

**CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
STRATFORD CHAPTER**

INDIGENOUS PRINT RESOURCES

**A FINDING GUIDE TO LOCAL
PRINT RESOURCES AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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RECOMMENDED READINGS

The members of the Stratford CFUW TRC Committee have been reading books by and about Indigenous people. While there is a great deal of material available both non-fiction and fiction, we are offering a short list of books that our members have read and are prepared to recommend as a starting point for exploring the complex history and issues facing Indigenous peoples. All entries except one were written by Indigenous peoples and, it was only after careful thought that the sole entry by a non-Indigenous author was included.

Non-Fiction:

1. The Reconciliation Manual by Arthur Manuel
2. A Short History of Indians in Canada by Thomas King
3. 21 Things you Might Not Know about the Indian Act by Bob Joseph
4. A Guide to 1st Nations, Metis and Inuit in Canada by Cheslea Vowel*
5. The Highway of Tears by Jessica McDermid
6. Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death and Hard Truths in a Northern City by Tanya Talaga
7. Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmer
8. Indigenous Healing: Exploring Traditional Paths by Rupert Ross*

Non-Fiction- Autobiography

1. A Mind Spread Out on the Ground by Alicia Kinew
2. From the Ashes by Jesse Thistle
3. In My Own Moccasins by Helen Knott
4. The Reason You Walk by Wab Kinew

Fiction

1. Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese
2. Ragged Company by Richard Wagamese
3. Son of a Trickster by Eden Robinson'
4. Split Tooth by Tanya Talaga
5. The Break by Katherena Vermette
6. The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline

All of the above are available at the Stratford Public Library except for those marked with a “*”.

Book Club Worthy Indigenous Reads

Created by [SPL_Melanie](#) | 21 items

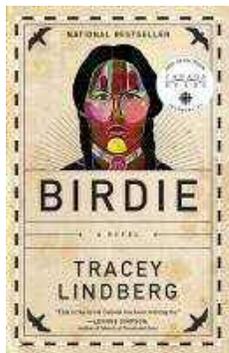
Compelling, funny, truthful; fact or fiction -- these reads are suggested as discussion starters for your book club

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FORMAT & PUBLISHER

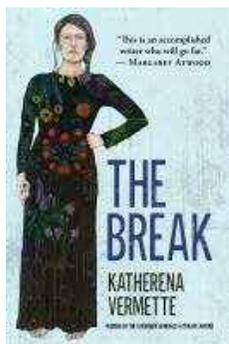
CALL NUMBER



Birdie
A Novel
by [Lindberg, Tracey](#)

Book - 2016
HarperCollinsPublishersLtd

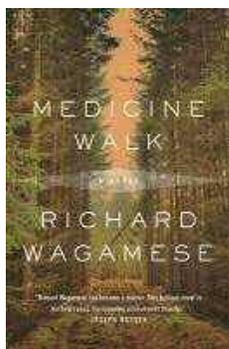
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The Break
by [Vermette, Katherena](#)

Book - 2016
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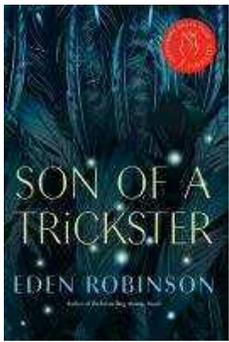
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Medicine Walk
by [Wagamese, Richard](#)

Book - 2014
McClelland & Stewart

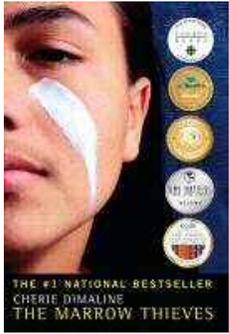
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Son of A Trickster
by [Robinson, Eden](#)

Book - 2017
Alfred Knopf Canada

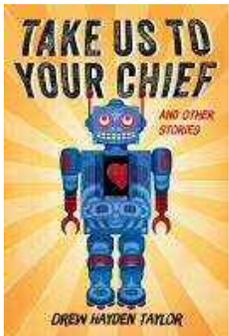
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The Marrow Thieves
by [Dimaline, Cherie](#)

