <i>This Town Sleeps</i>
Jonathan Thunder	Red Lake Band of Chippewa	* <i>Bowwow Powwow = Bagojenjige-niimi'idim</i> , illustrator with author Brenda Child (Red Lake Band of Chippewa) (E98.P86 C58 2018) * <i>Mashkiki Road</i> , illustrator with author Elizabeth S. Barrett (Red Lake Ojibwe) (PZ7.1.B372638 Mas 2022)
Allie Tibbetts	Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	* <i>Zaagi and Misaabekwe</i> , illustrated by Sam Zimmerman (Grand Portage Chippewa) (PZ7.1.T546315 Za 2023)

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Anton Treuer	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	- <i>Akawe Niwii-Tibaajim</i> , editor (E99.C6 A443 2020) * <i>The Assassination of Hole in the Day</i> (E99.C6 H648 2011) - <i>Atlas of Indian Nations</i> - <i>Awesiinyensag: Dibaajimowinan Ji-Gikinoo'amaageng</i> , et al, illustrated by Wesley Ballinger (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe) * <i>The Cultural Toolbox: Traditional Ojibwe Living in the Modern World</i> (E99.C6 T73 2021) * <i>Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask</i> (E77 .T795 2012) * <i>Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask (Young Readers Edition)</i> (E77.4.T74 2021) * <i>The Language Warrior's Manifesto: How to Keep Our Languages Alive No Matter the Odds</i> (P40.5.L3572 A455 2020) * <i>Living Our Language: Ojibwe Tales & Oral Histories</i> , editor (E99.C6 L535 2001) - <i>Naadamaading: Dibaajimowinan Ji-Nisdotaading</i> , et al, illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Band of Chippewa) - <i>Ojibwe in Minnesota</i> (E99.C6 T74 2010) - <i>Warrior Nation: A History of the Red Lake Ojibwe</i> (E99.C6 T76 2015)
David Treuer	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	* <i>The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Life in Native America (Young Readers Adaptation)</i> (Available Online) * <i>The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present</i> (E77 .T797 2019) - <i>The Hiawatha: A Novel</i> (FICTION Tre) * <i>Little: A Novel</i> (FICTION Tre) - <i>Prudence: A Novel</i> * <i>Rez Life: An Indian's Journey Through Reservation Life</i> (E93.T74 2012) - <i>The Translation of Dr. Apelles: A Love Story</i>
Ivy Vainio	Grand Portage Chippewa	
Gerald Vizenor	White Earth Nation	- <i>Bear Island: The War at Sugar Point</i> (PS3572.I9 B43 2006) - <i>Blue Ravens: Historical Novel</i> - <i>The Everlasting Sky: Voices of the Anishinabe People</i> (E99.C6 V59 2000) - <i>Father Meme: A Novel</i> - <i>Favor of Crows: New and Collected Haiku</i> - <i>Interior Landscapes: Autobiographical Myths and Metaphors</i> (PS3572.I9 Z466 1990) - <i>Native Provenance: The Betrayal of Cultural Creativity</i> - <i>Native Tributes: Historical Novel</i> - <i>Satie on the Seine: Letters to the Heirs of the Fur Trade</i> - <i>Shrouds of White Earth</i> (FICTION Viz) - <i>Treaty Shirts: October 2034 – A Familiar Treatise on the White Earth Nation</i> - <i>Waiting for Wovoka: Envoys of Good Cheer and Liberty</i> - <i>The White Earth Nation: Ratification of a Native Democratic Constitution</i> , with Jill Doerfler - <i>Wordarrows: Native States of Literary Sovereignty</i>

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Waziyatawin Angela Wilson	Upper Sioux Community	* <i>For Indigenous Eyes Only: A Decolonization Handbook</i> , with Michael Yellow Bird (Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara) - <i>For Indigenous Minds Only: A Decolonization Handbook</i> , with Michael Yellow Bird (Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara) - <i>In the Footsteps of Our Ancestors: The Dakota Commemorative Marches of the 21st Century</i> (E99.D1 I25 2006) - <i>Remember This: Dakota Decolonization and the Eli Taylor Narratives</i> (E99.D1 W83 2005) - <i>What Does Justice Look Like: The Struggle for Liberation in Dakota Homeland</i> (E78.M7 W553 2008)
Dorothy Dora Whipple	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	* <i>Chi-mewinzha: Ojibwe Stories from Leech Lake</i> (E99.C6 W47 2015 and Online)
Donald Richard Wright	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	- <i>The Way of Our People: Weekly Inspiration for American Indians in Recovery from Alcoholism</i>
Joanne Zacharias	Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	* <i>Taku Wadaka He? (What Do You See?)</i> , illustrated by Steven Smith (PM1024 .Z33 2008)
Sam Zimmerman Zhaawanoogizhik	Grand Portage Chippewa	* <i>Following My Spirit Home: A Collection of Paintings and Stories</i> * <i>Zaagi and Misaabekwe</i> , with author Allie Tibbetts (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) (PZ7.1.T546315 Za 2023)