

# AMERICAN INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH

## Picture Books



### [We All Play](#)

By Julie Flett

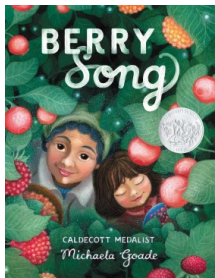
Everyone loves to play! Simple text and bold illustrations show animals and children playing in this celebration of nature. Sprinkled with words from the Cree language, the book also provides guidance on pronunciation for readers unfamiliar with the language.



### [We Are Water Protectors](#)

By Carole Lindstrom

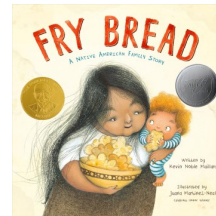
An inspiring call to action for all who are concerned about the interconnectedness of the planet. Drawing on rich symbolism from the creators' respective Ojibwe and Tlingit/Haida lineages, brilliantly colored illustrations intertwine with the young protagonist's narrative about the collective power of community.



### [Berry Song](#)

By Michaela Goade

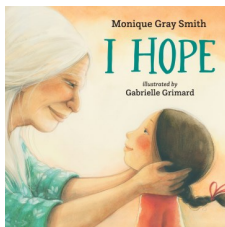
A Tlingit grandmother takes her young granddaughter to a nearby island for a berry-picking adventure where they speak to the land and sing to the creatures of the forest. Artwork inspired by the author's Alaskan hometown incorporates rich imagery and symbolism from Tlingit culture.



### [Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story](#)

By Kevin Noble Maillard

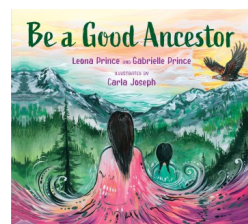
Fry bread is much more than food, and this informative celebration includes the diversity of many Native peoples in a single story. This book reaches both young and old with cultural issues introduced in subtle ways appropriate for young children and an author's note that delves more deeply into the politics and social ways of America's 573 recognized tribes.



### [I Hope / NIPAKOSÉYIMON](#)

By Monique Gray Smith

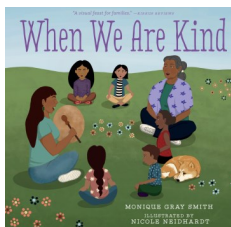
Adults have hopes for the children in their lives and the comforting, encouraging sentiments in this book are universal. Each double-spread page expresses a hope, first in English and then in its Cree equivalent.



### [Be a Good Ancestor](#)

By Leona Prince

We can affect the world around us by thinking deeply about our decisions. Rooted in indigenous teachings, this brightly illustrated book encourages readers of all ages to consider their connections to the world around them.



### [When We Are Kind](#)

By Monique Gray Smith

What does it mean to be kind to your family, your environment, and yourself? The simple, repetitive language in this book shows how the gift of kindness involves giving and receiving. Richly detailed illustrations depict a wide variety of indigenous characters.



### [Still This Love Goes On](#)

By Buffy Sainte-Marie

Readers are offered a glimpse of Cree traditions and people in this book based on the lyrics to one of the author's songs. Comforting words and bold artwork remind us of the joy of being with the people we love and who love us.