



Best Children's Books of 2021

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1. *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids*, Edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith
2. *Bright Star*, Yuyi Morales
3. *Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jiménez*, Gloria Amescua
4. *Everything You Wanted To Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask*, Anton Treuer (updated)
5. *Fire Keeper's Daughter*, Angeline Boulley YA
6. *Hunting by Stars*, Cherie Dimaline YA (Canadian second book in Marrow Thieves series)
7. *Jo Jo Makoons*, Dawn Quigley Easy Reader
8. *On the Trapline*, David A. Robertson, Julie Flett (Canadian)
9. *Over the Shop*, Jon Arno Lawson Wordless Picturebook
10. *The Raconteur's Commonplace Book*, Kate Milford YA
11. *Rez Dogs*, Joseph Bruchac
12. *The Rock from the Sky*, Jon Klassen
13. *The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas*, Maria Garcia Esperon YA
14. *The Sea in Winter*, Christine Day
15. *Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria Martinez*, Anna Harber Freeman
16. *Sisters of the Neversea*, Cynthia Leitich Smith YA (Modern Peter Pan)
17. *A Sitting in St. James*, Rita Williams-Garcia
18. *Thrive*, Kenneth Oppel YA (Book 3 of the Overthrow series)
19. *Treaty Words: For As Long As The Rivers Flow*, Aimée Craft
20. *Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre*, Carole Boston Weatherford
21. *Watercress*, Andrea Want
22. *We All Play*, Julie Flett – Preschool movements of animals with some Cree words
23. *We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know*, Traci Sorell
24. *Zonia's Rain Forest*, Juana Martinex-Neal

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- <https://guides.library.utoronto.ca/Aboriginalpublishers>
- <http://www.indigenoussliterarystudies.org/indigenous-presses-1>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sk359_F90MM
- <https://guides.library.ualberta.ca/c.php?g=708820&p=5049658>