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# September 2022 Newsletter

## **Upcoming Events:**

BCPTA Conference October 21, 2022 in Richmond BC

Registration is now open

Register here: <https://bcpta.ourconference.ca/>

Truth and Reconciliation Day September 30<sup>th</sup>

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# INSPIRING RECONNECTIONS

LIFTING TEACHERS UP



Dr. Jean Clinton

Child Psychiatrist / Knowledge Translator

## LOVE BUILDS BRAINS

The knowledge we now have about the brain and its development is profound. It's knowledge that will change the way you think and even more importantly the way you feel and act.

**REGISTER HERE**



Sheraton Vancouver Airport hotel

October 21, 2022

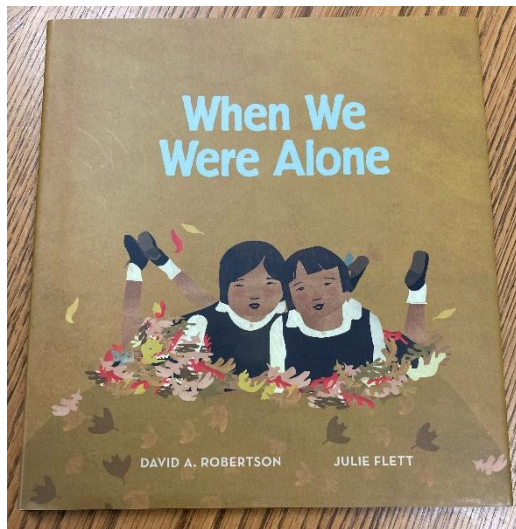


# Truth and Reconciliation Day Resources





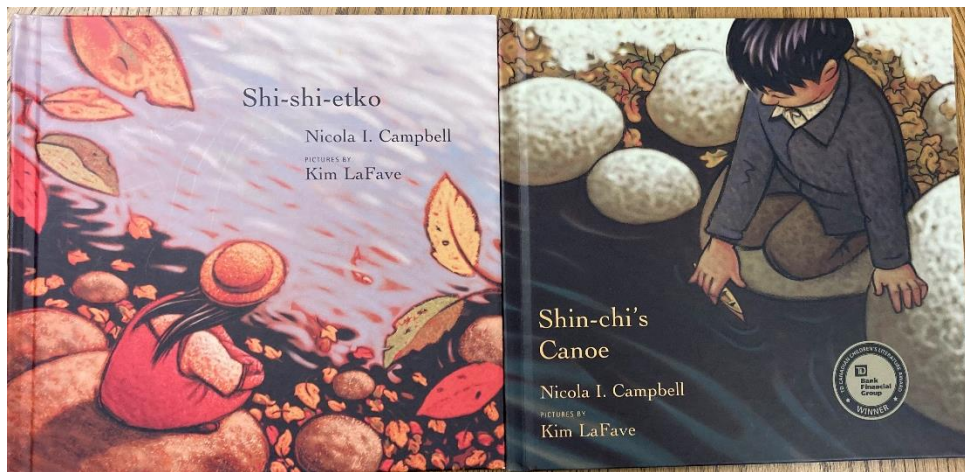
## Introduction to Residential Schools (suitable for Kindergarten and up)



### When We Were Alone

By David Robertson

A Grandmother answering her granddaughter's questions about why she does certain things, e.g. wearing colourful clothes, keeping her hair long and speaking Cree, by explaining that they weren't allowed to do those things in residential school.



### Shi-shi-etko by Nicola I. Campbell:

Shi-shi-etko spends the days leading up to her leaving for residential school doing special things with her family members.

YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKErhCGjSDE>

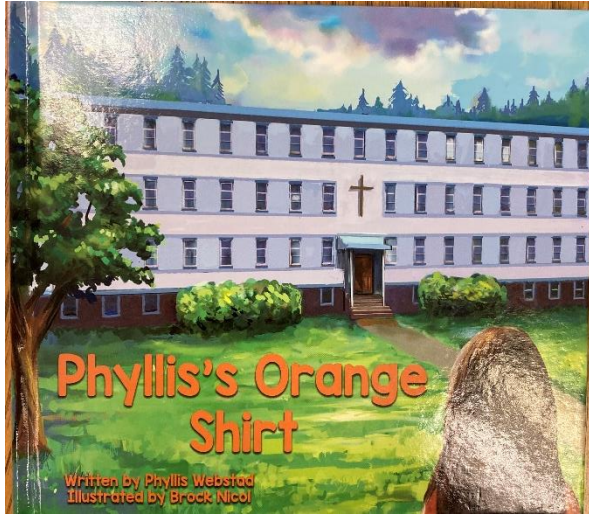
-the video is mainly not in English, but has subtitles (6 minutes long)

### Shin-chi's Canoe by Nicola I. Campbell:

The sequel to Shi-shi-etko. The story is based on her little brother's experience when he arrives at school, and what life is like for him over the year they spend there.