Book - 2017
Dancing Cat Books

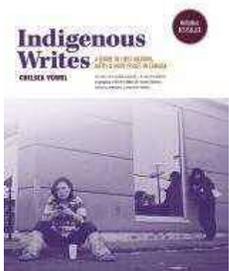
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Take Us to your Chief
And Other Stories
by [Taylor, Drew Hayden](#)

Book - 2016
Douglas & McIntyre

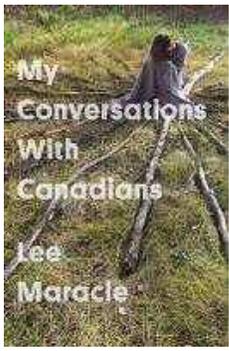
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Indigenous Writes
A Guide to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Issues in Canada
by [Vowel, Chelsea](#)

Book - 2016
HighWater Press

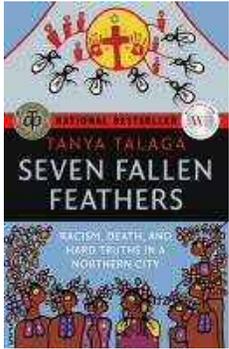
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**My
Conversations
With
Canadians**
by [Maracle,
Lee](#)

Book - 2017
BookThug

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**Seven Fallen
Feathers**
Racism, Death,
and Hard
Truths in A
Northern City
by [Talaga,
Tanya](#)

Book - 2017
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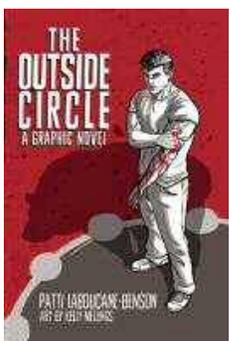
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**Lake Of The
Prairies**
A Story Of
Belonging
by [Cariou,
Warren](#)

Audiobook CD - 2003
CNIB

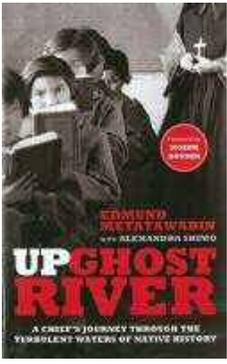
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**The Outside
Circle**
by [LaBoucane-
Benson, Patti](#)

Book - 2015
House of Anansi Press

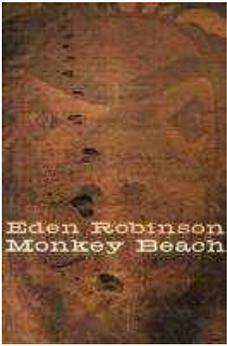
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Up Ghost River
A Chief's Journey Through the Turbulent Waters of Native History
by [Metatawabin, Edmund](#)

Book - 2014
Alfred A. Knopf Canada

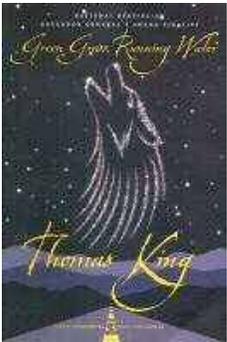
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Monkey Beach
by [Robinson, Eden](#)

Book - 2000
Alfred A. Knopf Canada

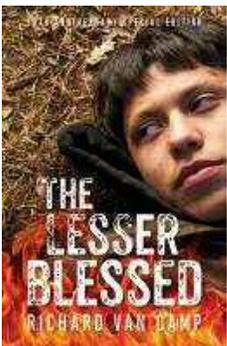
FIC ROBIN



Green Grass, Running Water
by [King, Thomas](#)

eBook - 1994
Bantam Books

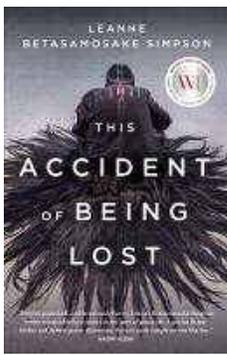
ONLINE EBOOK



The Lesser Blessed
by [Van Camp, Richard](#)

Book - 2016
Douglas & McIntyre

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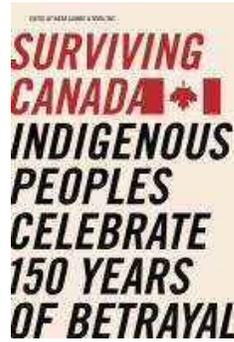
This Accident of Being Lost

