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Committed to the promotion of Metis culture and heritage



2011 Catalogue

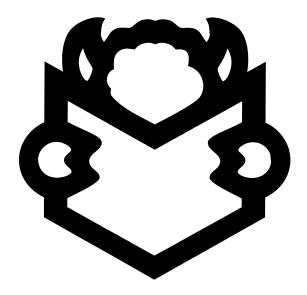


"We must cherish our inheritance. We must preserve our nationality for the youth of our future. The story should be written down to pass on."

- Louis Riel

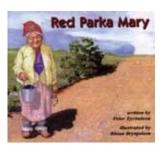
In October 2010 Pemmican Publications marked its 30th anniversary. In that time, Canada's only dedicated Metis book publisher has produced close to 150 titles, from crucial studies of history, politics, language and genealogy to adult and young adult fiction to many beloved illustrated titles for children and young readers. Pemmican remains committed to the promotion of Metis culture and heritage.

We invite you to grow with us.



Peter Eyvindson

Peter Eyvindson is one of Pemmican's most popular authors for children. Knowing that for the young there is no such thing as a small problem, Eyvindson shows how courage, ingenuity and hope can make all the difference.



Red Parka Mary

ILLUSTRATED BY RHIAN
BRYNJOLSON
ISBN: 978-0-921827-50-4
\$10.95

44 pp K-Grade 4



Why is the little boy so afraid when he walks past his neighbour's house? In this heartwarming story, the boy learns that a wise and wonderful new friend may be only a smile away.



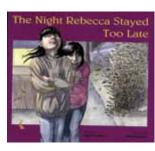
The Missing Sun

ILLUSTRATED BY RHIAN
BRYJNOLSON
ISBN: 978-0-921827-29-0
\$10.95
48 pp

K-Grade 4

sun again.

When Emily and her mother move to Inuvik, she doesn't believe her mother's warning that the sun will disappear for many days. Her new friend, Josie, tells her Raven will steal the sun. While science and mythology tussle, Emily wonders if she will ever see the



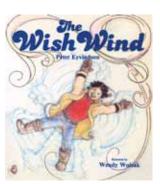
The Night Rebecca Stayed Out Too Late

Illustrated by Rhian Brynjolson ISBN: 978-0-921827-39-9

\$10.95 36 pp K-Grade 4



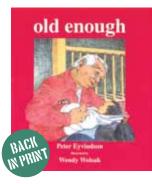
The most familiar corners of the neighbourhood can be scary to two young girls walking home at night. Yet courage can be there when you keep your eyes open.



The Wish Wind

ILLUSTRATED BY WENDY WOLSAK ISBN: 978-0-921827-03-0 \$7.95 48 pp Preschool-Grade 2

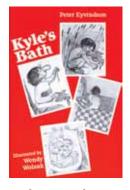
All the best wishes can bring more than you expect. When a grumbling young boy is teased by the Wish Wind, he learns all his requests are granted. Will he understand the value of patience before he is too late?



Old Enough

ILLUSTRATED BY WENDY WOLSAK ISBN: 978-0-919143-41-8 \$5.95 K-Grade 4

A father is happy with his newborn son. He dreams of all he will teach the boy, and all they will do together once his son is old enough. As time slips away, however, he worries that cherished time has passed.



Kyle's Bath

ILLUSTRATED BY WENDY WOLSAK ISBN: 978-0-919143-05-0 \$5.95 32 pp Preschool-Grade 2

Everybody loves taking baths – everybody except Kyle, that is. He decides on a plan to excuse him from ever having to take one again. But will it work?



Jen and the Great One

ILLUSTRATED BY RHIAN BRYNJOLSON ISBN: 0-921827-0901 \$10.95 48 pp K-Grade 4

At a time when the world is challenged by arrogance and greed, this is a story to give hope to young readers.

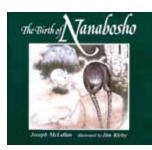


Chester Bear, Where are You?

