



Go Show the World: A Celebration of Indigenous Heroes

Written by Wab Kinew,
Illustrated by Joe Morse
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For ages: 5 – 9

Feedback I often hear from elementary educators is that they need more non-fiction for early readers as well as resources about Indigenous people. Both can be found in this debut picture book from Wab Kinew. He has a diverse background as a politician, musician, and author. He even wrote a rap song to highlight both known Indigenous trailblazers and lesser-known male and female leaders in the community. In fact, the lyrics of his rap became the text of this book. His mission is to instill the message in young people that they are valued and should share their gifts with the world. He highlights true stories relevant to Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth, showing examples of strength and resilience, overcoming adversity, pride, and success to inspire children of all backgrounds.



Connect the Scotts: The Dead Kid Detective Agency #4

Written by Evan Munday
ECW Press, 2018
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For ages: 8 – 12

For students with an interest in the supernatural, the fourth title in the *Dead Kid Detective Agency* was released this fall. A good series is a great literacy tool, as it encourages kids to continue reading when they have characters and plots to which they feel connected. This series of chapter books follows heroine October Schwartz. She likes to hang out in the Stickville Cemetery, solving crimes with her ghost friends. This book finds October investigating the past death of Tabetha Scott and a current robbery at a school concert. As a bonus, I had the opportunity to connect with the author Evan Munday. Of interest to teacher-librarians, he mentioned how – amongst the ghosts and witchcraft – all four books aim to include Canadian history and real details!



Real or Fake? 3: Even More Far-Out Fibs, Fishy Facts, and Phony Photos to Test for the Truth

Written by Emily Krieger
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For ages: 8 – 12

National Geographic Kids is known for interactive resources that teach kids important skills in an entertaining manner. This series is no exception, and charges kids with an important task to decipher real versus fake events with the help of a fib-o-meter. The pages are filled with far-fetched stories and pictures, leaving students to use their detective skills to determine true from false as well as gauge the actual level of the lie (little white lie or big ol' whopper). Did students strike over homework in Spain? Was a toddler ticketed for littering in Washington? Is there a yoga class open to goats? If these questions intrigue your library-goers, you may just need to pick up a copy of this funny little book.

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