Read for Reconciliation

The following represents some of the books in our ever-growing collection on the history and legacy of residential schools in Canada.

A Knock on the Door: The Essential History of Residential Schools
Truth & Reconciliation Commission

Clearing the Plains: Disease, Politics of Starvation, and the Loss of Aboriginal Life
James Daschuk

The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Memoir
Joseph Auguste Merasty with David Carpenter

Volume One: Summary Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

Burning in this Midnight Dream
Louise Bernice Halfe

They Called it Prairie Light: The Story of Chilocco Indian School
K. Tsianina Lomawaima

They Called Me Number One: Secrets and Survival at an Indian Residential School
Bev Sellars

Where the Pavement Ends: Canada's Aboriginal Recovery Movement and the Urgent Need for Reconciliation
Marie Wadden
I Am Not a Number
Jenny Kay Dupuis & Kathy Kacer
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Honouring
the Buffalo
Ray Lavallee & Judith Silverthorne

Shin-chi’s Canoe
Nicola I. Campbell

They Came for the Children
Truth & Reconciliation Commission

NON-FICTION

A Narrow Vision: Duncan Campbell Scott and the Administration of Indian Affairs in Canada
Brian E. Titley

Behind Closed Doors: Stories from the Kamloops Indian Residential School
Agnes Jack

Broken Circle: The Dark Legacy of Indian Residential Schools: A Memoir
Theodore Fontaine

Differing Visions: Administering Indian Residential Schooling in Prince Albert, 1867-1967
Noel Dyck

Finding My Talk: How Fourteen Canadian Native Women Claimed their Lives after Residential School
Agnes Grant

From Our Mother’s Arms: The Intergenerational Impact of Residential Schools in Saskatchewan
Constance Deiter

From Truth to Reconciliation: Transforming the Legacy of Residential Schools
Marlene Brant Castellano, Linda Archibald & Mike De Gagne, eds

In This Together: Fifteen Stories of Truth and Reconciliation
Edited by Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail

Indian School Days
Basil H. Johnston

Indian School Road: Legacies of the Shubenacadie Residential School
Chris Benjamin

I Walk in Two Worlds
Eleanor Bras

John Tootoosis
Jean Goldwill & Norma Sluman, eds

Metis History and Experience and Residential Schools in Canada
Larry Chartrand, Tricia E. Logan & Judy D. Daniels

My Name is Shield Woman: A Hard Road to Healing, Vision and Leadership
Ruth Awo Taanaakii Scalp Lock with Jim Pritchard

My Heart Shook Like a Drum
Alice Blondine-Perrin

Nationhood Interrupted
Sylvia McAdam (Saysewahum)

No End of Grief: Indian Residential Schools in Canada
Agnes Grant

On the Goose: A Labrador Métis Woman Remembers
Josie Penny

Out of the Depths: The Experiences of Mi’kmaw Children at the Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, N.S.
Isabelle Knockwood

Proclaiming the Gospel to the Indians and Metis
Raymond Huel

Reason You Walk
Wab Kinew

Reconciling Canada: Critical Perspectives on the Culture of Redress
Jennifer Henderson & Pauline Wakeham

Remembering Will Have To Do: The Life and Times of Louise (Trottier) Moine
Louise Moine

Residential Schools: The Stolen Years
Linda Jaine

Residential Schools: With the Words and Images of Survivors
Larry Oskiniko

Resistance and Renewal: Surviving the Indian Residential School
Celia Haig-Brown

Sing the Brave Song
Judith Ennamorato

Song of Rita Joe: Autobiography of a Mi’kmaw Poet
Rita Joe with Lynn Henry

Stony Creek Woman: The Story of Mary John
Bridget Moran

Stolen From Our Embrace: Abductions of First Nation Children and the Restoration of Aboriginal Communities
Ernie Crey & Suzanne Fournier

The Circle Game: Shadows and Substance in the Indian Residential School Experience
Roland Chrisjohn & Sherri Young

The Legacy of School for Aboriginal People: Education, Oppression and Emancipation
Bernard Schissel & Terry Wotherspoon

Truth and Indigination: Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Reconciliation Schools
Ronald Niezen

Unsettling the Settler Within: Indian Residential Schools, Truth Telling and Reconciliation in Canada
Paulette Regan

Victims of Benevolence: The Dark Legacy of the Williams Lake Residential School
Elizabeth Funniss

Voices of the Plains Cree
Edward Ahenakew

FICTION & PLAYS

Born With a Tooth
Joseph Boyden

Medicine River
Thomas King

Porcupines and China Dolls
Robert Arthur Alexie

Slash
Jeanette Armstrong

Two Plays About Residential School
Lorry Loyie & Manuel Vera

Where the Blood Mixes: A Play
Kevin Loring

KIDS & TEENS

Goodbye Buffalo Bay
Larry Loyie

In Search of April Raintree
Beatrice Moisonier

My Name is Seepeetza
Shirley Sterling

No Time to Say Goodbye: Children’s Stories of Kupar Island Residential School
Sylvia Olsen, Rita Morris & Ann Sam

Stones and Switches
Lorne Joseph Simon

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