ILLUSTRATED BY WENDY WOLSAK ISBN: 978-0-921827-08-5 \$10.95 48 pp Grades 1-4

It's bedtime and young Kyle can't find his friend and protector, Chester Bear! Who will protect him through the night?

In Ojibwa tradition, Nanabosho is both trickster and protector. Metis writer and storyteller Joe McLellan began basing his own stories on those legends when he saw the need to create fascinating Aboriginal stories for Aboriginal children. Writing often with Matrine Therriault, he frames those tales in a modern context, yet the humour, wisdom and lessons learned draw from the riches of the best fables. All Nanabosho titles are suited for K-Grade 7 readers.

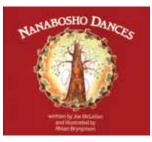


The Birth of Nanabosho

Illustrated by Jim Kirby ISBN: 978-0-921827-00-9 \$10.95

44 pp

The first title in the series shows how Nanabosho came to earth to teach respect for all living things.

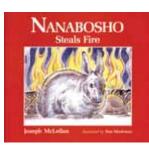


Nanabosho Dances

Illustrated by Rhian Brynjolson ISBN: 978-0-921827-14-6 \$10.95

52 pp

Nanabosho is careless with a gift from the Creator, and may go hungry as a result. In the course of remembering to pay respect, Nanabosho accidentally creates the hoop

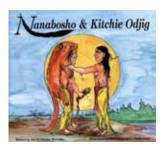


Nanabosho Steals Fire

Illustrated by Don Monkman ISBN: 978-0-921827-05-4 \$10.95

32 pp

Long ago, the only fire in the world was guarded jealously by an old medicine man. Nanabosho devises a plan to bring that warmth to the people.

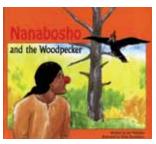


Nanabosho and Kitchie Odjig

WRITTEN BY JOE MCLELLAN AND MATRINE THERRIAULT Illustrated by Lloyd Swampy and Jeff Burling ISBN: 978-0-921827-58-0 \$10.95

48 pp

When Nanabosho meets Kitchie Odjig he gets an important lesson in respecting his elders.

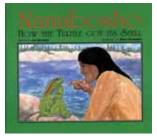


Nanabosho and the Nanabosho - How Woodpecker

ILLUSTRATED BY RHIAN Brynjolson ISBN: 978-0-921827-49-8 \$10.95

44pp

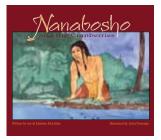
When the hungry Nanabosho sees how Woodpecker gets food from a tree, he thinks he has a way to ease his hunger. Instead, he learns an embarrassing truth about pretending to be something he isn't.



the Turtle Got its Shell

ILLUSTRATED BY RHIAN Brynjolson ISBN: 978-0-921827-40-5 \$10.95 48 pp

After the shy and vulnerable Turtle helps Nanabosho find fish to eat, Nanabosho wants to give thanks. The gift he gives is one to make Turtle brave to face the world.

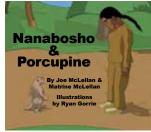


Nanabosho and the Nanabosho and Cranberries

WRITTEN BY JOE McLELLAN AND MATRINE THERRIAULT Illustrated by Lloyd Swampy ISBN: 978-0-921827-63-4 \$10.95

24 pp

Sometimes we can be fooled by what we want to see. That happens to a famished Nanabosho when he sees a bush of plump cranberries seemingly floating on the surface of the lake.



Porcupine

By Joe McLellan and MATRINE THERRIAULT ILLUSTRATED BY RYAN GORRIE ISBN: 978-1-894717-39-7 \$10.95

When Nanabosho decides to have some fun at the expense of a little bear cub, there's a surprise in store - courtesy of the cub's furious mother! Thanks to shy little Porcupine, he discovers best friends are often closer than you think



