

# Indigenizing Your Collection

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**Spotted Elk** @SSpottedElk · 16h



Did you know Blanche (Rue McClanahan) was Native? Anyone on [#NativeTwitter](#) can confirm or deny? I want to believe it. 😂



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**Dr. Twyla Baker**



@Indigenia

Replying to [@SSpottedElk](#)

lol - confirm! She is sister to Dr. Melinda McClanahan, who I served on the Board of AISES with. They're Choctaw. I never put it together until Melinda told me like two years after I'd met her. 🤩



**Jennifer Harper (Anishinaabe),  
Cheekbone Beauty Founder**

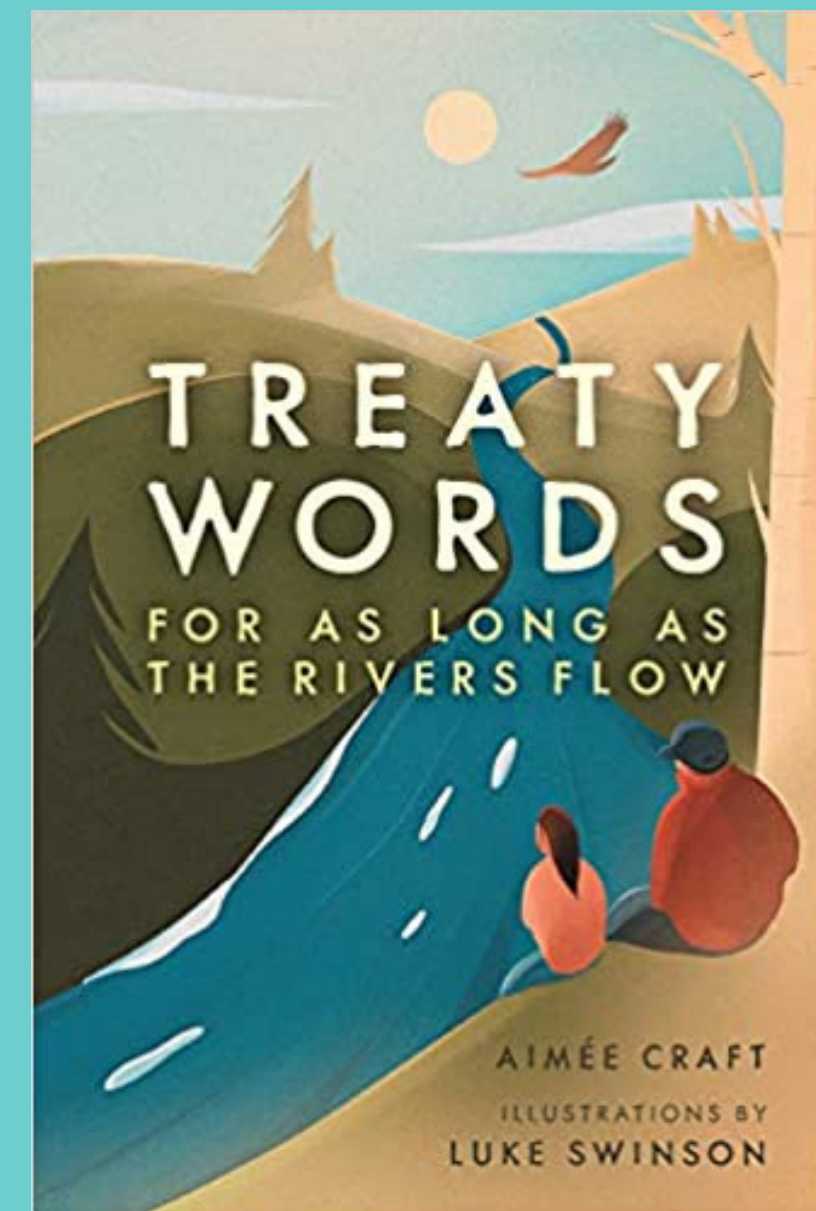
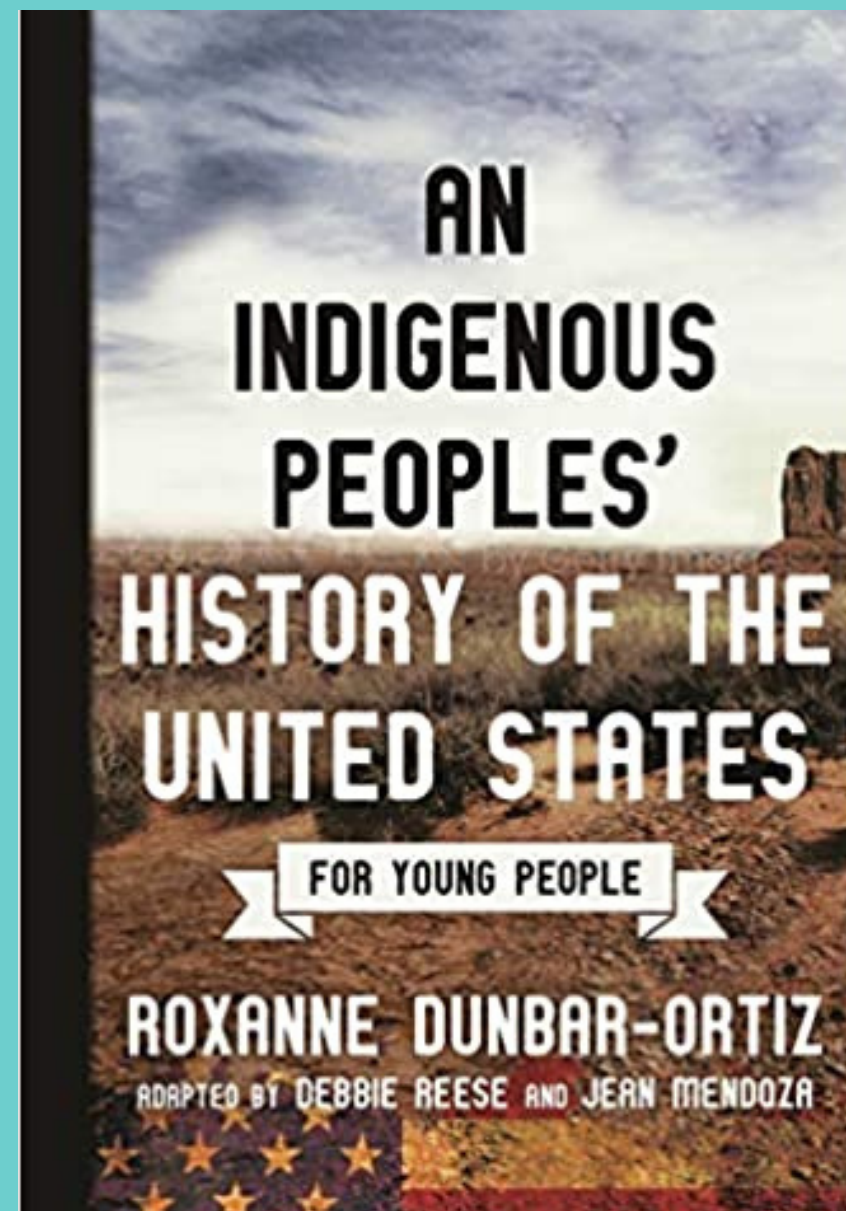
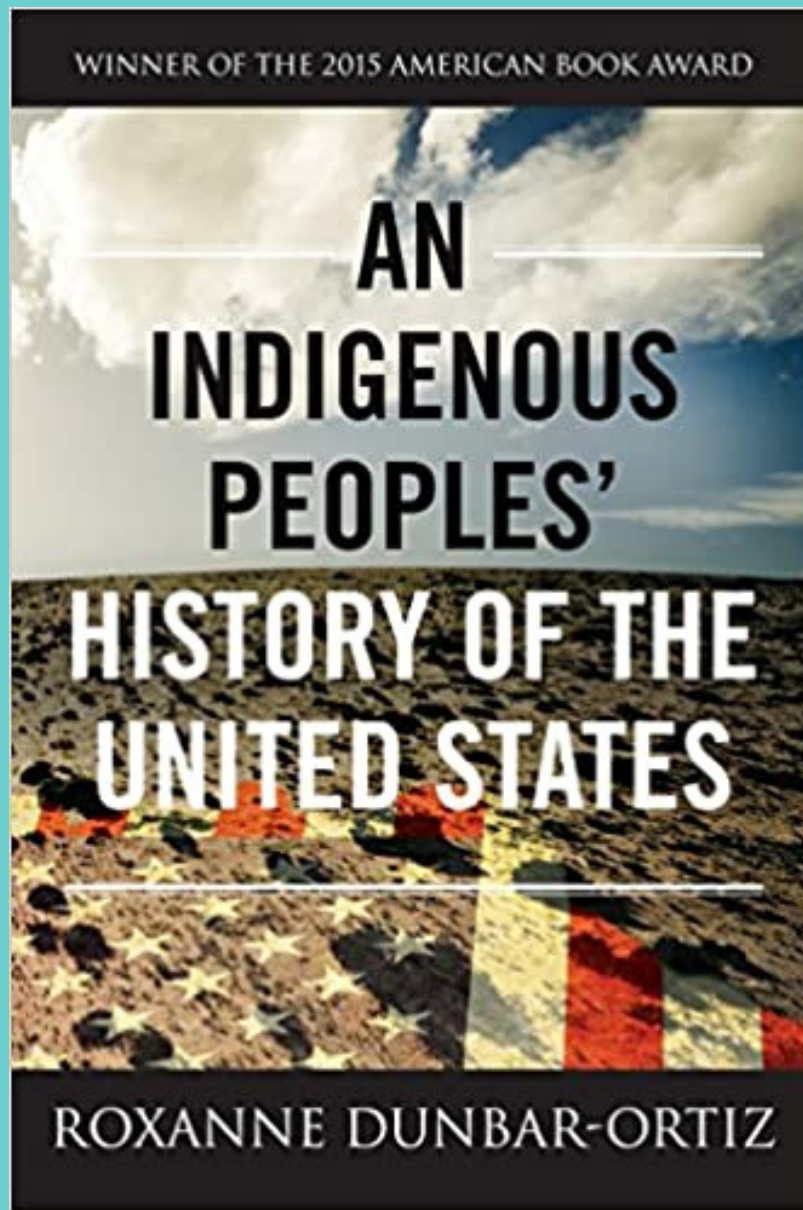
**Sierra Teller Ornelas (Navajo),  
Creator of Rutherford Falls; screenwriter:  
Brooklyn Nine-Nine, Happy Endings,  
Splitting Up Together and Superstore**

**Robin Wall Kimmerer (Potawatomi),  
Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology**

**Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo),  
Secretary of the Interior**

**Stephan Cheney (Lakota),  
Former firefighter, Founder of High Rez Wood Company**







What stories do you think  
of when you think  
about Native books?

What types of  
programming do  
you think of?



# Going beyond November

Taking a closer look at your collection and crafts:

- Thanksgiving
- Weeding
- Are you still making dreamcatchers and teepees?



# Partners

How would they like to partner?  
What can you offer each other?

