

## READING and Other RESOURCE MATERIALS ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES

(You can purchase BOOKS at <http://goodminds.com/> or [commonword.ca](http://commonword.ca))

Most recent material is first in these lists.

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### ESSENTIAL

Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Executive Summary “Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future”, “Principle of Truth & Reconciliation”, “The Survivors Speak and, particularly, “Calls to Action” June 2015 Final TRC Report December 2015

<http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Final%20Reports>

[http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Final%20Reports/Executive\\_Summary\\_English\\_Web.pdf](http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Final%20Reports/Executive_Summary_English_Web.pdf)

BUY: [www.lorimer.ca](http://www.lorimer.ca), and read at <http://www.theredeemer.ca/Page/AIWG.html#TRC>

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) from Kairos or Friends House [http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS\\_en.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/documents/DRIPS_en.pdf)

MMIWG INQUIRY REPORT

<https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>

Read the national MMIWG's Calls for Justice here:

<https://aptnnews.ca/2019/06/03/read-the-national-mmiwgs-calls-for-justice-here/>

Yellowhead Institute generates critical policy perspectives in support of First Nation jurisdiction. <https://www.ryerson.ca/arts/about-arts/yellowhead-institute/>

The Inconvenient Indian; The Truth about Stories, Thomas King, plus all his others, such as The Back of the Turtle and A Coyote Solstice

The Comeback, John Ralston Saul

Indigenous Writes, Chelsea Vowell (a play on words here)

<http://www.portageandmainpress.com/product/indigenous-writes/>

Steve Heinrichs (ed.), *From Wrongs to Rights: How Churches Can Engage the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*,(2016). Over 40 authors from diverse backgrounds – Indigenous and Settler, Christian and Traditional – wrestle with the meaning of the *Declaration* for the Church. Also, *Quest for Respect (2017) where over 40 authors from diverse backgrounds take up this call to respect Indigenous spirituality, exploring what it might mean to Christians across North America and what it entails for relationships with host peoples and host lands, Yours, Mine, Ours: Unravelling the Doctrine of Discovery (2016) and Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization (2019)*

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView?>

### NECESSARY

<https://www.cbc.ca/books/why-waubgeshig-rice-wrote-a-dystopian-novel-about-the-collapse-of-society-from-an-indigenous-perspective-1.4857257>

Buffalo Shout Salmon Cry, Steve Heinrichs ed, Mennonite Church

Children of the Broken Treaty, Charlie Angus MP

Indian Horse, {The People’s Choice Award for Canada Reads}; Keeper’n Me; To

Joshua; Medicine Walk, Richard Wagamese, PLUS every other writing such as Embers

Finding Father <http://www.cbc.ca/books/2015/08/finding-father.html>

The Reason You Walk, Wab Kinew 2015

## **GOOD**

<https://kaitlincurtice.com/2018/09/06/25-books-by-indigenous-authors-you-should-be-reading/>

Truth Sharing Podcasts <http://www.sacredmniwg.ca/>

Indigenous Healing: Exploring Traditional Paths, Rupert Ross, and also Dancing with a Ghost: Exploring Indian Reality, and Returning to the Teachings

In This Together: Fifteen Stories of Truth and Reconciliation, Danielle

Metcalfe Chenail, editor

[http://muskratmagazine.com/in\\_this\\_together\\_fifteen\\_stories\\_of\\_truth\\_and\\_reconciliation/](http://muskratmagazine.com/in_this_together_fifteen_stories_of_truth_and_reconciliation/)

Red Skin, White Masks, Glen Coulthard SEE for a discussion of this & the

Comeback at [http://reviewcanada.ca/magazine/2015/01/dont\\_call\\_it\\_a\\_comeback/](http://reviewcanada.ca/magazine/2015/01/dont_call_it_a_comeback/) and in

Geist Magazine #96 [http://www.geist.com/subscribe\\_online/geist\\_96](http://www.geist.com/subscribe_online/geist_96)

## **ESSENTIAL STUDIES & REPORTS**

Feathers of Hope Report "A First Nations Youth Action Plan", 2014

[http://digital.provincialadvocate.on.ca/i/259048\\_foh\\_report](http://digital.provincialadvocate.on.ca/i/259048_foh_report)

Legal Strategy Coalition on Violence against Indigenous Women

An executive summary of the report is here.

The full report analyzing the implementation of past recommendations is

here. A spreadsheet summarizing the previous reports is here.