Nanabosho, Soaring Eagle and the Great Sturgeon

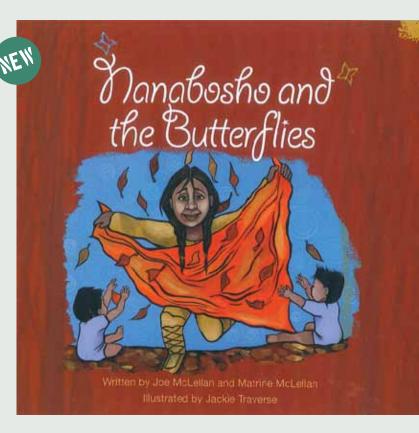
ILLUSTRATED BY RHIAN BRYNJOLSON ISBN: 978-0-921827-23-8 \$10.95 48 pp

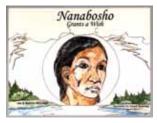
Soaring Eagle is left with no food for his family for the winter. Trout shows him how to catch as many fish as he needs. When Soaring Eagle grows greedy, however, the results are nearly disastrous.

Nanabosho and the Butterflies

Written by Joe McLellan and Matrine Therriault; Illustrated by Jackie Traverse ISBN: 978-1-894717-58-8 \$10.95

When the world seems sad and family is so far away, a single butterfly can make all the difference. In the 11th story in the Nanabosho series, Joe and Matrine weave a funny and touching story of how the legendary friend and trickster created beautiful butterflies – "bringing wonder and laughter to children everywhere."





Nanabosho Grants a Wish

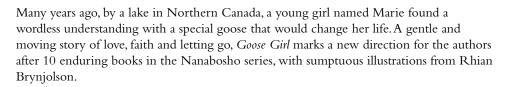
WRITTEN BY JOE McLELLAN AND MATRINE THERRIAULT Illustrated by Lloyd Swampy ISBN: 978-0-921827-66-5 \$10.95 32 pp

When Nanabosho agrees to help four people that come to him, all goes well except for one greedy man who finds the hard way that a gift must be honoured properly.

Goose Girl

Written by Joe McLellan and Matrine Therriault; Illustrated by Rhian Brynjolson ISBN: 978-1-894717-44-1 \$10.95 K-Grade 7

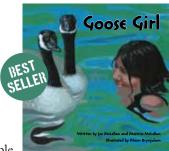
Winner of the McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award (Younger Category), 2009 Manitoba Book Awards



"Joe and Matrine [...] tell this story simply and effectively, with a keen respect for Metis heritage

[...] a good candidate for home, school and public library purchase." - Quill and Quire

"Rhian Brynjolson's illustrations of the story's characters and its northern setting have an earthy beauty; this quality, added to the French and Cree words interspersed among the English, makes Goose Girl exceptional." – *The Globe and Mail*



Deborah L. Delaronde

One of Pemmican's most popular writers, Deborah L. Delaronde has a rare skill for weaving Metis history through the lives of modern Metis children. Through her stories, young readers of every background can learn to cherish their heritage and identity.

Metis Spirits

Fiction

ISBN: 978-1-894717-36-6

\$14.95

Grades 7-12



Do you believe in ghosts? In Metis Spirits, Deborah Delaronde shows once again how the history of the Metis winds through the experiences of today. Her first

collection of short stories for young readers weaves magic through time to show how we all can be guided by the spirits of our past.

Recommended - CM Magazine

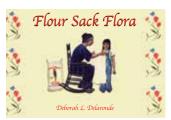
Flour Sack Flora

ILLUSTRATED BY GARY Chartrand

ISBN: 978-1-894717-05-2

\$10.95 48 pp

Grades 1-4



Flora wants more than anything to be able to go to town, but she doesn't have a pretty dress to wear. With the help of her grandmother, Flora finds that anything is possible.

"Important themes that would be popular in a classroom" - CM Magazine

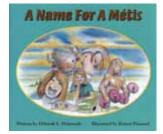
"Captures a piece of prairie history in a wonderful way" – Yorkton Review

A Name for a Metis

Illustrated by Keiron FLAMAND ISBN: 978-0-921827-65-8

\$10.95 28 pp

K - Grade 4



What's in a name? A little boy might be known as Great Big Nose because he's so nosy, or Big Ears because he listens so carefully. Yet there's one name that might suit him even better!