Ideas:

- Botany and Gardening
- Art
- Poetry
- Science

- School District's Indian Education Coordinator
- Your local tribe(s)
- Tribal language department
- Guest speakers

# Authors to Know

**Julie Flett (Cree-Metis)**

**Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek)**

**Monique Gray Smith (Cree and Lakota)**

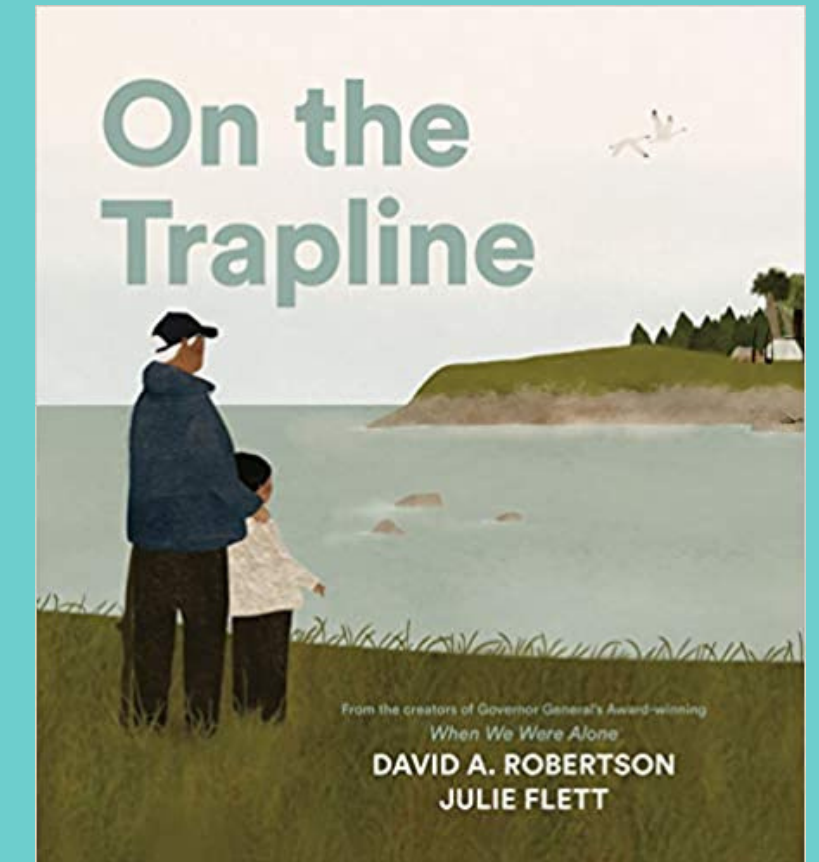
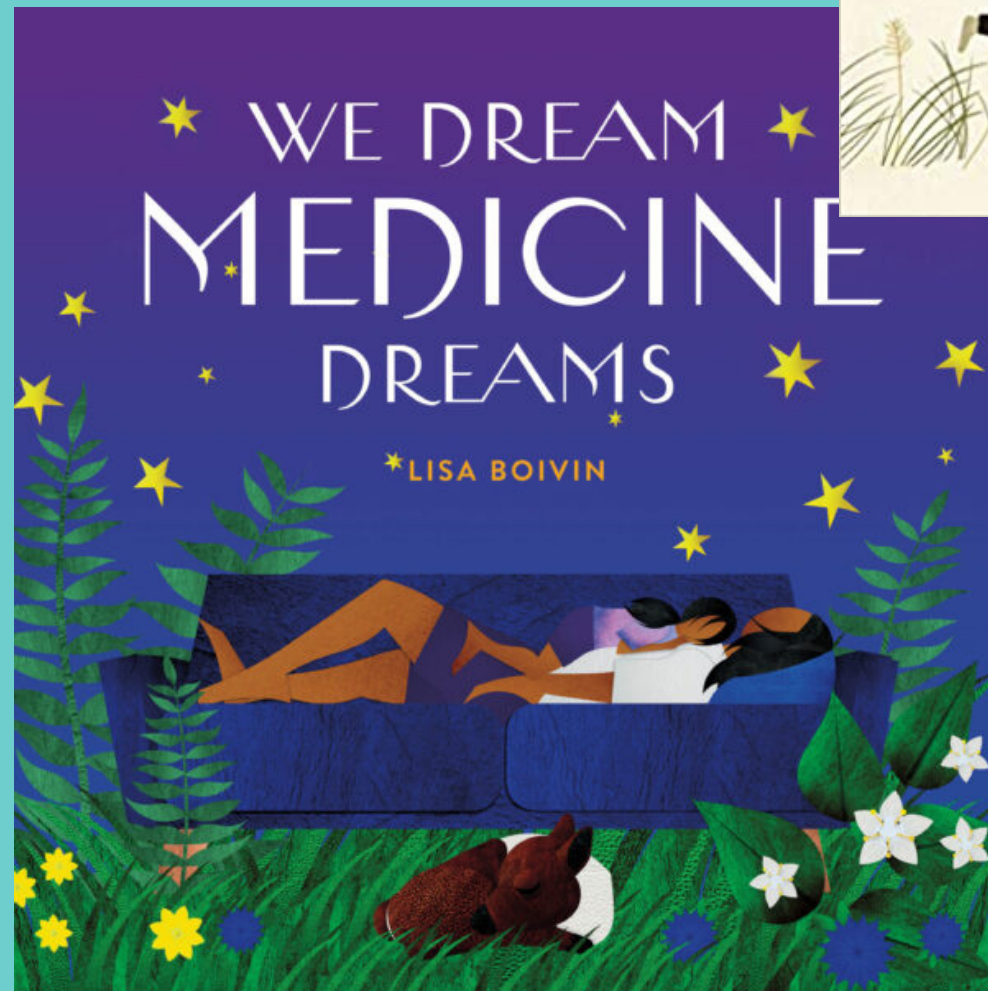
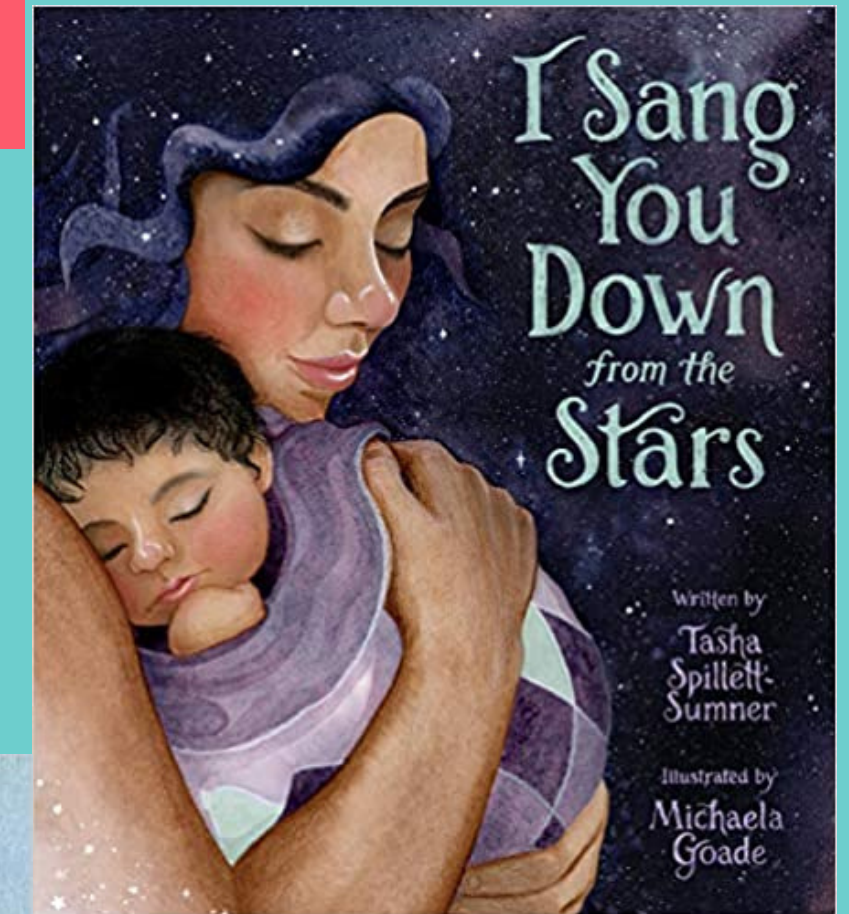
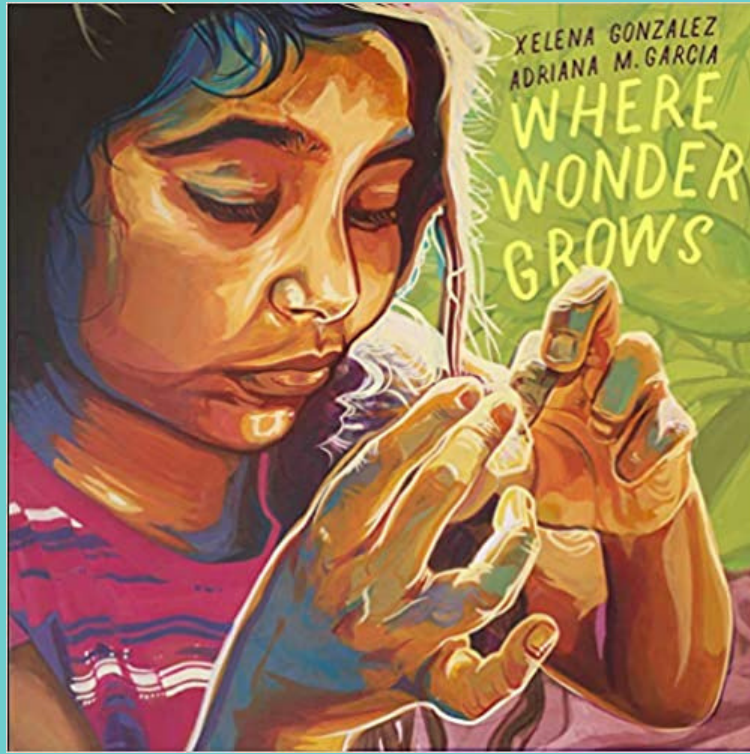
**Traci Sorell (Cherokee Nation)**