Songs and Stories

by [Simpson, Leanne](#)

Book - 2017
Astoria

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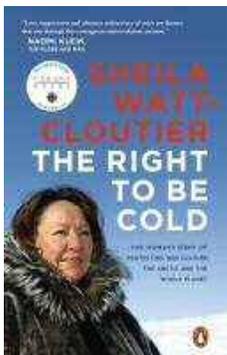


Surviving Canada

Indigenous Peoples Celebrate 150 Years of Betrayal

Book - 2017
ARP Books

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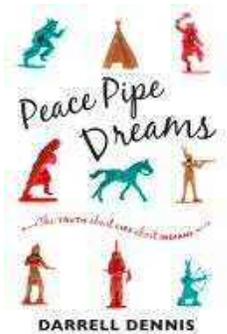
The Right to Be Cold

One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic, and the Whole Planet

by [Watt-Cloutier, Sheila](#)

Book - 2016
Penguin Group

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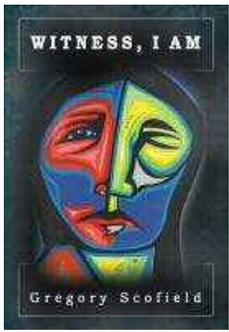
Peace Pipe Dreams

The Truth About Lies About Indians

by [Dennis, Darrell](#)

Book - 2014
Douglas & McIntyre

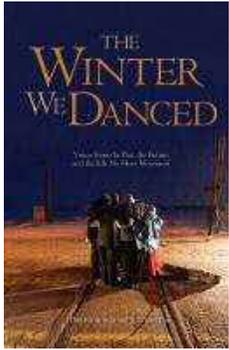
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Witness, I Am
by [Scofield,](#)
[Gregory A.](#)

Book - 2016
Nightwood Editions

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The Winter We Danced
Voices From
the Past, the
Future, and the
Idle No More
Movement

Book - 2014
ARP Books

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STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Stratford Public Library system has over 850 source materials either written by Indigenous authors or about Indigenous people.

Anyone with a SPL library are can go into the Stratford system and get a list of all these materials.

Log into the library catalogue, then use the word “ Indigenous” in the “search by” box.

You can refine your search by category - ie. autobiography, juvenile etc.

INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

The Stratford Public Library does inter-library loans. There are some restrictions, the most significant is that you cannot order books that have been published within the last two years. The library can bring in books from other public library systems within Ontario.

Here is the process:

1. Check the library catalogue first. If they do not have the item you would like, submit an Interlibrary Loan Form or ask staff to assist you in processing your request.
2. Books and audiobooks may be requested
3. SPL cardholders may request up to 2 Interlibrary Loans each week, and must do so from their home library
4. Interlibrary loans take from 1 – 6 weeks to arrive.
5. Archival material may take longer.
6. They will contact you once your item(s) have arrived or if your request cannot be filled. Interlibrary loans must be picked up within 14 days.

USE OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Access is available for the public to make use of the University Libraries. Check with the library you wish to use. Usually you can simply go into the facility and make use of the materials.

If you want to take materials out the procedure is a little more complex. It depends on the university.

University of Waterloo

University of Waterloo alumni and community members can access and take out materials - details are available at the University of Waterloo Library Website below

<https://uwaterloo.ca/library/alumni-and-community-borrowers>

Wilfrid Laurier University

Wilfrid Laurier University alumni and community members can access and take out materials - details are available at the Library Website below:

<https://library.wlu.ca/about/policies/borrowing>

University of Western Ontario (Western University)

University of Western Ontario alumni and community members can access and take out materials - details for non-alumni are below. For alumni, check the website for Western University Library.

<https://www.lib.uwo.ca/>

Guest Borrowers

If you're a member of the general public, or an organization, engaged in research you may apply for guest borrowing privileges by submitting an application form electronically or in person at any service desk. Approval of the application may take up to one week.

Upon approval of your application and payment of fees you will be issued a Guest Borrower card. To borrow items, present your card at any service desk.

Renewal of borrowing privileges is not automatic; you must submit a new application form.

User Cost

Individuals \$35 – three months

\$100 – one year

Organizations \$500 – one year

Identification: To borrow items, present your Guest Borrower's card at any service desk.