A list of the recommendations contained in the previous reports is here.

KAIROS Canada: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls info hub

<http://www.kairoscanada.org/missing-murdered-indigenous-women-girls>

## **IMPORTANT STUDIES & REPORTS**

Toronto Has No History, Victoria Freeman {especially Intro & Conclusion}

[https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/bitstream/1807/26356/1/Freeman\\_Victoria\\_J\\_201011\\_PhD\\_thesis.pdf](https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/bitstream/1807/26356/1/Freeman_Victoria_J_201011_PhD_thesis.pdf)

We were so Far Away: the Inuit Experience exhibit, book Legacy of Hope Fndn

<http://weweresofaraway.ca/>

RCMP & the IRS

[http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Modern%20Reports/RCMP\\_role\\_in\\_residential\\_school\\_system\\_Oct\\_4\\_20\\_11.pdf](http://nctr.ca/assets/reports/Modern%20Reports/RCMP_role_in_residential_school_system_Oct_4_20_11.pdf)

United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women

( CEDAW )

[http://www.fafia.afai.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/CEDAW\\_C\\_OP\\_8\\_CAN\\_1\\_7643\\_E.pdf](http://www.fafia.afai.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/CEDAW_C_OP_8_CAN_1_7643_E.pdf)

Aboriginal Healing Foundation, From Truth to Reconciliation

[http://www.ahf.ca/downloads/from\\_truth\\_to\\_reconciliation\\_transforming\\_the\\_legacy\\_of\\_residential\\_schools.pdf](http://www.ahf.ca/downloads/from_truth_to_reconciliation_transforming_the_legacy_of_residential_schools.pdf)

Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples Recommendations, 1996\*\*

[http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/webarchives/20071213040634/http://www.ainc.inac.gc.ca/ch/rc\\_ap/sg/cka5a\\_e.pdf](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/webarchives/20071213040634/http://www.ainc.inac.gc.ca/ch/rc_ap/sg/cka5a_e.pdf)

Manitoba Aboriginal Justice Inquiry <http://www.ajic.mb.ca/volumel/toc.html>

## **BOOK SERIES**

W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal Gear, fiction based on American archeology (People of the Wolf to start & then the 3 or so that deal with Canada territory) {They just published a couple!}

Tony Hillerman, Mysteries (Navajo)

## READING LISTS

For an annotated list of top ten books for children, see CBC News, Sept 26, 2015.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/10-books-about-residential-schools-to-read-with-your-kids-1.3208021>

Your picks for the best Indigenous books

<http://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved/celebrating-indigenous-book-club-month-1.3624136/indigenousreads-your-picks-for-the-best-indigenous-books-1.3624580>

12 books by indigenous women you should read

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/mobile/touch/2015/08/12-books-by-indigenous-women-you-should-read.html>

Reconciliation, treaties and Indigenous history in Canada: A reading list

<http://www.cbc.ca/2017/canadathistoryofus/reconciliation-treaties-and-indigenous-history-in-canada-a-reading-list-1.4088181?cmp=abfb>

11 Indigenous Authors, You Should Be Reading 2017

[https://www.buzzfeed.com/jaydonono/indigenous-authors-canada?utm\\_term=4ldqpgu&bffbcanada#4ldqpgu](https://www.buzzfeed.com/jaydonono/indigenous-authors-canada?utm_term=4ldqpgu&bffbcanada#4ldqpgu)

10 books about residential schools to read with your kids Aboriginal CBC

<http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/aboriginal/10-books-about-residential-schools-to-read-with-your-kids-1.3208021>

5 books by indigenous authors to read

<http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/aboriginal/5-books-by-indigenous-authors-to-read-over-the-holidays-1.3379751>

15 books by Indigenous Authors

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/mobile/touch/2016/06/carolyn-bennett-marks-june-as-indigenous-book-club-month.html>

<http://muskratmagazine.com/fifteen-books-by-indigenous-authors-you-should-read/>

## IMPORTANT BOOKS

A Fair Country, John Ralston Saul (Theory of being a “metis nation” in more depth)

Leanne Betasamosake Simpson. *Dancing on Our Turtle’s Back, The Gift Is in the Making and Islands of Decolonial Love, This Is An Honour Song* (with Kiera Ladner); also the editor of *Lighting the Eighth Fire*

<http://www.electricitymagazine.ca/2016/01/land-reconciliation>

Unsettling Canada, Arthur Manuel

The Reconciliation Manifesto: Recovering the Land, Rebuilding the Economy, Arthur Manuel