**Christine Day (Upper Skagit)**



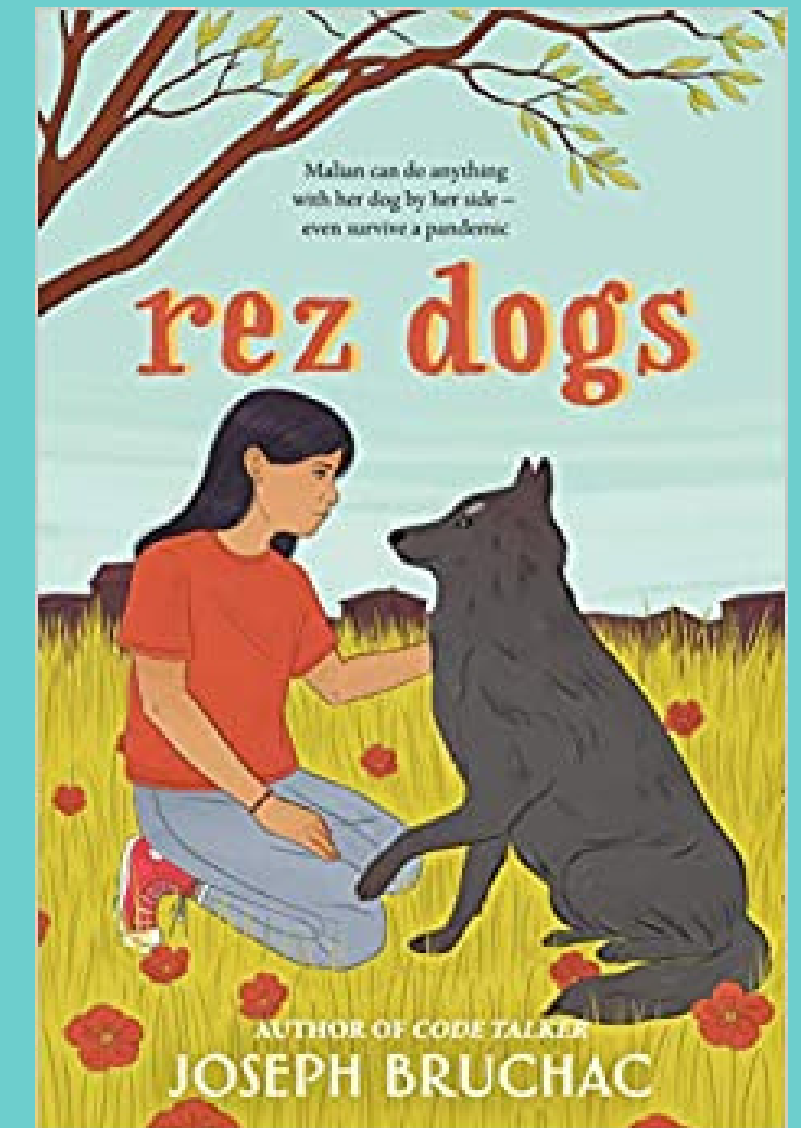
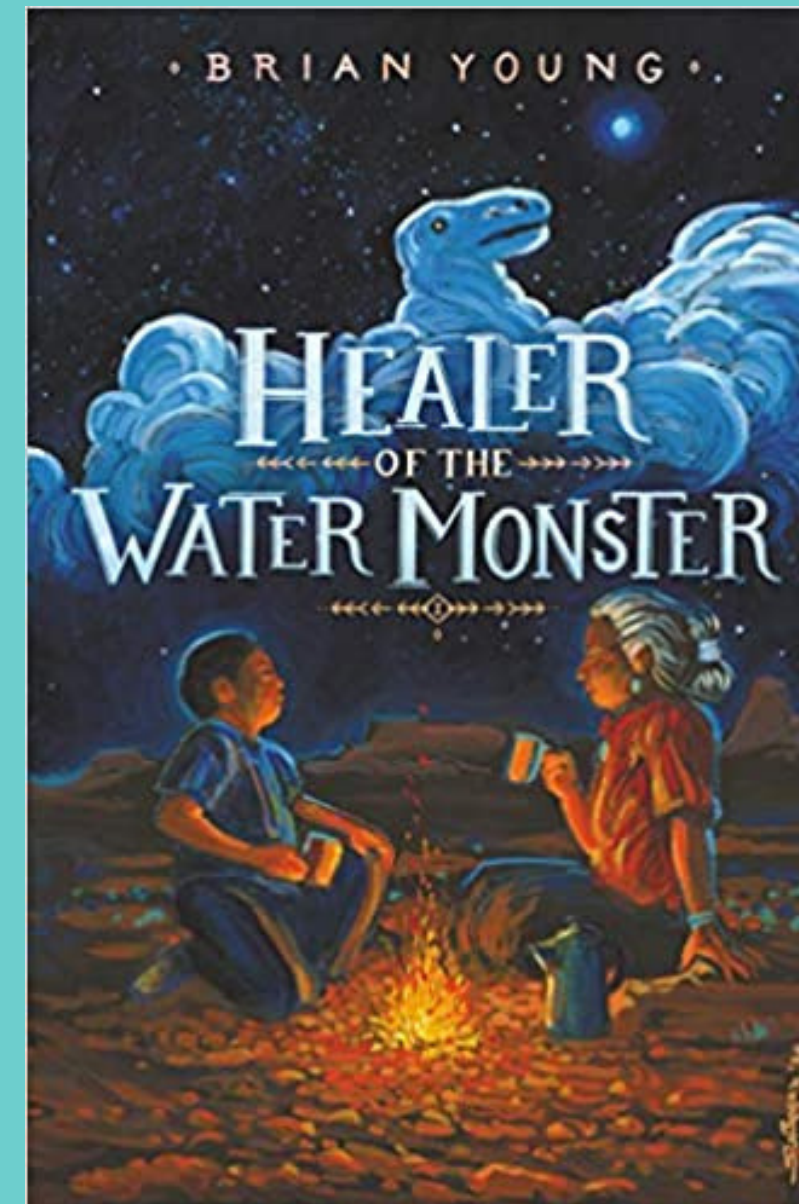
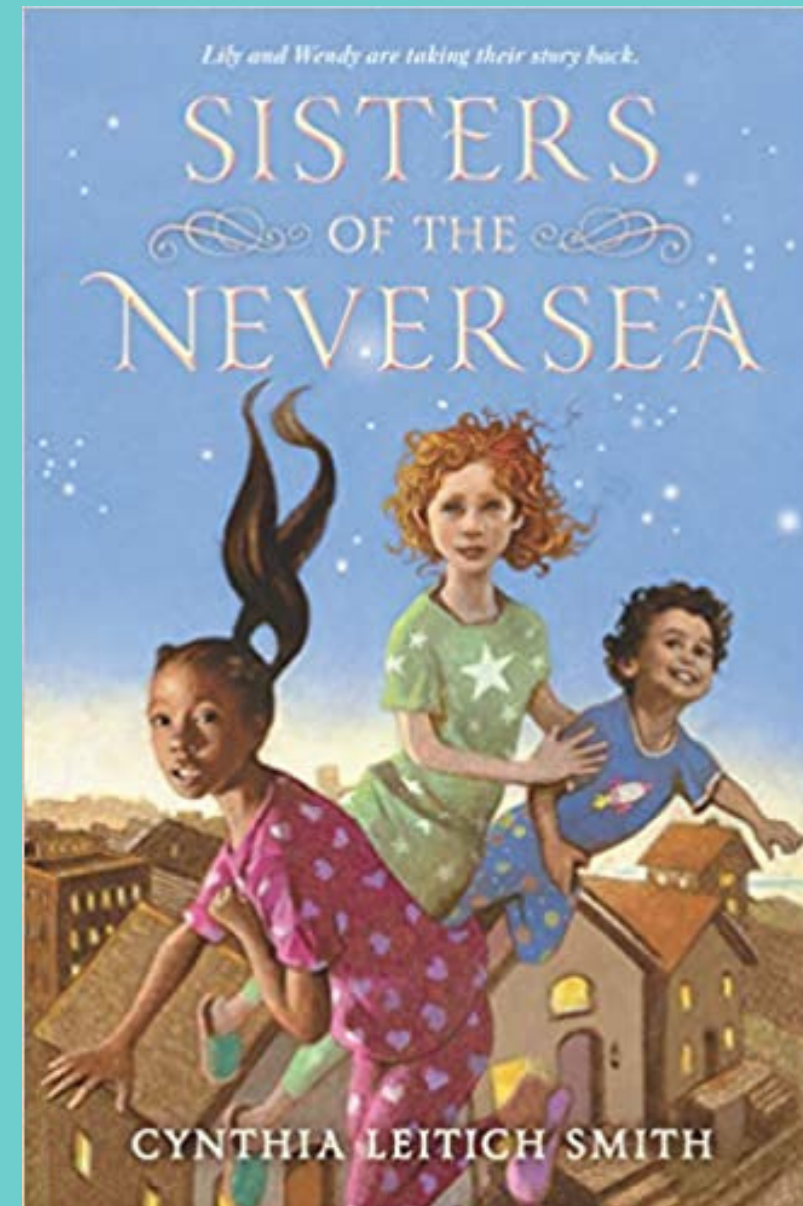
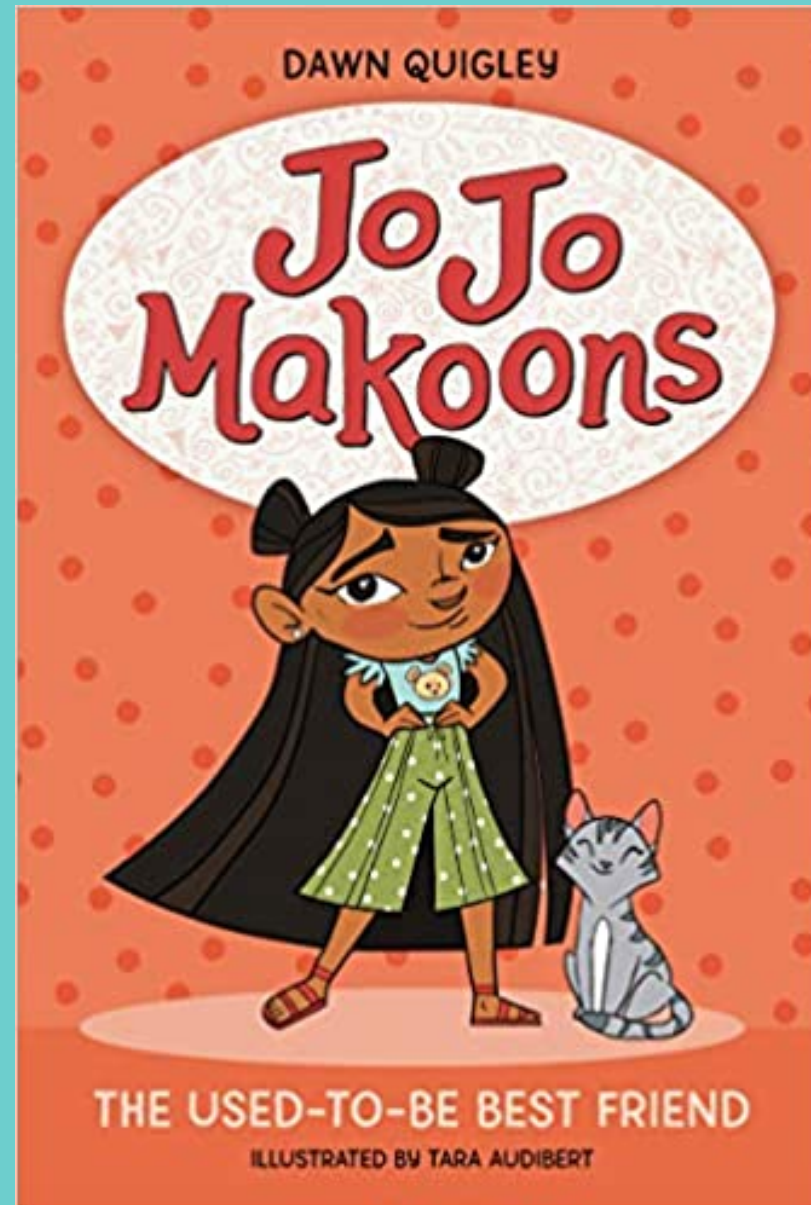


