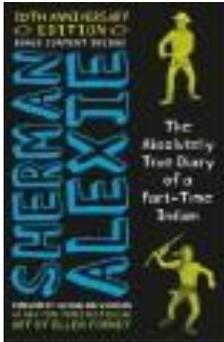




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## Indigenous People's Day Teen Resources



### [The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#)

Alexie, Sherman

In the face of constant poverty and lack of opportunities on his Spokane Indian reservation, nerdy cartoonist Junior makes the decision to leave the reservation to attend the all-white public school where he is the only Native-American and subject to constant bullying and stereotypes. His cartoons, present throughout the book, help him to cope and understand.

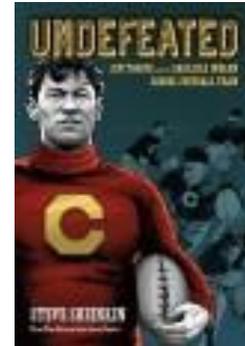


### [Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two](#)

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Bruchac, Joseph

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

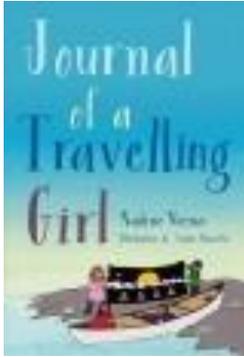


### [Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team](#)

Football Team

Sheinkin, Steve

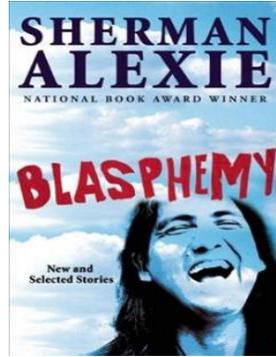
Sheinkin provides a true underdog sports story-- and an unflinching look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of Native Americans and the school that was designed to erase Indian cultures.



[Journal of a Travelling Girl](#)

Neema, Nadine

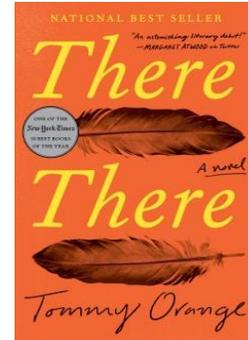
This fictional coming-of-age story traces a young girl's reluctant journey by canoe through the ancestral lands of the Tłıchǫ People, as she gradually comes to understand and appreciate their culture and the significance of their fight for self-government.



[Blasphemy](#)

Alexie, Sherman

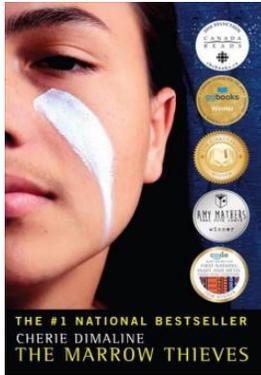
Combines fifteen of the author's classic short stories with fifteen new stories in an anthology that features tales involving donkey basketball leagues, lethal wind turbines, and marriage.



[There there: a novel](#)

Orange, Tommy

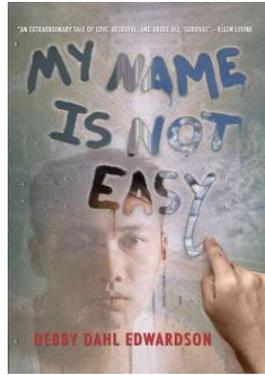
*There There* is a multi-generational, relentlessly paced story about violence and recovery, hope and loss, identity and power, dislocation and communion, and the beauty and despair woven into the history of a nation and its people. A glorious, unforgettable debut.



### The Marrow Thieves

Dimaline, Cherie

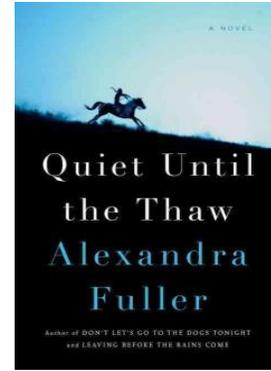
Humanity has nearly destroyed its world through global warming, but now an even greater evil lurks. The indigenous people of North America are being hunted and harvested for their bone marrow, which carries the key to recovering something the rest of the population has lost; the ability to dream.



### My Name Is Not Easy

Edwardson, Debby Dahl

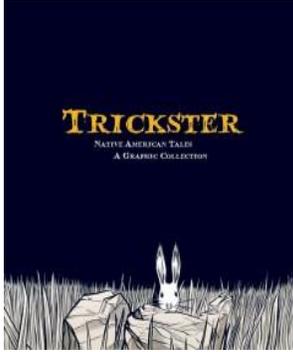
Alaskans Luke, Chickie, Sonny, Donna, and Amiq relate their experiences in the early 1960s when they are forced to attend a Catholic boarding school where, despite different tribal affiliations, they come to find a sort of family and home.



### Quiet Until the Thaw: A Novel

Fuller, Alexandra

Two Native American cousins, Rick Overlooking Horse and You Choose Watson, though bound by blood and by land, find themselves at odds as they grapple with the implications of their shared heritage. When escalating anger towards the injustices, historical and current, inflicted upon the Lakota people by the federal government leads to tribal divisions and infighting, the cousins go in separate directions: Rick chooses the path of peace; You Choose, violence.



[Trickster: Native American tales: a graphic collection](#)

Editor: Dembicki, Matt

Collects twenty-one short stories in graphic novel format of tricksters from a variety of Native American traditions.

## RESOURCES

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples-2021.html>

<https://www.seattlemca.org/blog/books-resources-celebrate-indigenous-peoples-day>

<https://www.npr.org/2019/10/14/769083847/columbus-day-or-indigenous-peoples-day>

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<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-american-indian/2020/10/12/indigenous-peoples-day-updated2020/>