Indigenous Nationhood: Empowering Grassroots Citizens, Pam Palmater

The Winter We Danced: Voices from Past, Future, and Idle No More, Kino-nda-niimi Collective

Peace, Power, Righteousness: An Indigenous Manifesto, Taiaiake Alfred

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, Dee Brown

Medicine Unbundled, Gary Geddes

As We Have Always Done: Indigenous Freedom through Radical Resistance, Leanne Betasamosake Simpson

<http://www.cbc.ca/books/108-indigenous-writers-to-read-as-recommended-by-you-1.4197475>

<https://sincmurr.com/2017/01/14/residential-school-reading-list/>

Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition, Glen Coulthard  
Memory Serves, and My Conversations with Canadians, Lee Maracle

Clearing the Plains: Disease, Politics of Starvation, and Loss of Aboriginal Life, James Daschuk  
Restoring the balance: First Nations women, community, and culture, Gail Valaskakis  
Maps and Dreams, Hugh Brody  
Chaos Inside Thunderstorms, Garry Gottfriedson  
In The Rapids: Navigating the Future of First Nations, Ovide Mercredi  
We are the Dreamers, Rita Joe  
Settler: Identity and Colonialism in 21st Century Canada, Emma Lowman, Adam Barker  
Surviving Canada: Indigenous Peoples Celebrate 150 Years of Betrayal, Myra Tait  
The right relationship: reimagining the implementation of historical treaties John Borrows  
Returning To the Teachings: Exploring Aboriginal Justice, Rupert Ross  
Decolonizing Education: Nourishing the Learning Spirit, Marie Battiste  
Critically Sovereign: Indigenous Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies, Joanne Barker  
Beyond Settler Time: Temporal Sovereignty and Indigenous Self-Determination, Mark Rifkin  
What We Have Learned: Principles of Truth and Reconciliation, Murray Sinclair  
Price Paid: The Fight for First Nations Survival, Bev Sellars  
The Second Long Walk: The Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute, Jerry Kammer  
The 500 Years of Resistance Comic Book, Gord Hill  
The Orenda, Joseph Boyden, Plus all his other books and articles  
Residential schools, with the Words & Images of Survivors, Larry Loyie (Cree), Constance Brissenden and Wayne K Spear (Mohawk)  
The Right to be Cold, Sheila Watt Cloutier  
The Unjust Society, Harold Cardinal  
First Nations 101, Lynda Grey  
Anishinabe 101, Circle of Turtle Lodge, Aimee Bailey  
Birdie, Tracy Lindberg  
Burning in this Midnight Dream, Louise Bernice Halfe  
I Am Not a Number by Jenny Kay Dupuis  
Red Power: A Graphic Novel by Brian Wright McLeod  
Enabling Cross Culture Dialogue, Herman J. Michell  
Canada's First Nations: A History of Founding Peoples from Earliest Times, Olive Patricia Dickason  
3 Plays, Alanis King  
The Stone Collection, Kateri Akiwenzie Damm  
The Gift is in the Making, by Leanne Simpson, and Dancing on Our Turtle's Back Up  
Ghost River by Edmund Metatawabin with Alexandra Shimo  
Legacy by Waubgeshig Rice whose collection of stories, Midnight Sweatlodge, was the gold medal winner of the Independent Publisher Book Awards  
The Moons Speak Cree: A Winter Adventure, L. Loyie & Constance Brickenden  
Halfling Spring: An Internet Romance, Joanne Arnot  
Walking in Balance: Meeyau ossaewin, Basil Johnson  
The Truth That Wampum Tells: Lynn Gehl  
The Harmony Tree, Randy Woodley  
Honouring Indigenous Women  
[https://ipsmo.wordpress.com/2012/11/25/online\\_book\\_hiw\\_hon\\_v2/](https://ipsmo.wordpress.com/2012/11/25/online_book_hiw_hon_v2/)  
God and the Indian, Drew Hayden Taylor plus his journalist pieces  
Bridging Two Peoples, Allan Sherwin  
Life Among the Qallunaat is Mini Aodla Freeman's story  
Moonshot, Hope Nicholson edited this collection of indigenous stories  
The Education of Augie Merasty by David Carpenter and Joseph Merasty; First