# New Picture Books



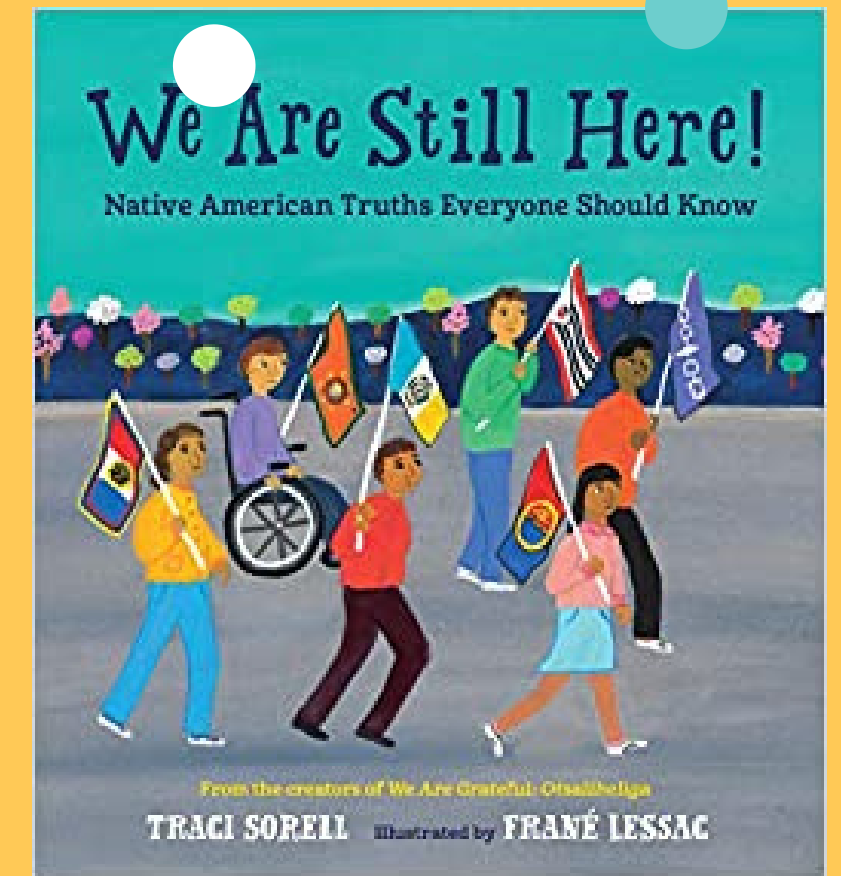
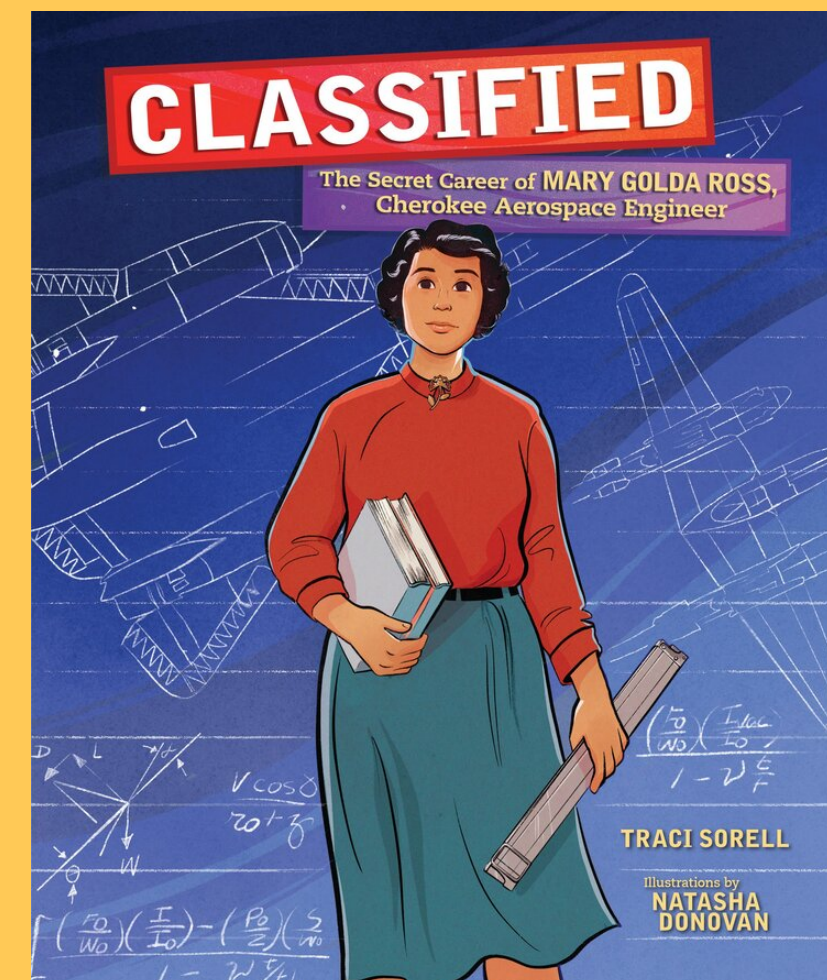
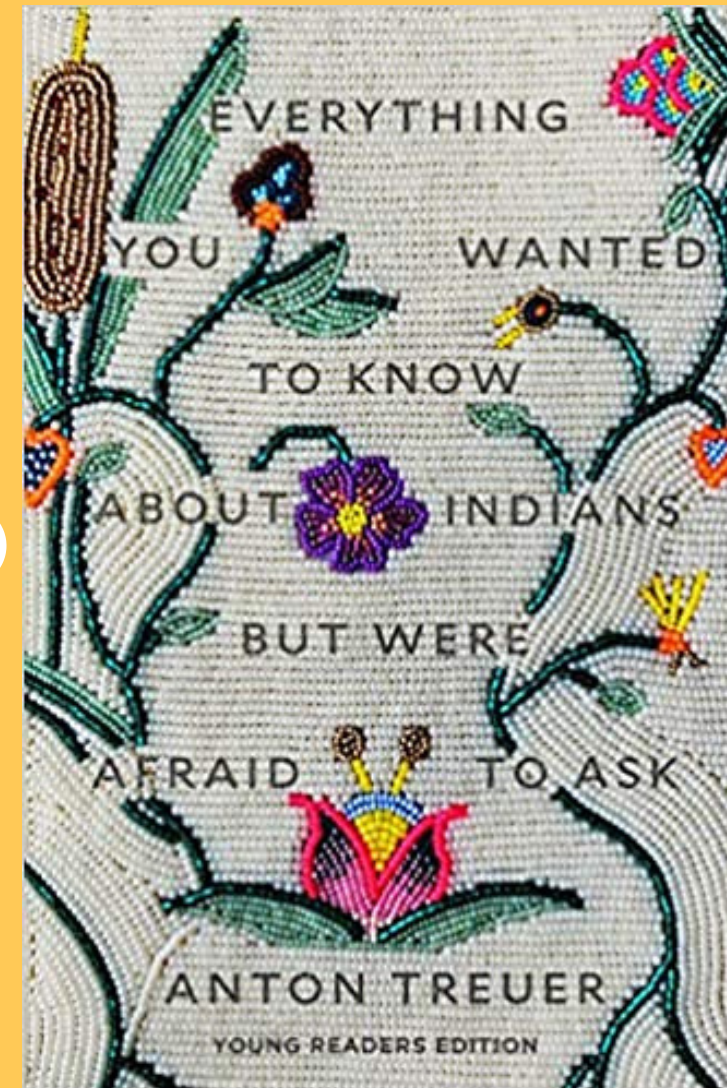
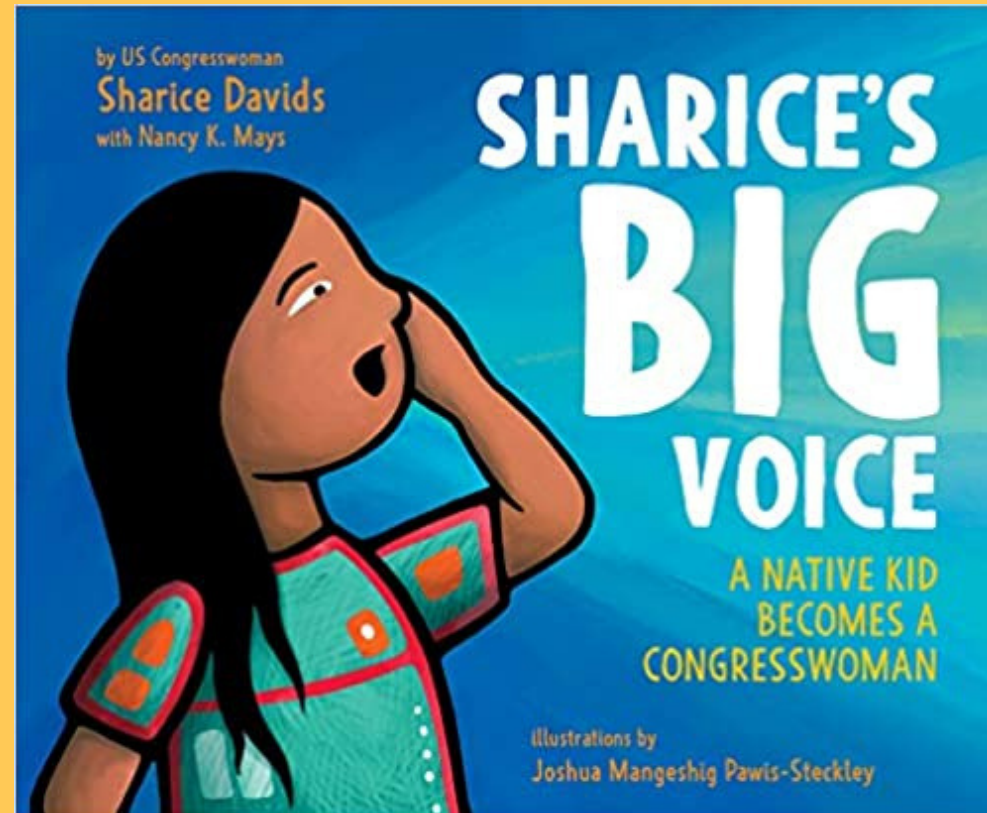