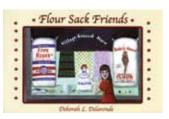
Flour Sack Friends

Illustrated by Gary Chartrand

ISBN: 978-1-894717-18-2

\$10.95 48 pp

Grades 1-4



Going to town is a big event for Flora and her family, especially when Flora wants to shop for dolls. Who knew that taking her pet frog along would lead to such an adventure?

Little Metis and the **Metis Sash**

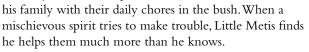
Illustrated by Keiron FLAMAND

ISBN: 978-1-894717-02-1

\$13.95 48 pp

Grades 1-6

Little Metis is bored and only wishes to help





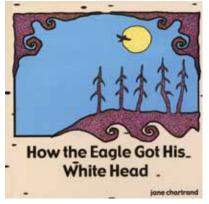
For information on French translations of Little Metis and the Metis Sash and A Name for a Metis please see page 12.]

Birchbark Series

In the Birchbark series, author Jane Chartrand explores traditional Algonquin stories as told to a modern boy by his grandmother. Illustrations by Zaawaazit Mkwa Tsun complement the tales beautifully.

The Bear's Long Tail
- A Tale
Retold
ISBN:
978-1-894717
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\$10.95
32 pp
PS-Grade 4

Nokomis tells her grandson, Heyden, the story of how Bear was tricked by Fox. In a story that seems to be about good and bad characters, however, Heyden finds instead a tale of difference.



How the Eagle Got His White Head

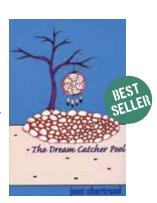
ISBN: 978-1-894717-08-3 \$13.95 32 pp, hardcover Grades 1-4

Heyden learns from Nokomis the legend of Eagle's flight to meet the Creator, and how there is strength in faith.



ISBN: 978-1-894717 -26-7 \$9.95

24 pp Grades 1-6



When Nokomis wants to build a Dream Catcher Pool, Heyden is eager to help. In the process, he enjoys rich lessons in his heritage.

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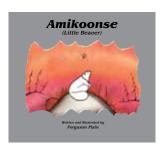
Wisahkecahk Flies to the Moon

By Freda Ahenakew Illustrated by Sherry Farrell Racette ISBN: 978-0-921827-57-3 \$10.95

36 pp Grades 1-6



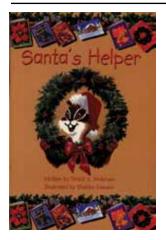
Presented simultaneously in English and Cree, this is the imaginative story of Wisahkecahk's brief but adventurous visit to the moon!



Amikoonse (Little Beaver)

WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED BY FERGUSON PLAIN ISBN: 978-0-921827-34-4 \$7.95 32 pp Grades 1-6

Amikoonse has never known his true place in the world. With the help of Ol' Owl he takes a journey through the woods to find himself.



Santa's Helper

By Grant Anderson Illustrated by Sheldon Dawson ISBN: 978-1-894717-09-0 \$10.95 34 pp Grades 2-6

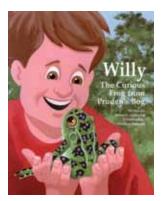
In this delightful Christmas story young Sarah learns a valuable lesson about the importance of giving and sharing, and helping others.



Granny Shoongish and the Giant Oak Tree

By Char Ducharme Illustrated by Jon Ljungberg ISBN: 978-1-894717-33-5 \$10.95 36 pp Preschool-Grade 4

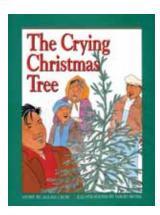
Young Cassie thinks she'll never get to do any of the cool things because she's so small. Then her granny takes her to talk with the mighty oak tree, who tells her how even the smallest acorn has the potential to grow into greatness.



Willy the Curious Frog from Pruden's Bog

By Grant Anderson Illustrated by Sheldon Dawson ISBN: 978-1-894717-15-1 \$12.95 44 pp Grades 3-6

Ben, an eight-year-old boy, and Willy, a small Blue Spotted Prairie Swamp Frog, form an unusual partnership in order to save Willy's home. A story about the importance of preserving the wetlands is also a tribute to resourcefulness and determination.

