



Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Aaidyn! You're growing into such a wonderful young man. We love you and can't wait for all the big things you'll do in life.

Love, Mom, Dad and Sister

Gary Butler Sr. – Pops, you've come a long way and the steps you've taken to get where you are now give me the energy and courage I need to be just like you. Thanks for standing by me, Dad.

Love, your son Shane

Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Nov. 1 to Michael Dwaine Hunter Tate! We love and miss you so much, Bubba.

Mom, Rendi, Grams and Grandpa

Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Nov. 30 to Rendi Rae Keller! We love you so much, Ru Bear.

Love, Mama, Grams and Grandpa

Happy Birthday to my baby sister, Nellie Carey, on Nov. 13! I'm proud of the woman you are. You're capable of anything you put your mind to.

Love you so much, Trish

Happy Birthday to my baby brother, Jordan Hoover, on Nov. 12! You've grown into quite the polite young man. Hope your day is awesome!

Love from your favorite sister in the whole wide world, Trish



Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to my mom and dad, Dan and Darlene Smith.

Hope you have many more!

Happy Birthday to a No. 1 brother, Darrin Smith. Thanks for all you do for me. I hope you have a great day.  
Love, your No. 1 sister Danelle



Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Jordyn Rose! I hope our birthday is amazing, you certainly deserve it. I'm so proud of you. You always excel in everything you do. It always puts a smile on my face. There is nothing better than being part of your journey through life.  
Love always, Mama, Papa and Sis

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## #NativeReads campaign of American Indian children's literature launched just in time to celebrate Native American Heritage Month in November

LONGMONT, Colo. – First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) has partnered with Debbie Reese, Ph.D. (Nambé Pueblo), to create the Native American Children's Literature Recommended Reading List and Discussion Guide to encourage a "national read" and discussion about these important Native narratives.

Reese, known for her expertise in the field of Native children's literature, is an educator and has served on many national literacy boards. She is the editor and publisher of the American Indians in Children's Literature website.

In observance of Native American Heritage Month in November, First Nations is launching the #NativeReads campaign that features five books of American Indian children's literature – selected by Reese – as part of its effort to educate others and share authentic resources about Native histories, cultures and peoples.

"We feel it is important to provide an opportunity for people to learn more about Native experiences from a culturally and historically accurate perspective," said First Nations President & CEO Michael E. Roberts (Tlingit). "A core part of our work is to change the narrative on how American Indians are viewed ... by making the invisible visible, by actively refuting persistent negative stereotypes, and by shifting the pervasive misperceptions. Education makes a significant difference in breaking down stereotypes, reshaping collaborations and building bridges of understanding in the world today. A great place to start young people is with Native author writing about Native America."

The list of five books is essential reading for young ones in Head Start and preschool to elementary and middle school students. High school students even get a Native comic book.

The reading list is full of wonderful, culturally authentic stories and illustra-



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tions. The featured books include:

1. *Wild Berries* by Julie Flett (Cree-Métis) – Head Start and Preschool
2. *Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee (Creek) – Early Elementary Grades K-3
3. *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse* by Joseph Marshall III (Sicangu Lakota) – Middle Grades 4-7
4. *If I Ever Get Out of Here* by Eric Gansworth (Onondaga) – High School 8-12
5. *Super Indian Volume One* by Arigon Starr (Kickapoo) – Comics and Graphic Novels

The campaign includes a discussion guide for each book. The book list and links to the discussion guides can be found at [firstnations.org/HeritageMonth2016](http://firstnations.org/HeritageMonth2016).

The effort also includes "10 Ways to Make a Difference" – a call to action – using the featured books. The full list of recommended reading by age group can be found [firstnations.org/sites/default/files/\\*//TenWaysYouCanMakeADifference.pdf](http://firstnations.org/sites/default/files/*//TenWaysYouCanMakeADifference.pdf).

Suggestions include reading one to a child, sharing the list with libraries and bookstores, donating copies to teachers or schools, discussing one in a book club and promoting the books on social media using the hashtag #NativeReads.