# New Chapter Books





# New Nonfiction Books

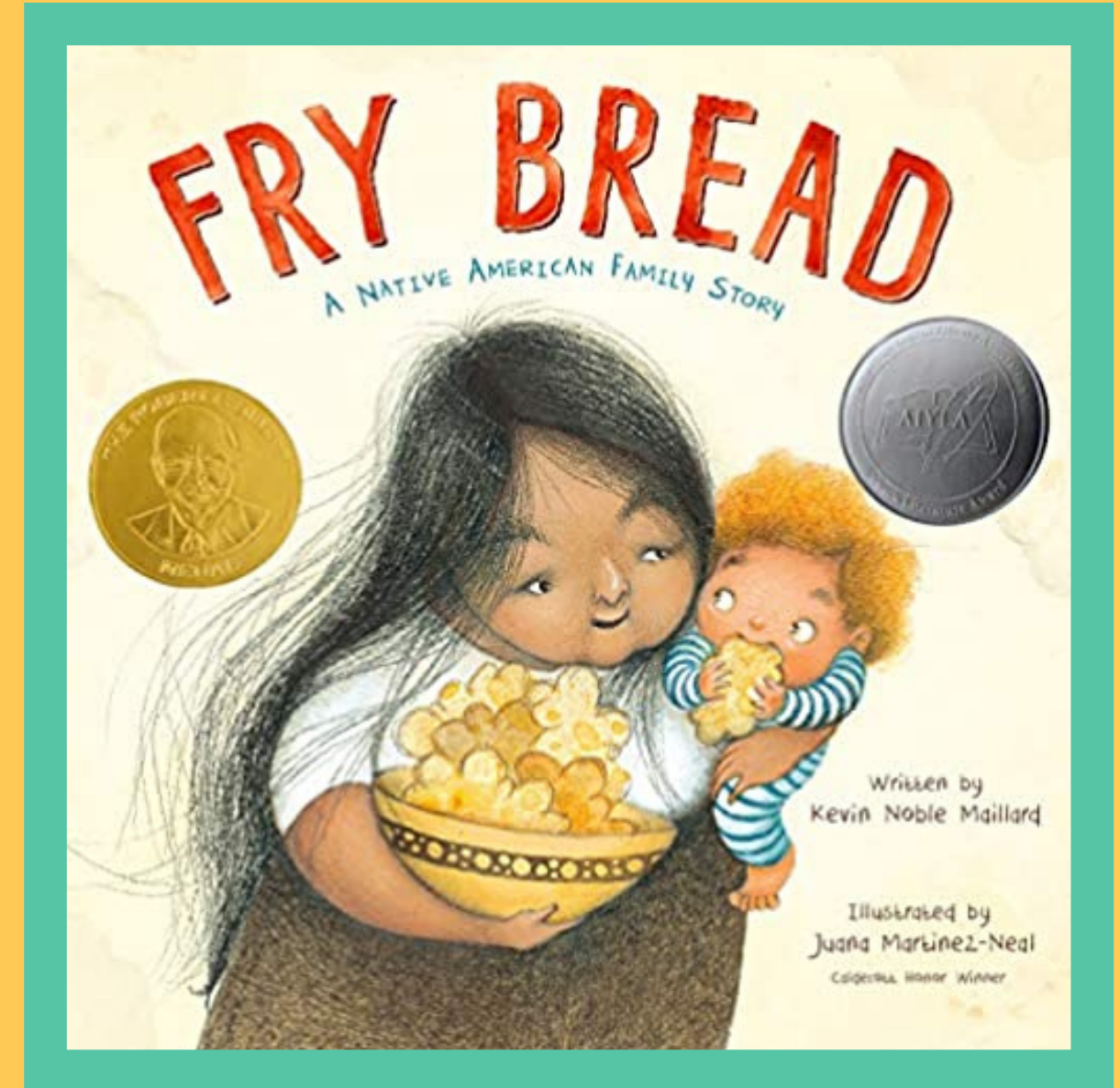
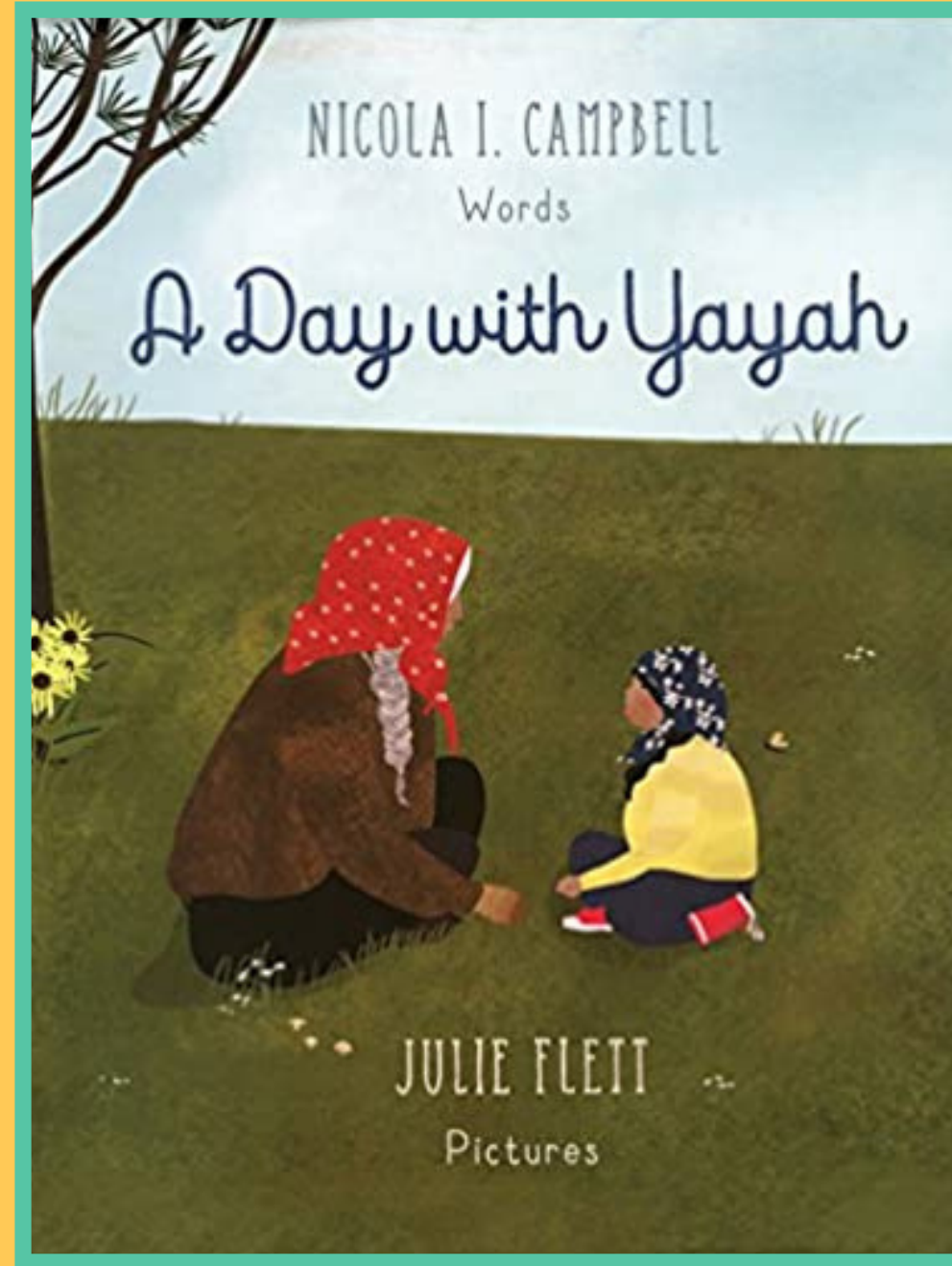
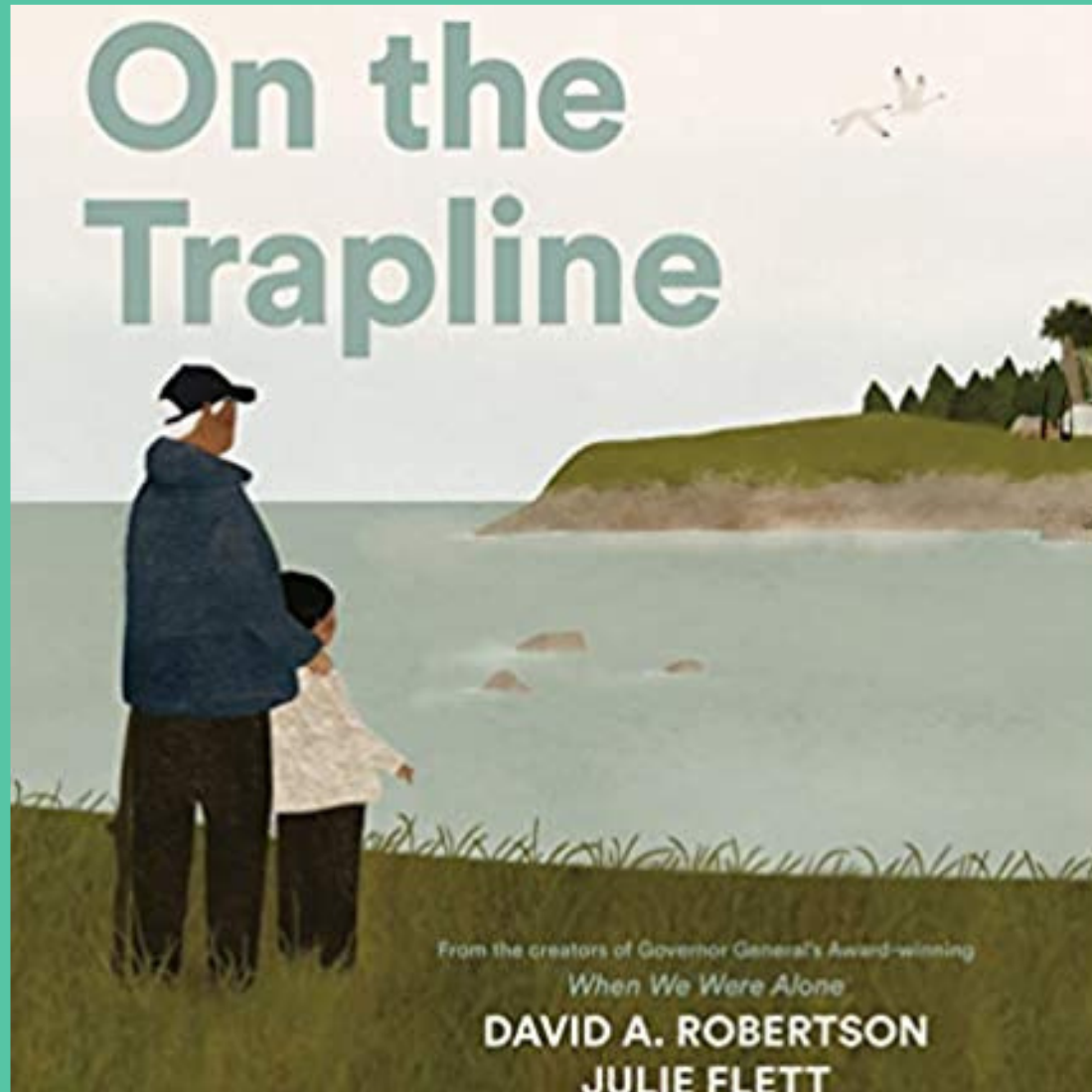






