



Toms River Intermediate Schools

An American Sunrise Read-Alikes



For Students *in Middle School*

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Code Talker

Joseph Bruchac

910L

YA Bruc

Fiction

Availability: Library Catalog, hoopla, Overdrive/Libby

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Apple in the Middle

Dawn Quigley

760L

YA Quig

Fiction

Availability: Library Catalog

Apple Starkington turned her back on her Native American heritage the moment she was called a racial slur. Apple's name, chosen by her Indian mother on her deathbed, has a double meaning: treasured apple of my eye, but also the negative connotation: a person who is red, or Indian, on the outside, but white on the inside. Apple shatters Indian stereotypes and learns what it means to find her place in a world divided by color.

What the Eagle Sees: indigenous stories of rebellion and renewal

Eldon Yellowhorn

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Non-Fiction

Availability: Library Catalog, hoopla

Tells the stories of how Indigenous people defended their homelands and cultures when invaders arrived.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse

Joseph Marshall

620L

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Non-Fiction

Availability: Library Catalog, hoopla

Teased for his fair coloring, eleven-year-old Jimmy McClean travels with his maternal grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the nineteenth-century Lakota leader and warrior, in a tale that weaves the past with the present.

Surviving the City

Tasha Spillett

550L

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Fiction

Availability: Library Catalog, hoopla, Overdrive/Libby

Tasha Spillett's graphic-novel debut is a story about womanhood, friendship, resilience, and the anguish of a missing loved one. Colonialism and the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People are explored in Natasha Donovan's beautiful illustrations.

The Great Circle: a history of the First Nations

Neil Philip

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Non-Fiction

Availability: Library Catalog

Offers a look at the long history of the Native American tribes in North America, the culture, their struggles against the white immigrants, and the resurgence of their customs, enhanced with source notes, index, and archival photographs.