

Must-Read Books by Indigenous Authors

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years



KUKUM (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR : Michel Jean
PUBLISHING HOUSE : Libre Expression

Almanda Siméon falls in love with a young Innu man from Pekuakami. She slowly learns his language and eventually adopts the nomadic way of life of this Indigenous people.



BLUEBERRIES AND APRICOTS

AUTHOR : Natasha Kanapé Fontaine
PUBLISHING HOUSE : Mawenzi House Publishers Ltd.

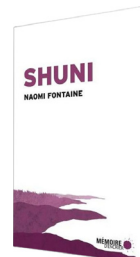
Blueberries and Apricots is an emotionally moving collection of poetry that pays homage to nature and Indigenous cultures.



UIESH - QUELQUE PART (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR : Joséphine Bacon
PUBLISHING HOUSE : Mémoire d'encrier

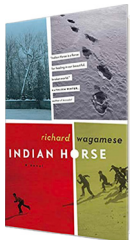
Joséphine Bacon, one of the greatest poets in the country, shares her memories in this bilingual work, written in French and Innu-aimun.



SHUNI (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR : Naomi Fontaine
PUBLISHING HOUSE : Mémoire d'encrier

In this short work, the narrator writes a long, beautiful, and melancholic letter to her friend Shuni, a young Quebecer she met as a child in the community of Uashat.



INDIAN HORSE

AUTHOR : Richard Wagamese
PUBLISHING HOUSE : Douglas And McIntyre Ltd.

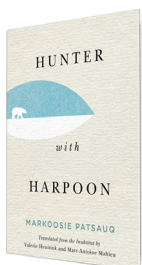
Saul Indian Horse, a young Ojibwe man, recounts his childhood memories, marked by the horrors of the residential school where he was raised and his passion for hockey.



WAPKE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR : Collectif
PUBLISHING HOUSE : Stanké

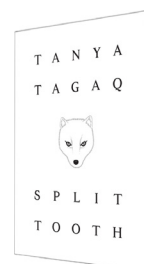
This fascinating collection of short stories features 14 narratives set in the future (wapke means "tomorrow" in the Atikamekw language). Each story makes a powerful statement about social and environmental issues.



HUNTER WITH HARPOON

AUTHOR : Markoosie Patsauq
PUBLISHING HOUSE : McGill-Queen's University Press

After a frightening attack on his camp by a polar bear, Kamik and other hunters set out in pursuit of the bear, risking their lives.



SPLIT TOOTH

AUTHOR : Tanya Tagaq
PUBLISHING HOUSE : Penguin Canada

This moving novel follows the protagonist throughout her life in Nunavut, which is both beautiful and harsh.



GLASS BEADS

AUTHOR : Dawn Dumont
PUBLISHING HOUSE : Thistledown Press

This story follows four young Indigenous friends who decide to leave their community and face daily struggles as they adapt to their new lives.



MOON OF THE CRUSTED SNOW

AUTHOR : Waubgeshig Rice
PUBLISHING HOUSE : ECW Press

As winter approaches, an Anishinaabe community finds itself cut off from the rest of the world. Then, little by little, outsiders arrive, fleeing the south, where society is collapsing.