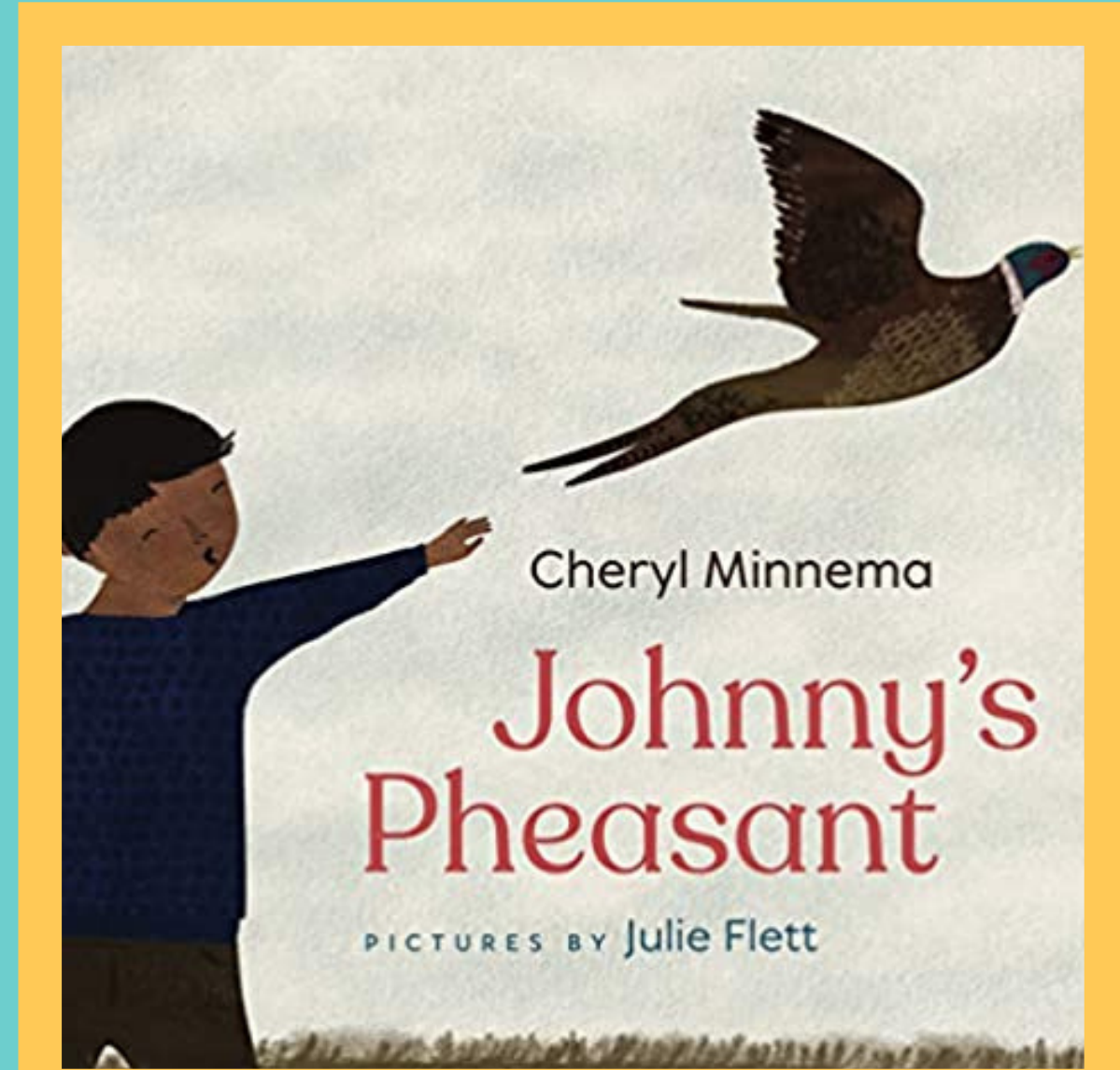
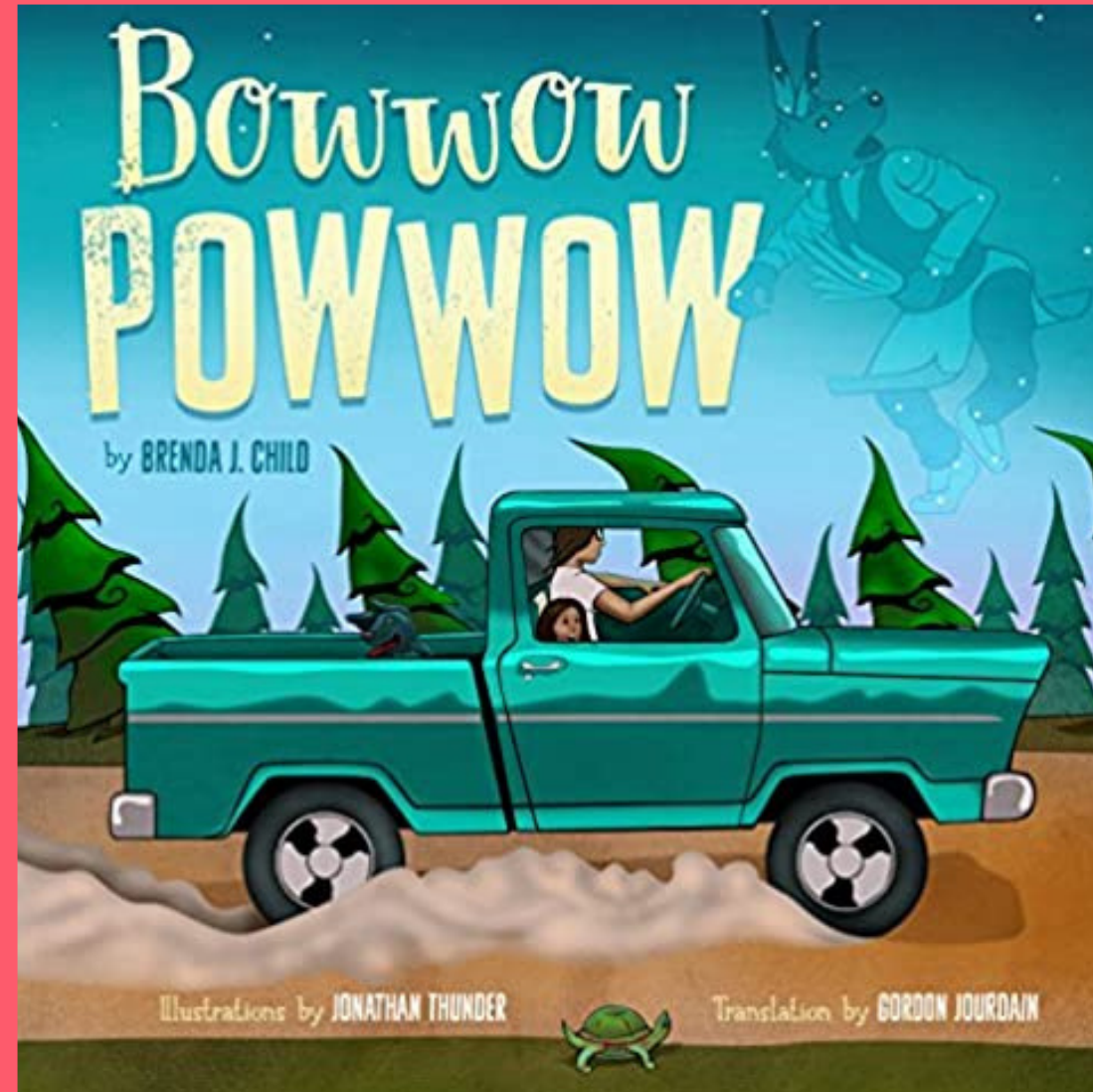
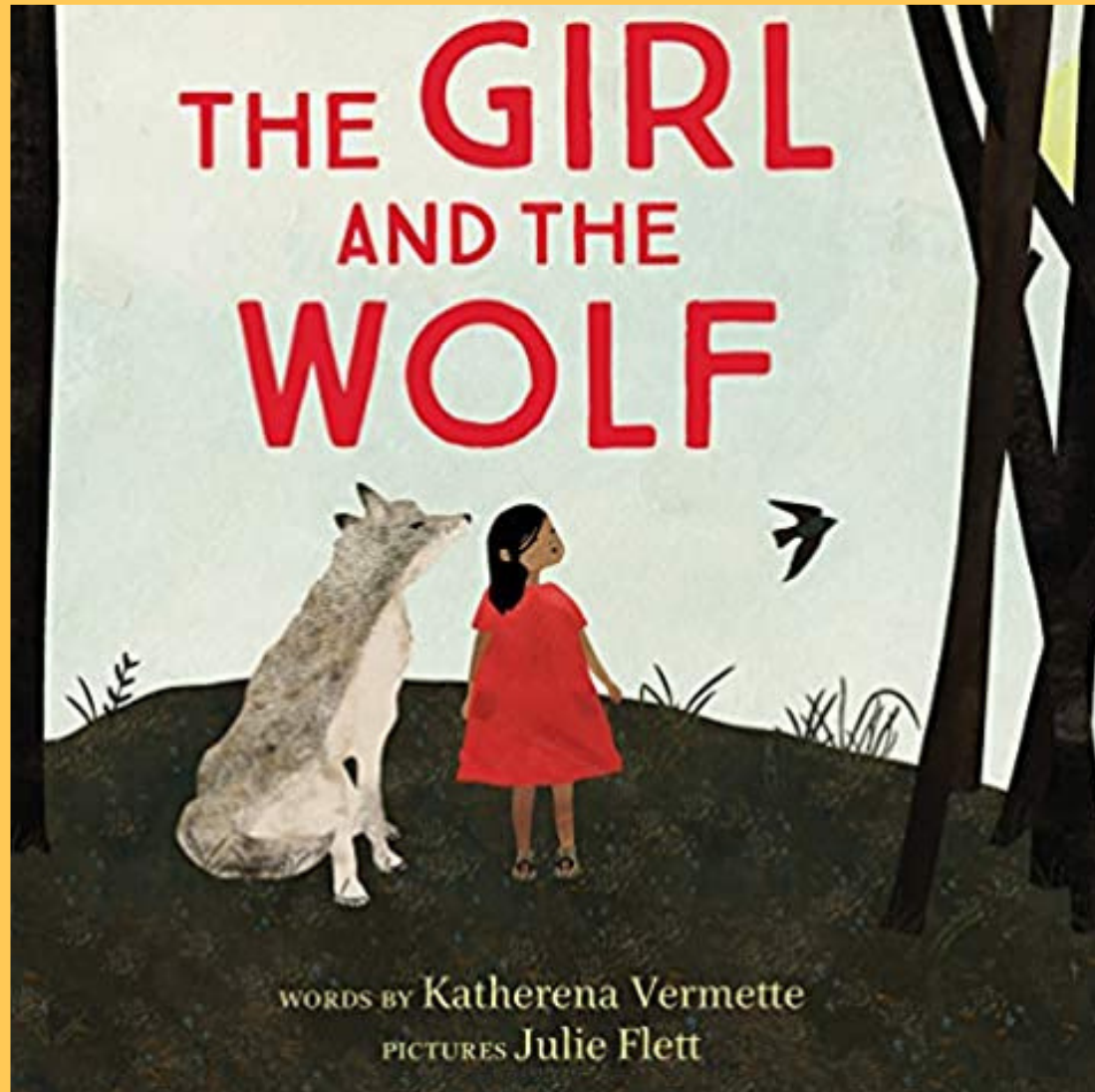
**Programming**