Wives Club, Lee Maracle also Ravensong, Bobbi Lee: Indian Rebel, and Daughters Are Forever  
Hiawatha and the Peacemaker, Robbie Robertson  
Back to the Red Road; Kaefer & Gamblin  
Prison of Grass: Canada from a Native Point of View Harold Adams Stolen  
Sisters by Emmanuelle Walter  
Resource Rulers: Fortune & Folly on Canada's road to resources, Bill Gallagher  
Ambassadors of Reconciliation, Vol. I: New Testament Reflections on Restorative Justice and Peacemaking, Ched Myers,  
Monkey Beach, Eden Robinson  
The Redemption of Oscar Wolfe, James Bartleman  
They Called Me Number One, Bev Sellars  
Trail of Tears: The Rise and Fall of the Cherokee Nation, John Ehle,  
History of the Ojibway People, William Whipple Warren  
Lakota Woman by Mary Crown Dog (Mary Brave Bird) & Richard Erdoes  
Many Tender Ties: Women in Fur Trade Society, 1670 1870, Sylvia Van Kirk  
The Queen at the Council Fire by Nathan Tidridge  
Disrobing the Aboriginal Industry: The Deception Behind Indigenous Cultural Preservation, Frances Widdowson  
Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer  
The Winter We Danced: Voices from the Past, the Future and Idle No More Movement by The Kino nda niimi Collective  
Lightfinder by Aaron Paquette  
Love Medicine, by Louise Erdrich, 1984  
A National Crime: The Canadian Government and the Residential School System, 1879 to 1986, John S. Milloy  
Bear Bones and Feathers by Louise Halfe  
The Outside Circle, Patti LaBoucane Benson  
Tsawalk: A Nuuchah-nulth Worldview by Umeek Louis: The Heretic  
Poems, Gregory Scofield  
Red: A Haida Manga, Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas,  
The Outside Circle by Patti Laboucane Benson Illustrated by Kelly Mellings  
Suffer the Little children: Genocide, Indigenous Nations and the Canadian State, Tamara Starblanket  
Uqalurait: An Oral History of Nunavut (McGill Queen's Native and Northern Series, No. 36) Bennett, John R.; Rowley, Susan  
Voices of Our Athletes is a new book, written by students from Hagersville Secondary. 2016  
The Pemmican Eaters, Marilyn Dumont  
Residential school reading list: Mizana Gheezhik  
<https://sincmurr.com/2017/01/14/residential-school-reading-list/>  
Fatty Legs: A True Story, and "Not My Daughter" by Christy Jordan Fenton and Margaret Pokiak Fenton (Ages 9 -12)  
A Stranger at Home: A True Story, by Christy Jordan Fenton and Margaret Pokiak Fenton (Ages 9 12)  
Shi shi etko, by Nicola Campbell (Ages 4- 8)  
Shin chi's Canoe, by Nicola Campbell (Ages 4- 8)  
MUST READ INDIGENOUS CHILDREN'S BOOKS LIST MUSKRAT Magazine  
[http://muskratmagazine.com/must\\_read\\_indigenous\\_childrens\\_books\\_list/](http://muskratmagazine.com/must_read_indigenous_childrens_books_list/)  
Arctic Stories, by Michael Kusugak (Ages 4- 8)

Kookum's Red Shoes, by Peter Eyvindson (Ages 4- 8)  
Mikomosis and the Wetiko [http://ifls.osgoode.yorku.ca/tag/mikomosis and the wetiko/](http://ifls.osgoode.yorku.ca/tag/mikomosis%20and%20the%20wetiko/)  
No Time to Say Goodbye: Children's Stories of Kuper Island Residential School, by Sylvia Olsen (Ages 9 12)  
As long as the Rivers Flow, by Larry Loyie (Ages 9 12)  
My Name is Seepeetza, by Shirley Sterling (Ages 9 12)  
We feel good out here = Zhik gwaa'an, nakhwatthaitat qwiinzii (The Land is Our Storybook) by Julie Ann André and Mindy Willett (Ages 9 12)

## LINKS

[http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books\\_video\\_music/books/booklists/booklist.jsp?listTitle=Aboriginal+History+Month+Read+Alikes&listId=1674ez6j8z8eXgTLE8ZoGEMm1A5\\_i3tWNI7v90XckM&sheetId=oz1xnr](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/books_video_music/books/booklists/booklist.jsp?listTitle=Aboriginal+History+Month+Read+Alikes&listId=1674ez6j8z8eXgTLE8ZoGEMm1A5_i3tWNI7v90XckM&sheetId=oz1xnr)  
[http://saskatoonlibrary.ca/read for reconciliation](http://saskatoonlibrary.ca/read_for_reconciliation)  
[http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/02/books indigenous book club month](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/02/books_indigenous_book_club_month)