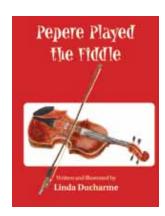


The Crying Christmas Tree

By Allan Crow Illustrated by David Beyer ISBN: 978-0-921827-13-9 \$10.95 24 pp Grades 1-4

All the children laugh when Grandmother brings

home a scrawny Christmas tree. There's a wonderful surprise, however, in this charming holiday story.

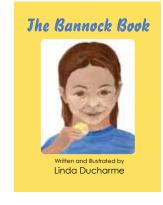


Pepere Played the Fiddle

Written and illustrated by Linda Ducharme Poetry ISBN: 978-1-894717-37-3 \$10.95

After working hard all day, it's time to clear the floor, tune up the fiddle and

prepare for a lively evening of music, dance and fun – the old-fashioned way! *Pepere Played the Fiddle* is a joyous account of Metis joie de vivre at a house party in the late 1940s.



The Bannock Book

WRITTEN AND
ILLUSTRATED BY LINDA
DUCHARME
ISBN: 978-1-894717-40-3
\$10.95
36 pp
Preschool-Grade 4

A young Metis girl helps her mother bake bannock for grandfather, who has

diabetes. This is a lively and warm-hearted story that helps young readers understand diabetes and the importance of eating well.

Recommended - CM Magazine

A Journey through the Circle of Life

Written by Desirée Gillespie Illustrated by Kimberly McKay-Fleming ISBN: 978-1-894717-45-8 \$10.95

K-Grade 7

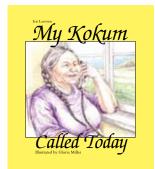


Young Cheyenne's grandfather teaches her to plant a tree every year to honour Mother Nature and respect the circle of life. Desirée Gillespie's debut celebrates the Metis tradition of respecting the wisdom of our elders.

"The book would fit well into a unit of families, the environment or Metis studies." – CM Magazine

My Kokum Called Today

By Iris Loewen
Illustrated by Gloria
Miller
ISBN: 978-0-921827-36-8
\$10.95
44 pp
K-Grade 4

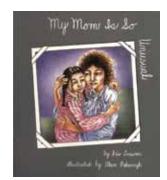


A telephone call from her grandmother has a young native girl in the city looking forward to visiting the reserve. In gentle, joyous ways we see how women – especially grandmothers – are often the spiritual glue when families are separated by long miles.

For information on the French translation of My Kokum Called Today please see page 12.]

My Mom is so Unusual

By Iris Loewen Illustrated by Alan Parkarnyk ISBN: 978-0-919143-37-1 \$7.95 24 pp K-Grade 6

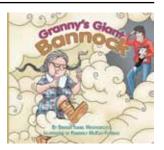


This is an intimate, funny

look at a single-parent family from the view of a young girl who wouldn't trade her "unusual" mother for anyone in the world.

Granny's Giant Bannock

Written by Brenda Wastasecoot Illustrated by Kimberly McKay-Fleming ISBN: 978-1-894717-51-9 \$10.95 K-Grade 7



A little miscommunication between English-speaking Larf and his Cree-speaking grandmother leads to hilarious results when a giant, sprawling bannock threatens to take over the town. Beyond its antic humour, this is a tender story about the need to listen and understand.

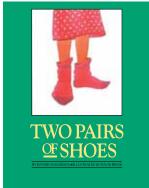
"(T)his rollicking fantasy has a special charm, enhanced by a valuable lesson in the importance of communication." – CM Magazine



Eagle Feather – An Honour

WRITTEN AND
ILLUSTRATED BY
FERGUSON PLAIN
ISBN: 978-0-921827-12-2
\$8.95
24 pp
Grades 1-6

Through his grandfather's gentle teachings a young Ojibwe boy learns the values of life and the significance of the eagle feather.