# Families and Love



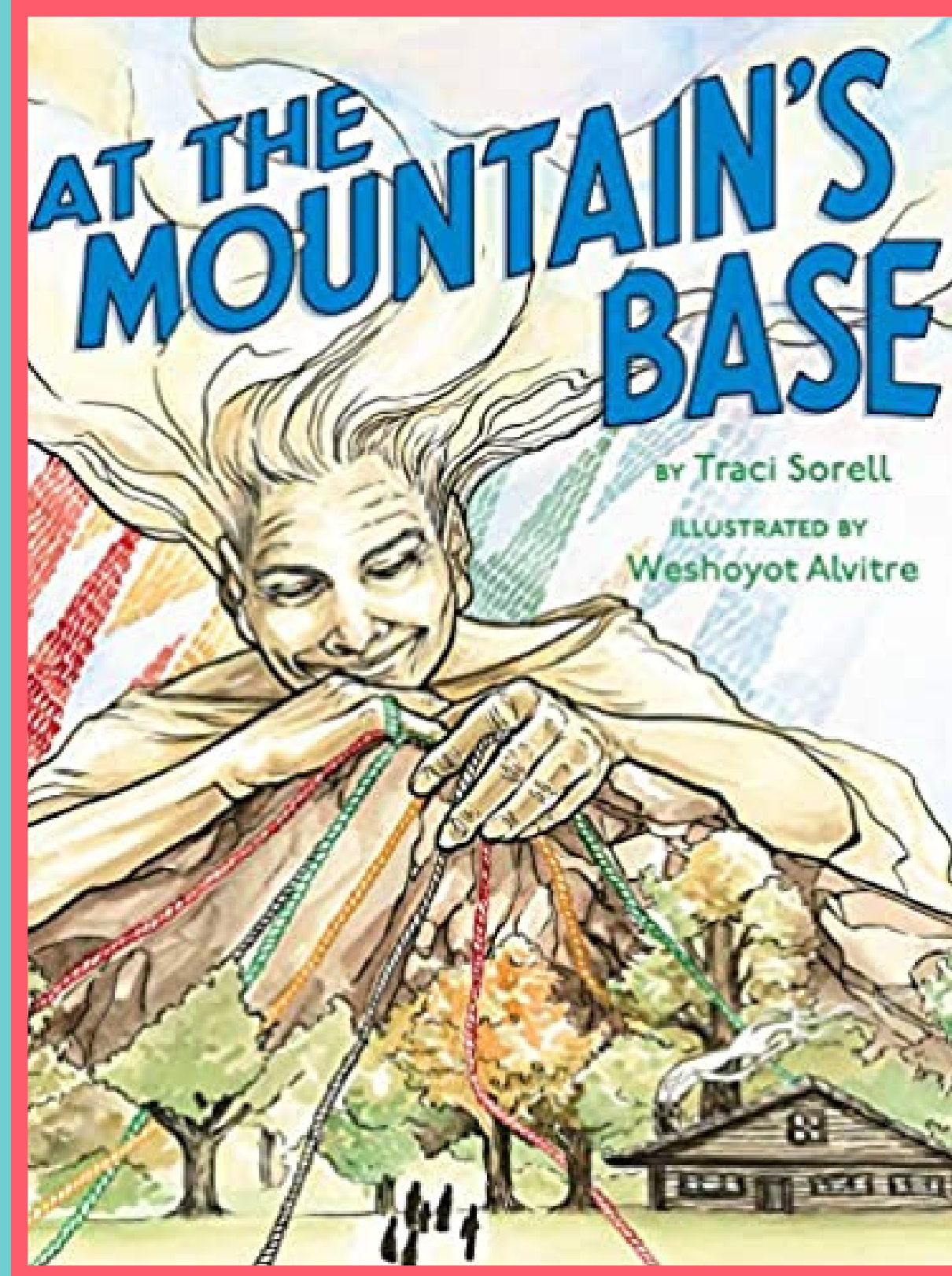


# Animals

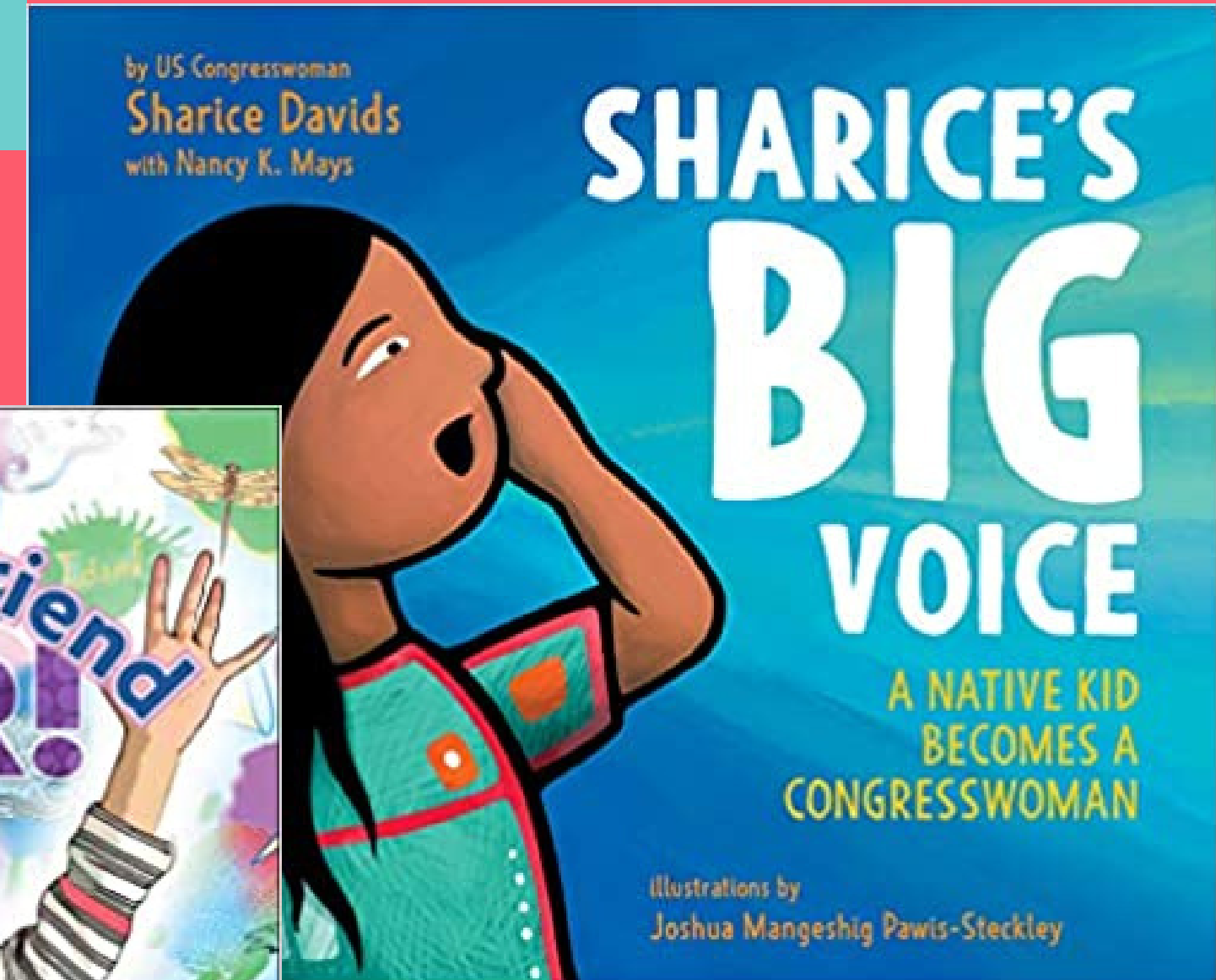
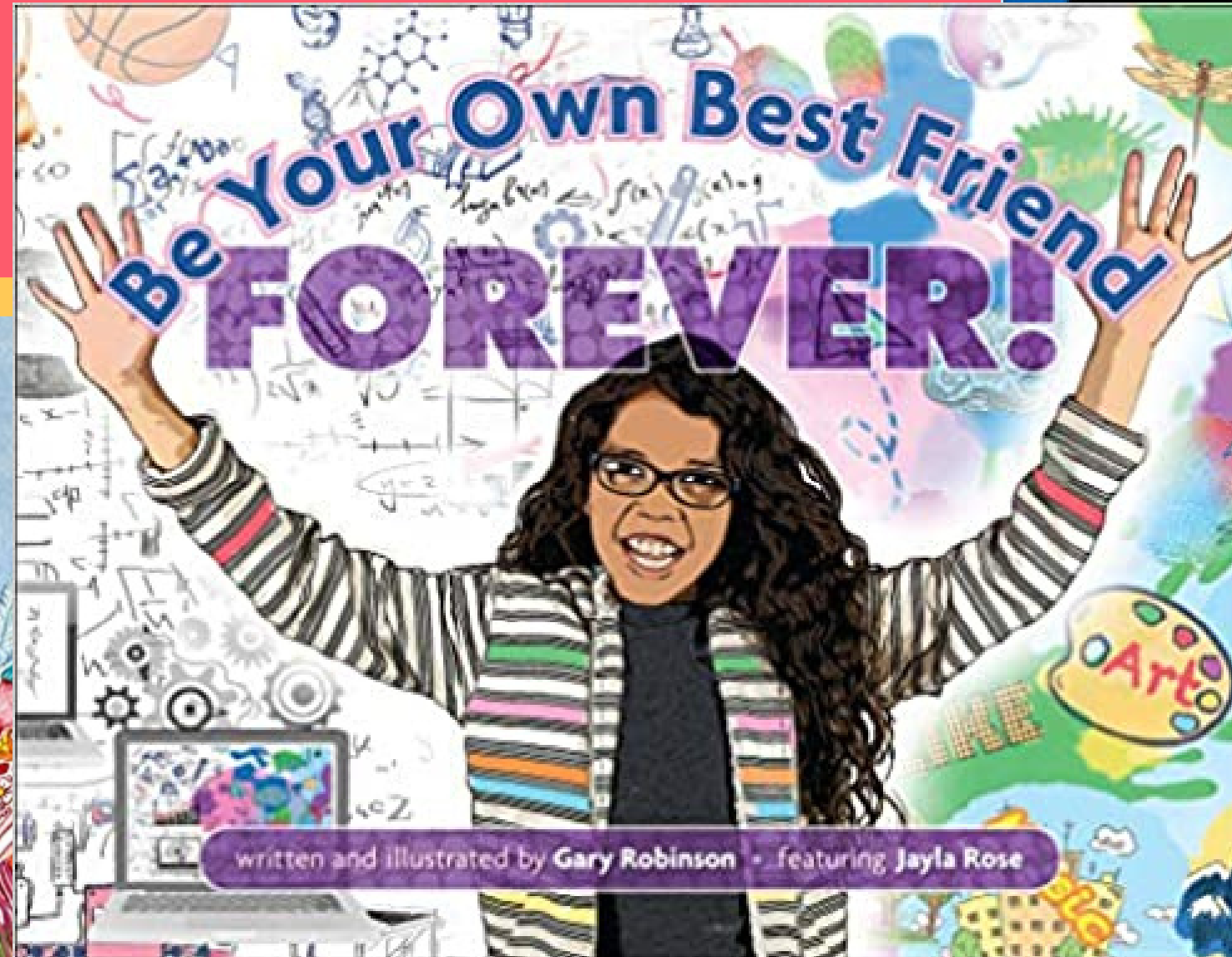
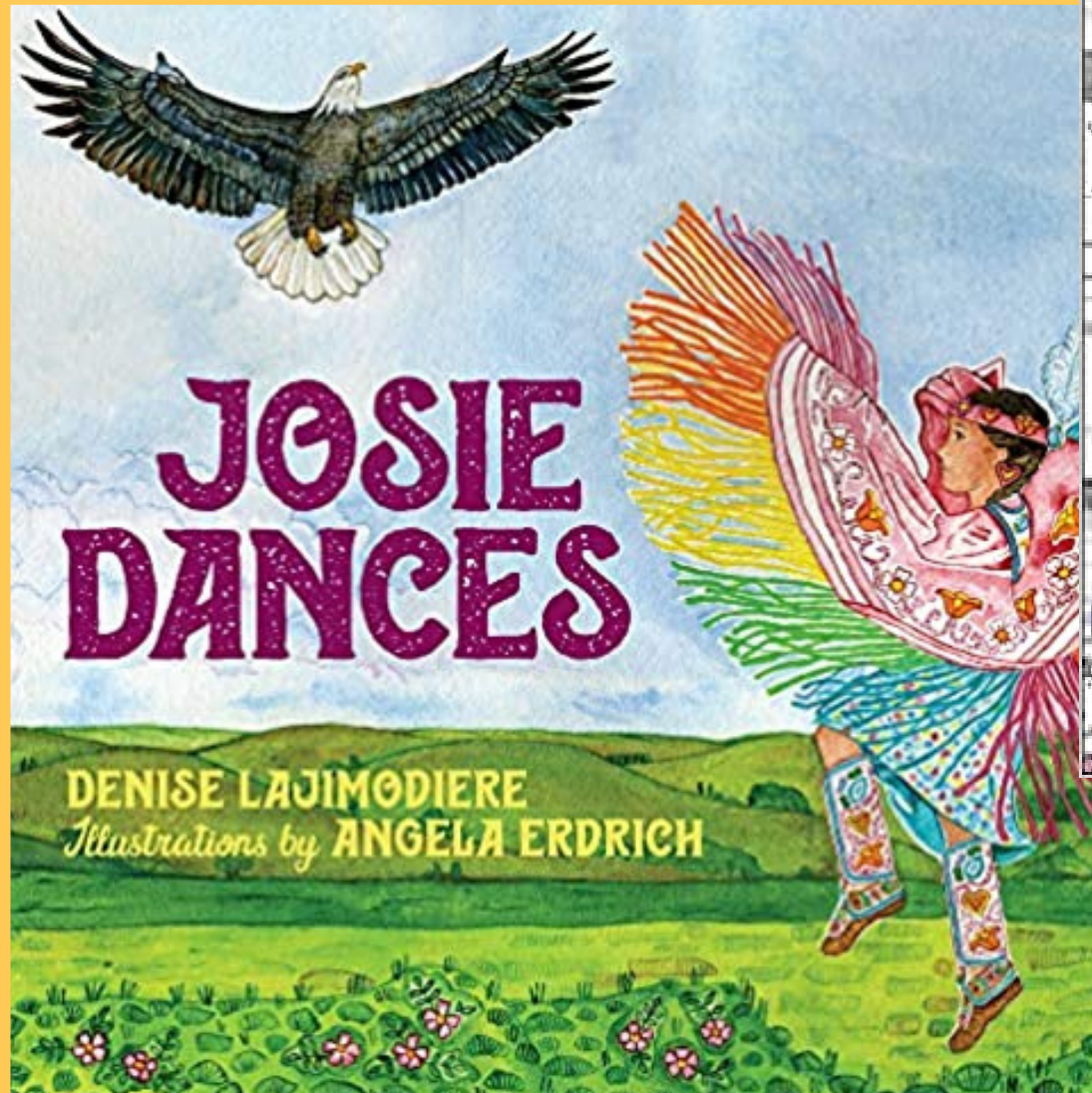