YouTube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rhNV9hnXAJQ>

-15 minute video, excellent for Kindergarten and up



## **Phyllis's Orange Shirt**

**by Phyllis Webstad**

A simple rhyming book (geared toward K/1 students) about residential school and why we wear orange shirts.

**Grandparents explaining to their grandchildren how residential school affected their childhood (suitable for Kindergarten and up)**



### **Stolen Words by Melanie Florence:**

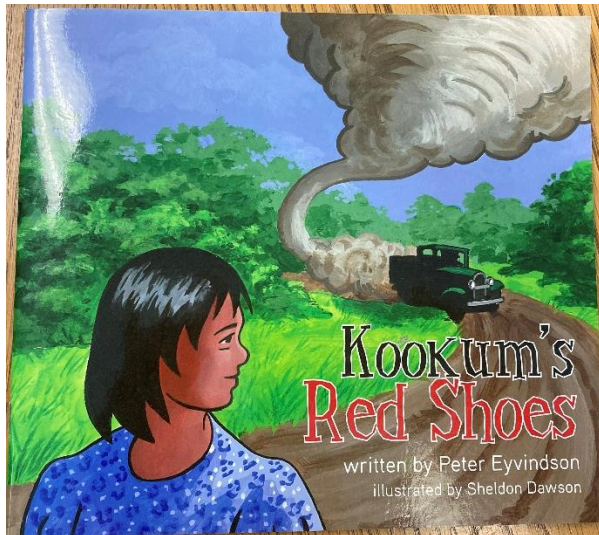
A young girl finds out that her grandfather can't speak Cree because they weren't allowed to speak Cree at Residential School, so she gets him an Introduction to Cree book from her school library.

### **On the Trapline by David A. Robertson**

A grandfather tells his grandson about his life on the trapline before he went to Residential School. "School" is briefly mentioned, but the story is more about what life was like with his family.

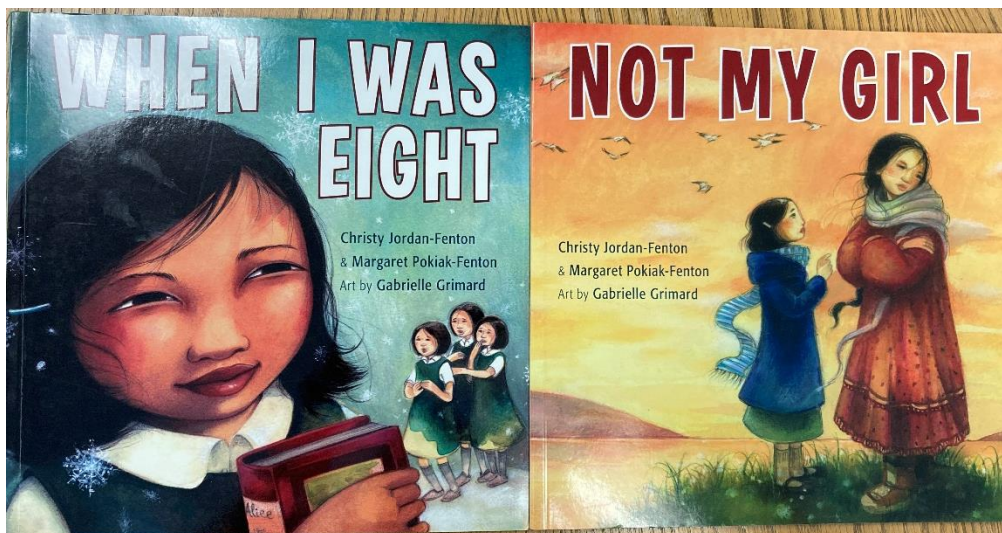


**Longer Picture Books about Residential Schools**  
**(suitable for Grade 2 and up)**



**Kookum's Red Shoes**  
**by Peter Eyvindson**

An elderly grandmother remembers the experiences in her youth that changed her life forever, it shares what was lost in her life, and how goodness persisted.



**When I Was Eight by Christy Jordan-Fenton:**

The story of an Inuit girl who goes to Residential School.

**Not My Girl by Christy Jordan-Fenton:**

The sequel to When I Was Eight, about when she returns home to her village.