Two Pairs of Shoes

By Esther Sanderson Illustrated by David Beyer ISBN: 978-0-921827-15-3 \$12.95 24 pp Preschool-Grade 2

Maggie receives a pair of dress shoes for her birthday. Grandmother presents her

with a pair of beautiful beaded moccasins, and tells her how and when she should wear each pair.

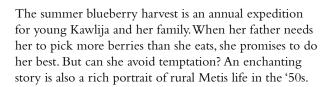
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Kawlija's Blueberry Promise

40 PP

K-Grade 7

WRITTEN BY
AUDREY GUIBOCHE
ILLUSTRATED BY JIM
KIRBY
ISBN: 978-1894717-55-7
\$10.95



The Spring Celebration

By Tina Umpherville Illustrated by Christie Rice ISBN: 978-0-921827-46-7 \$10.95

\$10.95 28 pp K-Grade 4





Kawlija's Blueberry Promise

In remote communities of the north, people celebrate the first signs of the coming spring with a community picnic. This is a simple yet touching tale of young Iskotew and her growing excitement for the change in seasons.

I Want to be in The Show

By Jane Chartrand & Dionne Nolan Illustrated by James Mathieu Chambers ISBN 978-1-894717-52-6 \$10.95



Young Tristan dreams of playing in the NHL – "The Show" – and he won't let his crippled foot stop him. This is an encouraging story of determination and friendship, set against the annual Limestone Classic hockey tournament in Kingston, Ont.

For more stories by Jane Chartrand, please see page 5.

I Loved Her

By Shezza Ansloos Illustrated by Kimberly McKay-Fleming ISBN: 978-1-894717-59-5 \$10.95



I Loved Her is a young Metis girl's tender recol-

lection of her wise and loving grandmother. From singing songs together at the piano to playing indoor games on rainy days, their friendship grows deeper and richer. Shezza Ansloos' first book for young readers in a heartening testament to a love that will never be forgotten.

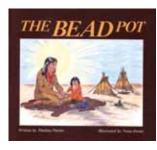
Kookum's Red Shoes

Written by Peter Eyvindson Illustrated by Sheldon Dawson 978-1-894717-54-0 \$10.95 32 PP Grades 1-7

The legacy of the residential schools is conveyed with respect and imagination in this illustrated story for young readers. As the elderly Kookum remembers the experiences in her youth that changed her life forever, we see what was lost in her life, and how goodness persisted. *Kookum's Red Shoes* marks a bold new work from one of Pemmican's most popular authors for children.

For more titles by Peter Eyvindson, please see page 1.

For the Very Young



The Bead Pot By Thelma Poirier

Illustrated by Nona ISBN: 978-0-921827-30-6 \$9.95 36 pp K-Grade 4

Every day, Toniya sits beside her great-grandmother on the buffalo robe and watches as the old woman stitches beads on the moccasins being made. Soon, Toniya inherits not only the bead pot but also a duty to tradition.



K-Grade 4

WRITTEN BY CYNTHIA GENAILLE ILLUSTRATED BY DIANE LUCAS ISBN: 978-1-894717-46-5 \$10.95



Little Boog is heartbroken when his parents separate, and he worries it's his fault. Through his parents' love, however, he understands that while they have to live apart they each love him more than ever.

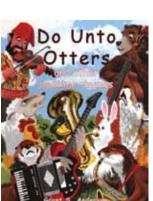
"Boog the Bug joins a very short but important list of children's literature aimed at helping children deal with separation and divorce." - CM Magazine

Do Unto Otters and Other Bedtime **Rhymes**

By Grant Anderson ILLUSTRATED BY SHELDON DAWSON ISBN: 978-1-894717-34-2 \$10.95 48 pp K-Grade 4



These hilarious limericks are bound to have younger readers in stitches. Don't be surprised to hear a few grown-up guffaws as well . . .



The Aboriginal Alphabet for Children

Written by Evelyn BALLANTYNE ILLUSTRATED BY J. Marlene Ross and NOAH HEAD ISBN: 978-1-894717-13-7 \$10.95 30 pp Preschool-Grade 2

This is a fun and enriching way to learn the alphabet. The colour illustrations that accompany each letter are of traditional artifacts and cultural notes.