# Military/Veterans' Day

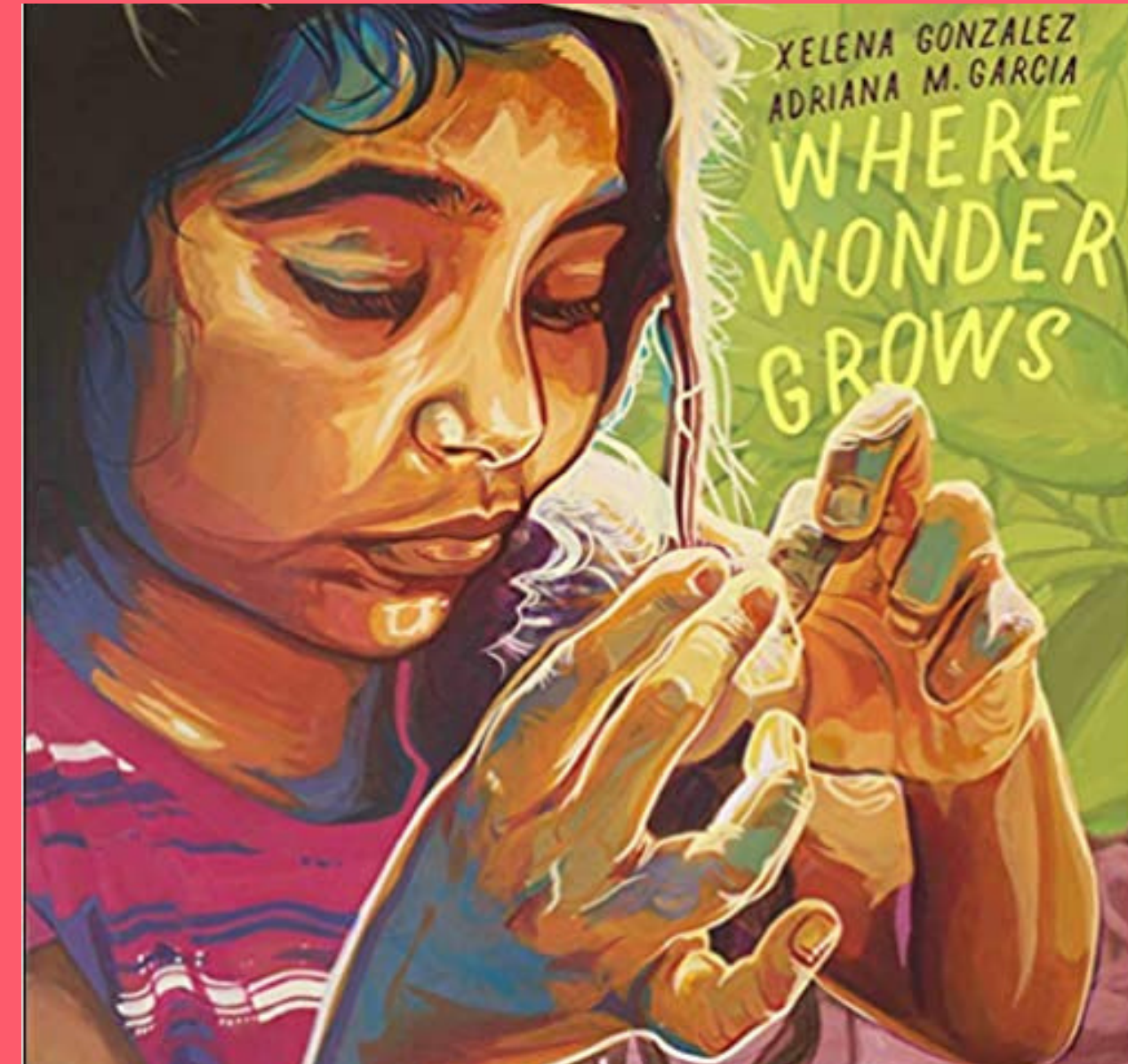
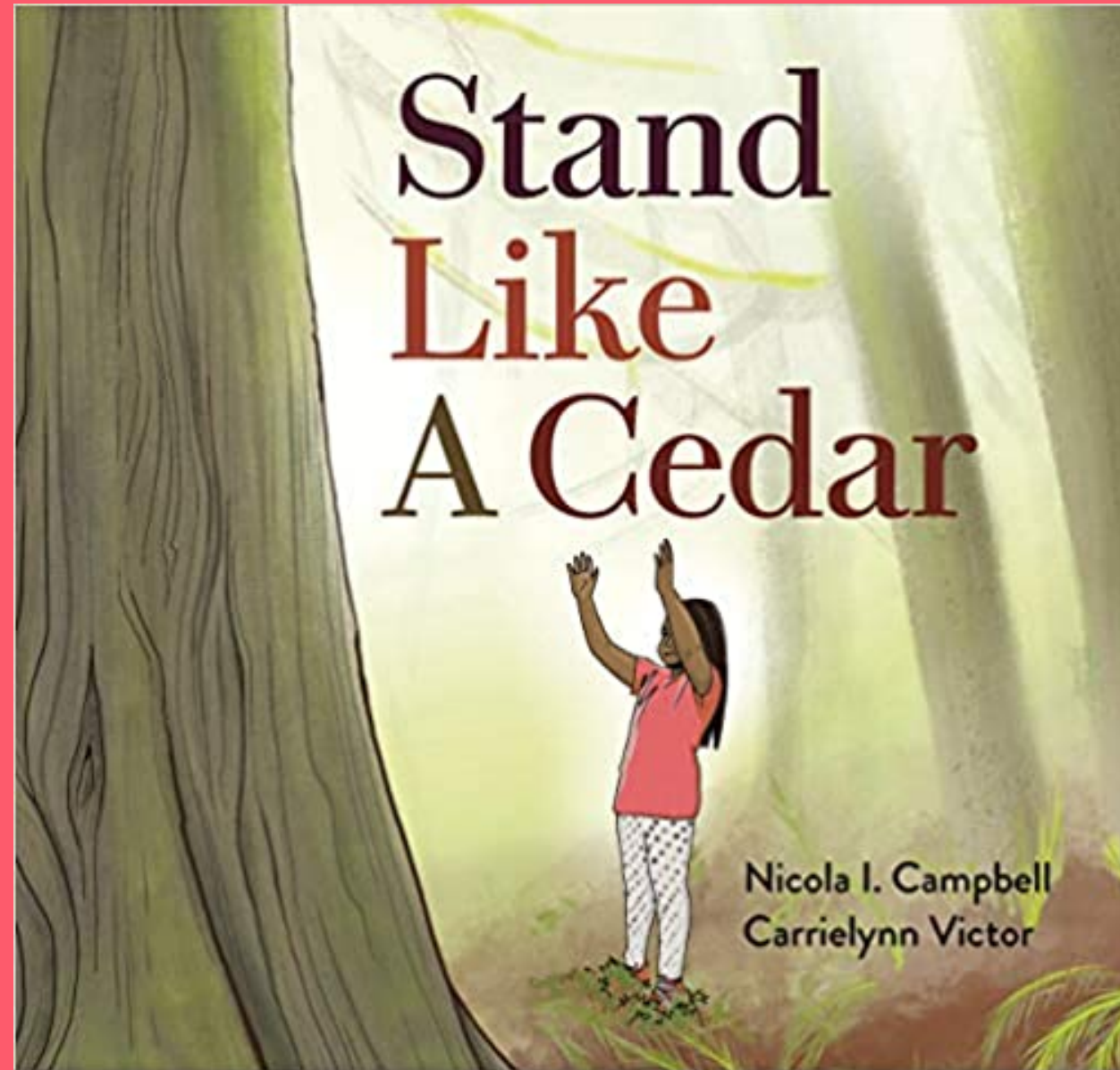


# Love/Feelings/Self-Confidence



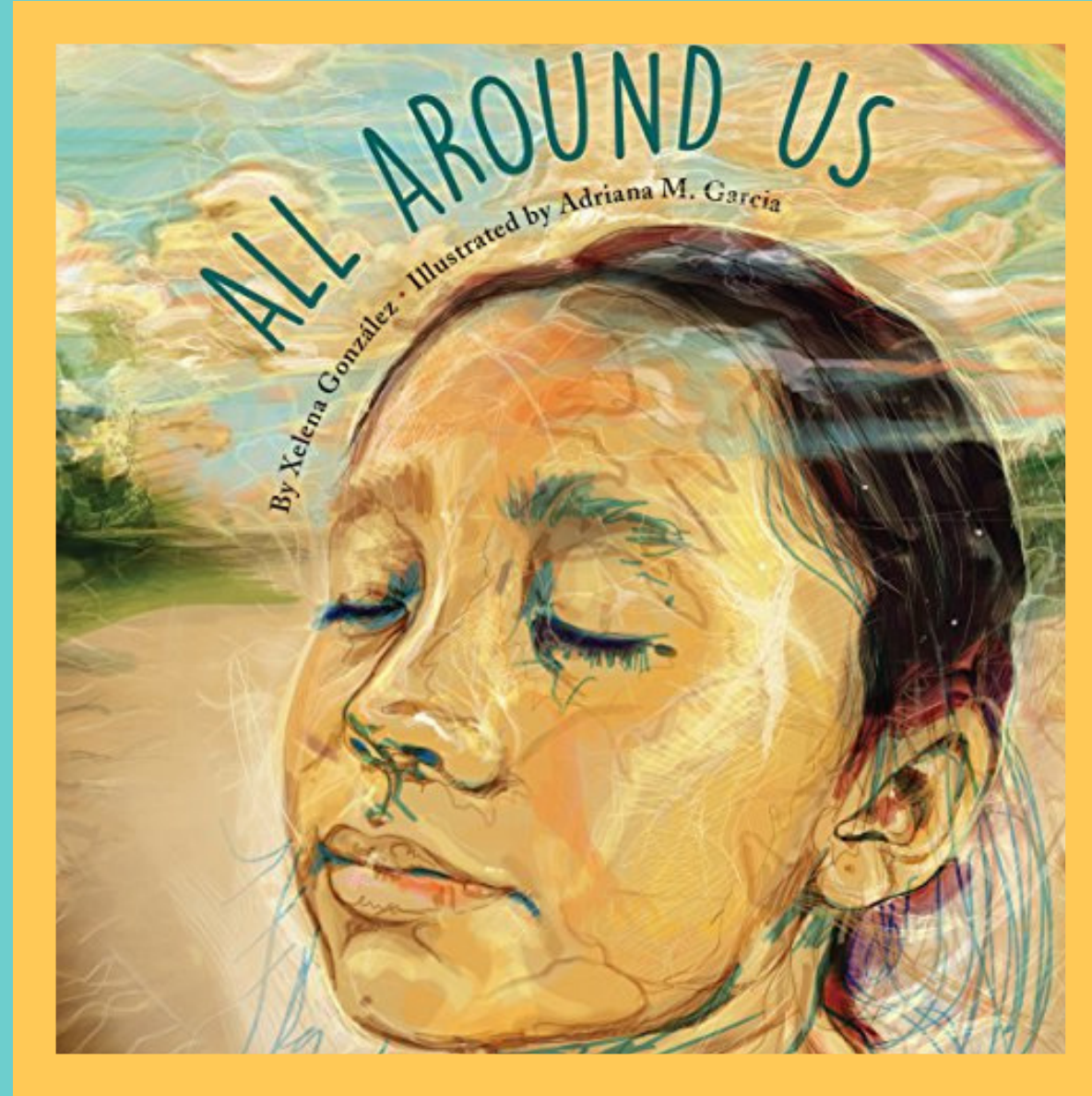


# Nature/Mindfulness





Love  
Shapes  
Change  
Death



# Resources

- **American Indian Library Association**
  - **Read Native**
- **American Indian Youth Literature Awards**
- **American Indians in Children's Literature**
- **Heartdrum**
- **Lee & Low Native Booklist**
- **Mandi's Spreadsheet**



# Presentations and Webinars

- **Indigenous Voices: Authentic Children's Literature in the Classroom & Library** (May 25th and 26th)
- **Uplifting Native Voices: Carole Lindstrom and Michaela Goade Discuss “We Are Water Protectors”** (April 21st)
- **We Are Still Here: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know** (April 20th)





# Idaho Authors

## **Authors - Shoshone-Bannock Tribes:**

**Dr. LaNada War Jack (Jessica James' mother!) – Native Resistance: An Intergenerational Fight for Survival and Life**

**Mark Trahant – Editor of Indian Country Today and a story in Lewis and Clark Through Indian Eyes: Nine Indian Writers on the Legacy of the Expedition**

**Donna Houtz McArthur – When the Smoke Goes Straight Up: Grandfather's Stories**

## **Authors - Coeur d'Alene Tribe:**

**Caj Matheson**

**Janet Campbell Hale – The Jailing Cecilia Capture**



# QUESTIONS? CLARIFICATIONS?

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