

# The Land is Our Storybook



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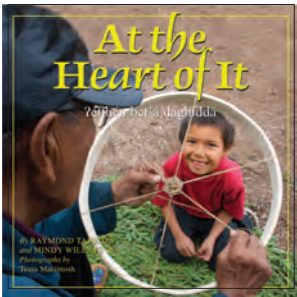


Tessa Macintosh

The Land Is Our Storybook is a first-ever series for children about the diverse lands and cultures of Canada's Northwest Territories. Mindy Willett, an educational consultant and former teacher from Yellowknife, has worked with Elders and cultural leaders from ten regions to capture everyday life. Highlighting each official Aboriginal language group in the NWT, the stories are illustrated by the striking images of acclaimed northern photographer, Tessa Macintosh.

Specially designed for the classroom, these books include glossaries relating details on animals biology, cultural definitions, and regional and language maps.

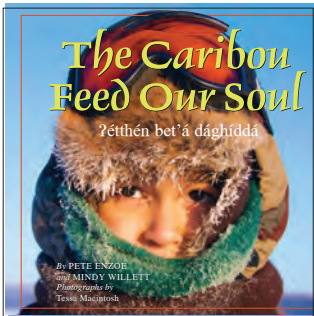
**8 x 8, 32 pages, hardcover. Full colour photographs, Grades 4-8, \$16.95**



In *At the Heart of It*, the seventh book in *The Land is Our Storybook* series, Raymond shows readers how to make a traditional Dene drum and introduces readers to Dene spiritual, political, and traditional leaders. Sahtugot'ine have never given up their right and responsibility to look after and govern themselves. Join Raymond and find out what is at the heart of the rich history of the Sahtugot'ine.

978-1-89725-269-7

978-1-92708-322-2 (French edition, *Au coeur de nos croyances*)



In *The Caribou Feed Our Soul*, Pete Enzoe takes readers on a respectful caribou harvest. Along the way, he shares creation stories about how his people are descendants of the caribou. He also describes the spiritual areas his community is trying to protect, including Thaidene Nene, which means "land of our ancestors." Pete's stories help the reader to understand the rich history of the Chipewyan Dene and their relationship with the caribou today.

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978-1-92708-305-5 (French edition, *Le Caribou Nourrit Notre âme*)

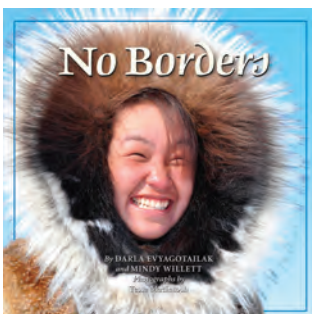


The Inuvialuit are the most westerly Canadian Inuit. James Pokiak lives in the hamlet of Tuktoyuktuk, NWT, which is above the Arctic Circle on the shore of the Arctic Ocean. With his daughter, Rebecca, James goes on a trip to harvest beluga whale. Harvesting and preparing beluga meat together as a family is an integral part of what it means to be Inuvialuit. Join James and Rebecca and learn about how the beluga whale is interlinked with Inuvialuit culture and history.

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978-1-92708-306-2 (French edition, *Fiers d'être Inuvialuits*)



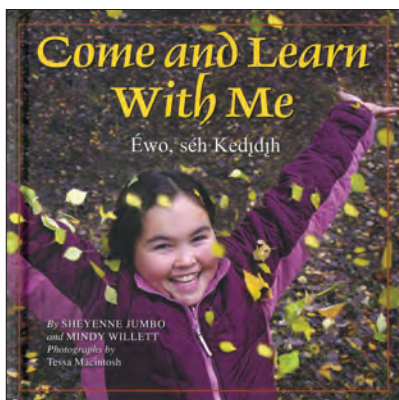
*No Borders* shares the life of Darla Evyagotailak, a 16 year old Inuk girl. Through Darla's life readers will get a glimpse into the intricately connected families of Inuit living in the communities of Kugluktuk, Nunavut and Ulukhaktok, NWT. Although recently divided by the border between the two territories the communities share a common ancestry and their language called Inuinnaqtun. The border is invisible to them however, and as Darla's Grandfather tells her, 'we are just like the caribou, they don't see the border and neither do we'.

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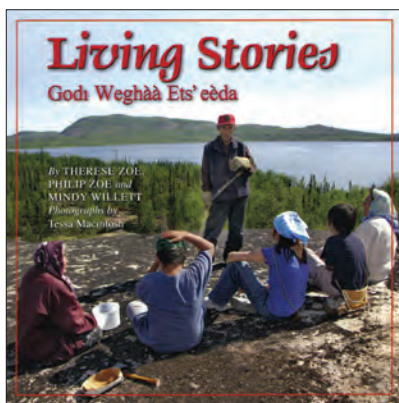


Nine-year-old Sheyenne lives in Samba K'e, Northwest Territories—that's Trout Lake in English. Come learn with her as she takes you on a journey to her community in the fall, the season of moose. This book features the Dehcho region of the Dene.

- **2010 OLA Best Bets - Junior Non Fiction**
- **Canadian Best Bets list - Junior Non-fiction, 2011**
- **Resource Links Best Books 2010 - Non-Fiction K - Grade 6**
- **First Nations Communities Read selection, 2009**
- **2011 Vancouver Children's Literature Roundtable Information Book Award**

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978-1-89725-298-7 (French edition, *Viens Avec Moi*)



In *Living Stories*, Therese Zoe translates the stories and traditional wisdom of Tlicho Elders Philip Zoe and Elizabeth Chocolate. Learn about making dry-fish, bows and arrows, and birch-bark baskets; the practices of old-time healers; as well as the sacred stories that tell the history of the Tlicho people. Some of the stories Philip relates in this book have never been written down before - his versions of sacred stories are a gift to young readers across Canada, to be used wisely. The Tlicho Nation was the first in the Northwest Territories to gain self-government.

- **2011 Storytelling World Award Honor Book**
- **First Nation Communities Read Nominee 2010**

978-1-89725-244-4

978-1-89725-299-4 (French edition, *Nos histoires sont vivantes*)



Tom McLeod is an eleven-year-old boy from Aklavik who is a gifted storyteller heard frequently on CBC Radio North. His home in the Mackenzie Delta is a special place. He describes how his town floods in the spring and why he loves "ratting" (trapping muskrats) and hunting "black ducks" (white-winged and surf scoters) in the Delta. Readers will learn why these ducks are decreasing in number and how and why they are important to Tom and his people.

- **Canadian Information Book Award Finalist 2009**
- **Canadian Children's Book Centre Our Choice, 2009**
- **Silver Birch Express nominee, 2010**
- **First Nations Communities Read selection, 2009**

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978-1-89725-284-0 (French edition, *Le delta, c'est mon chez moi*)



Julie-Ann André is a Gwichya Gwich'in from Tsiigehtchic in the Northwest Territories. She shares her family's story and the story of her land-Kh'aii luk, the place of winter fish. As Julie-Ann says, "The land has a story to tell, if you know how to listen. When I travel, the land tells me where my ancestors have been. It tells me where the animals have come and gone, and it tells me what the weather may be like tomorrow."

- **Canadian Children's Book Centre Our Choice, 2009**

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978-1-89725-285-7 (French edition, *Comme on se sent bien ici!*)

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