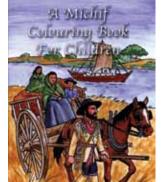
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Michif Children's Series

Michif is the traditional language of the Metis. Noting a shortage of culturally specific stories available for young Metis readers, author Bonnie Murray created attractive tales of Thomas, a boy who learns to take pride in his Metis heritage. The books are presented with text appearing both in English and Michif, with translation by leading linguist Rita Flamand and charming illustrations from Sheldon Dawson. These titles preserve and promote Metis culture with stories that speak to children and adults alike.

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When Thomas feels left out because all his friends have pets, he asks his mother for

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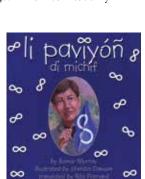
"For many, recognizing the Metis have a unique language will be a surprise, and this book is to be commended for helping to preserve the language." – Yorkton Weekly

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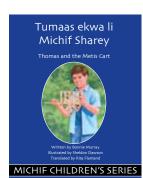
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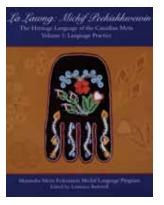
When dad helps him build a miniature replica of a Red

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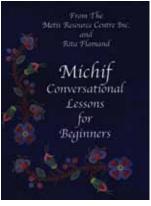
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Murdo's Story: A Legend from Northern Manitoba

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The late Murdo Scribe tells the legend of how, long before man, the animals decided to divide time and share summer and winter. The book is available in English, Cree and Ojibwe versions.

"The story is simply told, but with plenty of action to keep young children interested . . . Terry Gallagher's illustrations resemble woodcuts and perfectly complement the story." – CM Magazine

Only available in Cree or Ojibwe

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French Catalogue

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Ma kokum a téléphoné aujourd'hui

ECRIT PAR IRIS LOEWEN
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BUORS
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K-Grade 4

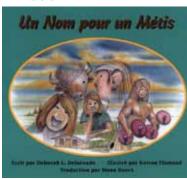


Quand sa kokum (grand-mère) téléphone de la réserve, une jeune fille autochtone de la ville sait qu'elle peut s'attendre à vivre une belle expérience. Cette fois il s'agit d'une danse. Elle apprend que ce sont les femmes, les grand-meres n particulier, qui maintiennent les liens entre les nombreuses familles autochtones dispersées dans les communautés rurales et urbaines.

Un Nom pour un Métis

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MONA BUORS
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K-Grade 4



Quel sera le sobriquet du petit garcon? Est-ce qu'on va l'appeler Grand Nez parce qu'il est tellement fouineur? Sera-t-il surnommé Grandes Oreilles parce qu'il écoute toujours attntivement? << Comme tu essaies de render honneur à la langue de ta mère et tu honores les traditions de ton père, on t'appellera Petit Métis. >>

Petit Métis et la ceinture fléchée

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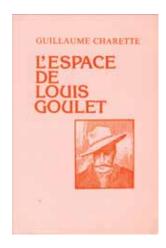


Petit Métis s'ennuie et n souhaite qu'une chose, aider sa famille avec les travaux quotidiens. Combien de fois, comme parents, avons-nous entndu cela?

L'Espace de Louis Goulet

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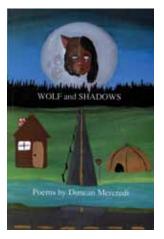


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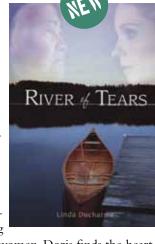


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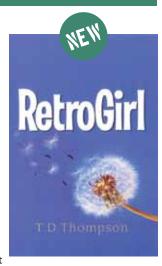


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With a psychic mother who pours salt under the doors of their home for purification and protection and a father whose main income is derived from selling his elaborate origami works, Ari dreams of having a normal family. In her quest



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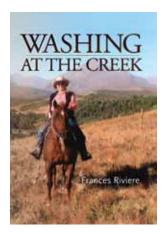


into the foothills in search of a simpler life was supposed to bring new hope to both of them. What Dave didn't count on was the nosy intervention of their friends and neighbours, the serious distraction of the mysterious Lisa and the adventures that would help him learn who he really is.

