

# ***Selected Bibliography of American Indian Studies Resources for Students in Grades K-6***

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**Note:** The inclusion of any resource on this list should not be construed as an endorsement or recommendation on the part of the compiler or the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Teachers are encouraged to preview all books and to use their own judgement about appropriateness depending on grade level and/or class preparedness. There are several websites that include reviews or suggestions for conducting your own review, including Oyate ([www.oyate.org](http://www.oyate.org)), American Indians in Children's Literature ([americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com](http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com)), and the American Indian Library Association (<http://aila.library.sd.gov>). The Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/>) is another outstanding source for locating children's books.

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## I. Introductory Resources

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*Suggestions Welcome!*

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