## Articles

Canadian Encyclopedia  
Wiebe: [http://ufvcascade.ca/2015/03/06/rudy wiebe discusses mennonitecanadian aboriginal relations in peace and conflict studies lecture/](http://ufvcascade.ca/2015/03/06/rudy_wiebe_discusses_mennonitecanadian_aboriginal_relations_in_peace_and_conflict_studies_lecture/)  
Macdonald Laurier Institute Studies and Articles  
[http://www.macdonaldlaurier.ca/category/issues/aboriginal affairs/](http://www.macdonaldlaurier.ca/category/issues/aboriginal_affairs/)  
Anything by Prof.Pamela Palmater

**ESSENTIAL PAMPHLETS**, and publications by Kairos Canada  
Strength for Climbing: Steps on the Journey of Reconciliation  
[http://www.kairoscanada.org/wp content/uploads/2015/06/KAIROS\\_StrengthForClimbing.pdf](http://www.kairoscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/KAIROS_StrengthForClimbing.pdf)  
Winds of Change Campaign: Education for Reconciliation  
[http://www.kairoscanada.org/what we do/indigenous rights/windsofchange overview/](http://www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/indigenous-rights/windsofchange-overview/)  
<https://intercontinentalcry.org/scholars-launch-whose-land-anyway-manual-decolonization/>

## IMPORTANT PAMPHLETS

Paths for Peacemaking with Host Peoples, [www.mennonitechurch.ca](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca)  
Magazines and Newsletters  
National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation <http://umanitoba.ca/nctr/>  
Streams of Justice <http://presbyterian.ca/?wpdmdl=1427>  
Mandate <https://www.ucrdstore.ca/magazines/mandate>  
<http://indianandcowboy.ca/>  
[urbannativemag.com](http://urbannativemag.com)  
[musktratmagazine.com](http://musktratmagazine.com)  
[mediaindigena.com](http://mediaindigena.com)  
[firstperspective.ca](http://firstperspective.ca)  
Red Rising magazine <https://mindyourmind.ca/>  
<https://walkingeaglenews.com/about/>  
<http://workingitouttogether.com/>

## LINKS:

<http://www.anglican.ca/relationships/trc/newsarchive#2>

<http://www.anglican.ca/relationships/trc>

<http://www.anglican.ca/about/departments/cir/video/Trc.ca>

<http://umanitoba.ca/nctr/>

## FILM & VIDEO

“*Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts*” is a film about a devastating decision, made over 500 years ago, which continues to profoundly impact Indigenous and Settler people worldwide. Pope Alexander VI ruled that the lands being discovered by European explorers at the time was “empty” land and its millions of Indigenous inhabitants were “non-human”. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjQVDxutMC8&feature=youtu.be> or <https://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/drj/doctrineofdiscovery/>

**National Film Board, Indigenous Peoples of Canada.**

[https://www.nfb.ca/channels/aboriginal\\_peoples\\_channel/](https://www.nfb.ca/channels/aboriginal_peoples_channel/)

‘Aftershock’ is a 40-minute doc featuring interviews with six children of survivors.

Angry Inuk

Policy Baby

After the Last River,

The Wolverine,

Tony: Back From the Brink The

Story of the Jingle Dress

Haida Gwaii: On the Edge of the World

Highway of Tears

Trick or Treaty

Stolen

Finding heart on YouTube

Fractured Land

The Pass System

1200+

Fire Song

Le dep

The Pass System

Vanishing Point

The Grandfather of All Treaties

FrontRunners: Niigaanibatowaad

CBC 8th Fire TV Series

Kajutaijuq: The Spirit That Comes, Nyla Innuksuk,

The Activist Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance

Muffins For Granny <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6ziYYLL4Dw>

Where Do We Stand

Bishop Mark MacDonald on YOUTUBE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TY71fKFKpes>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnR536oGN9M>

Prize winner Frozen River, and the horror flick, Wind Walkers.

The Search for Healing (23 minutes) <http://vimeo.com/34890621>

The Seventh Fire (30 minutes) <http://vimeo.com/34867664>

Topahdewin: The Gladys Cook Story <http://www.vimeo.com/20480305>

**TV'S 1491 WHEN IT RETURNS**