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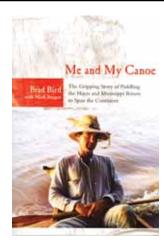
document of a hardscrabble life in the '30s and '40s and a deep exploration of family tensions, great challenges and growing strength.

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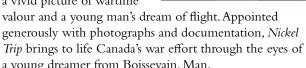


This is a voyage of discovery – not only into the heart of North America, but also into the heart of a man.

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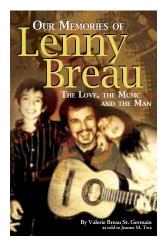


Our Memories of Lenny Breau -The Love, the Music and the Man

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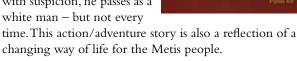
mastery of his instrument and his fluid synthesis of styles. As his wife and mother to his two children, Valerie Breau St. Germain brings rare insight to the man behind the music.

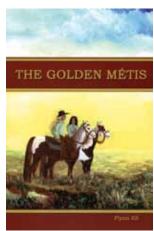


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ELL FLYNN Fiction ISBN: 978-1-894717-20-5 \$11.99 Grade 9-Adult

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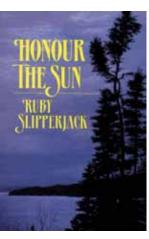


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Written by Don

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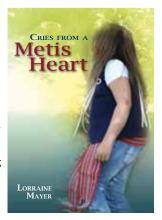
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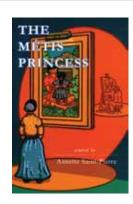


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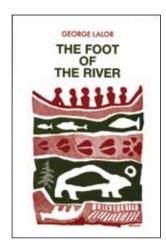
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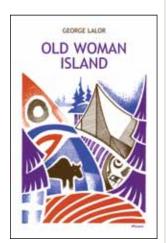
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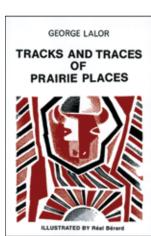
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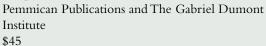
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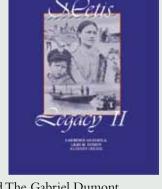


Metis Legacy II: Michif Culture, Heritage and Folkways

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History/Culture
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This timely book delineates Michif culture, including folklore, storytelling, medicines and healing traditions, spirituality, transportation systems, housing, clothing and family structures. Co-published with The Gabriel Dumont Institute, this resource is an indispensable companion for all those interested in knowing more about the Michif worldview and culture.

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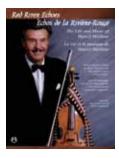
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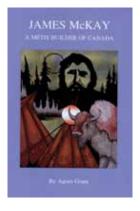
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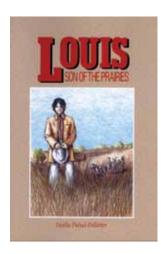
The Struggle for Recognition: Canadian Justice and the Metis Nation



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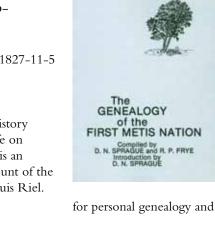
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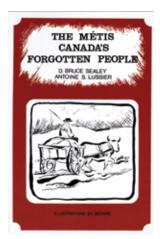


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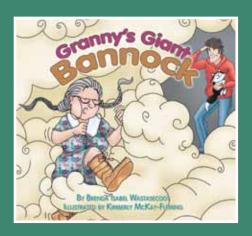
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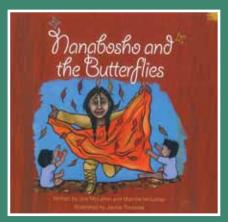
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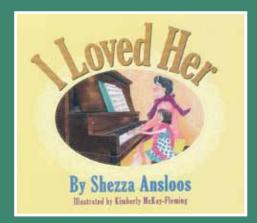
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