I Can Make this Promise
by Christine Day
In a story based on the author’s real-life experiences, a girl uncovers a secret that connects her to her Native American heritage, throwing everything she believes about her family into question.

Indian No More
by Charlene Willing McManis
In 1957, ten-year-old Regina Petit’s Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and forced to leave Oregon, but in Los Angeles her family faces prejudice and she struggles to understand her identity as an Indian far from tribal lands.

Little Whale: A Story of the Last Tlingit War Canoe
by Roy A Peratrovich
Long ago in southeastern Alaska, Keet, a ten-year-old Tlingit Indian boy, stows away for a voyage on his father’s canoe and soon finds himself caught in the middle of a wild seastorm that carries him far from his home village.

Healer of the Water Monster
by Brian Young
One night, while lost in the nearby desert, Nathan finds someone extraordinary: a Holy Being from the Navajo Creation Story—a Water Monster—in need of help.

Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer
by Traci Sorell
Mary Golda Ross designed classified projects for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation as the company’s first female engineer. Find out how her passion for math and the Cherokee values she was raised with shaped her life and work.

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Rez dogs
by Joseph Bruchac
When the COVID-19 pandemic starts, Malian, a young Wabanaki girl, is quarantined with her grandparents on the reservation, where she befriends a local dog and learns about her ancestors and how they always survive together.

The Birchbark House
by Louise Erdrich
Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

Mary and the Trail of Tears: A Cherokee Removal Survival Story
by Andrea L. Rogers
It is June first and twelve-year-old Mary does not really understand what is happening: she does not understand the hatred and greed of the white men who are forcing her Cherokee family out of their home in New Echota, Georgia, capital of the Cherokee Nation.

Stone River Crossing
by Tim Tingle
"Martha Tom knows better than to cross the Bok Chitto River to pick blackberries. The Bok Chitto is the only border between her town in the Choctaw Nation and the slave-owning plantation in Mississippi territory. The slave owners could catch her, too. What was she thinking? But crossing the river brings a surprise friendship with Lil Mo, a boy who is enslaved on the other side.

Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsa Story
by S. D. Nelson
Traces the childhood, friendships and dangers experienced by Buffalo Bird Woman, a Hidatsa Indian born in 1839, whose community along the Missouri River in the Dakotas transitioned from hunting to agriculture.

The Used-to-be Best Friend: The Used-To-Be Best Friend
by Dawn Quigley
Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. It always seems like her mom, her kokum (grandma), and her teacher have a lot to learn.

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids
by Cynthia Leitich Smith
A volume of interconnected stories and poems set at a Native American Dance for Mother Earth Powwow celebration in Ann Arbor, Michigan, includes contributions by such new and veteran writers as Joseph Bruchac, Dawn Quigley and Traci Sorell.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse
by Joseph Marshall
A mixed-race Lakota youth learns about his Native American heritage through the story of Crazy Horse, in an account that draws on oral traditions to recount his heroic advocacy of his people and how he lead a war party to victory at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

Wilma’s Way Home: The Life of Wilma Mankiller
by Doreen Rappaport
A picturebook biography of Wilma Mankiller, the first female chief of the Cherokee Nation.

Red Cloud: A Lakota Story of War and Surrender
by S. D. Nelson
A portrait of the controversial Native American leader traces his mid-19th century opposition to white expansion into Native American territory and the military successes that rendered him a primary influence in U.S.-Native American relations.

Unstoppable: How Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team Defeated Army
by Art Coulson
Recounts the early life of Jim Thorpe culminating in the 1912 game between the U.S. Military Academy and Carlisle Indian School, in which he was crucial to the Carlisle victory.